

**DEPARTMENTAL**

**Social Psychology ORG**

Speaker: Gavin Fitzsimons,, UNC  
Topic: "Asking Questions and Changing Behavior"  
Date: Monday, April 9, 2007; 3:00pm to 4:00pm  
Location: Davie Hall, Room 310

**Cognitive Tea**

Speaker : Edward Gibson, MIT  
Topic: "Sentence Processing: Interactions Between Top-Down and Bottom-Up Information"  
Date: Monday, April 9, 2007; 4:00pm to 5:00pm  
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

**Biology Colloquium**

Speaker: Cassidy Zammit, UNC  
Topic: "Neuropeptide Y and the Y1 Receptor: Evidence for Involvement in Ethanol Induced Hypothermia"  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2007; 12:30pm to 1:30pm  
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

**Developmental Colloquium**

Speaker: Debra Childress, UNC  
Topic: "Memory Development in Children with Autism"  
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2007; Noon to 1:00pm  
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

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**AWARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Reznick who will become Associate Dean for First Year Seminars and Academic Experiences, effective July 1, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelly Giovanello who received the 2007 Gordon H. DeFriese Career Development in Aging Research Award.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: RESEARCH SERVICES**

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION FOR FACULTY:** Kenneth Janken, Director of Experiential Education, is looking for someone who would be interested in leading a course cluster on "nature and nurture, and the formation of personality and gender differences". A course cluster needs to cross a divisional boundary, but he's thinking that Psychology is a good place to start. His address is [krjancken@email.unc.edu](mailto:krjancken@email.unc.edu) if you're interested or want more information.

**CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:** If anyone has a grant application or progress report they wish Brigid Poole to work on during the months of May or June, please notify Brigid Poole at [bhpoole@email.unc.edu](mailto:bhpoole@email.unc.edu) or 843-8988 as soon as possible, but no later than one month before the grant/report is due.

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**NIH DIRECTOR'S BRIDGE AWARD:** NIH recently published a notice announcing the NIH Director's Bridge Award (NDBA), designed to provide continued but limited funding for grantees who have submitted a competing renewal grant application that describes a highly meritorious project. The continued funding will permit the PI additional time to strengthen a revised application. NDBA recipients will receive R56 awards for a single year. According to NIH, "Investigators submitting a competing renewal research project grant (R01) application or the first revision of the competing renewal application (A1), who just miss the nominal funding payline for the IC to which it is primarily assigned may be nominated for the NDBA by the administering NIH Institute, provided the PI has less than \$200,000 in other support (total costs) from all sources to fund their research. Nominations will be sent to the NIH Office of the Director for final selection for the NDBA." According to NIH, applicants may not apply for an R56 grant and applicants may not nominate themselves.  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-056.html>

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**NIH DIRECTOR'S NEW INVENTOR'S AWARD:** NIH Director Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., announced a special program to fund new investigators who propose highly innovative research projects that could have an exceptionally great impact on biomedical or behavioral science. The NIH Director's New Innovator Award will offer grants of up to \$1.5 million in direct costs over 5 years. NIGMS is administering this program on behalf of NIH. The request for applications is at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-07-009.html>  
Frequently asked questions are at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new\\_investigators/innovator\\_award/faq.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/innovator_award/faq.htm)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:** The Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund has been instituted to fund projects that have the potential to initiate or enhance collaborative projects between Duke and UNC -Chapel Hill. It is our goal to enhance meaningful social and professional networks between the campuses that are sustainable over the long term. Faculty, staff and students on both campuses are eligible to apply. One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded, and a total of up to \$50,000 is available for this year's competition. For more information on the fund, an application and a list of past winners, please see: <http://www.robertsonscholars.org/collaboration/> or contact Eric Mlyn at [mlyn@robertsonscholars.org](mailto:mlyn@robertsonscholars.org) or 919-843-7506.

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**GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP:** The Association for Institutional Research (AIR), as part of its contract to improve the quality of institutional research in U.S. postsecondary education systems and hence, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), announces a new national graduate fellowship program funded by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

The Fellowships for Graduate Study are for graduate study advancing or leading to careers in institutional research, thereby increasing thenational level of expertise of institutional research officers and the data that they produce. Fellowships will be awarded for credit-bearing graduate study at various degree levels, with different levels of funding. The annual mix of proposals will determine how many of each will be awarded.

Full-time doctoral students: maximum \$30,000 over a three-year period (\$10,000 per year). No full-time awards will be made to first-time graduate students with no IR work experience. Part-time graduate students: maximum \$9,000 over a three-year period (\$3,000 per year). Part-time students could move to full-time and apply for an increased award. Part-time awardees may re-compete at the end of the three-year period.

The submission deadline is **April 15, 2007**. Proposals must be submitted electronically as an MS Word or PDF e-mail attachment to [air@airweb2.org](mailto:air@airweb2.org).

Visit <http://www.airweb.org> for proposal information and guidelines.

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**AWARD FOR PH.D. DISSERTATION:** The Seligman competition will award a cash grant of \$1,000 to a scholar who has completed a Ph.D. in any area of research related to Positive Psychology in the last three years and who plans to continue research in this area. The dissertation must have been completed after March 30, 2004.

The Seligman Award will be presented at the Positive Psychological Summit, Washington, DC, October 4-7, 2007. The award includes travel to the Summit and one day's lodging expenses.

Interested candidates should submit six copies of both their curriculum vitas and summary of their dissertation research (not to exceed eight single-spaced pages, including tables and figures, but excluding references).

The summary should contain:

- Description of the problem investigated
- An explanation of the methods used to investigate the problem
- A summary of the findings
- A discussion of the significance of the findings in relation to Positive Psychology
- An outline of how the work might be continued in the future

Materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2007**

A selection committee will determine the finalists by June 1, 2007. Finalists will then submit a copy of their completed dissertations for review. Materials should be sent to:

Communications Department  
John Templeton Foundation  
300 Conshohocken State Road, Suite 500  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

Additional information on the Seligman Award is available at [www.templeton.org/SeligmanAward](http://www.templeton.org/SeligmanAward)

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**GRANT FOR FACULTY:** The FPG Child Development Institute plans to fund four small grants for conducting pilot research that will lead to externally funded research. Topics of the proposed studies may include child development, early childhood and elementary education, early intervention, children and youth with special educational needs across the school-age range, families, and health and welfare of children and their families.

**Amount and Description of Award:** The total amount of an individual award will be up to \$40,000 in direct costs, which may be spread across two-year period. Funds should be used for research expenses rather than investigator salary. Travel associated with research activities may be included but funds will not cover travel to conferences.

**Who should apply:** Tenure-track faculty members, research faculty members, and FPG investigators are eligible to apply.

**What should the application contain:** Applications should be 3-5 pages, single spaced. They should contain a clear introduction and rationale for the research, specification of the research questions, a description of methodology, a schedule and timeline of research activities, a clear statement about how the study or data collected will lead to future external funding, and a budget with brief justification. The FPG Business Office will be glad to assist with budget preparation for grant proposals (contact Cathy Sparks at 966-4804 or [starks@mail.fpg.unc.edu](mailto:starks@mail.fpg.unc.edu)) Applicants should submit three copies of the application to Dr. Samuel L. Odom, FPG Child Development Institute, CB 8180, or a single WORD copy to [slodom@unc.edu](mailto:slodom@unc.edu) with the topic identifier being FPG RESEARCH GRANT INITIATIVE. You may also contact Dr. Odum at 966-4250. The deadline for submission is **April 20, 2007**.

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**RESEARCH AWARD:** Division 15 announces its Tenth Annual National Graduate Student Doctoral Research Seminar to coincide with the annual meeting of APA August 17-20, 2007 in San Francisco, CA. The purposes of the seminar are to allow informal exchange of ideas about research and to demystify the process of becoming a researcher.

Selected students will attend conference presentations, participate in social events, and meet with distinguished researchers. Students will also work with faculty in small groups to discuss their dissertation research and receive guidance and suggestions.

The seminar will be limited to 15 students with no more than three from the same institution. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time graduate students. Ideally, students will be conducting preliminary work on their dissertation.

Selections will be made on the basis of: (a) the quality of the submitted work, (b) how well the work fits the interests of other applicants and the expertise of participating faculty. The seminar is free and Div. 15 will pay for some meals and refreshments. Students will receive a stipend, plus the cost of registration (student affiliate) and Div. 15 membership for one year.

**Applications must include 4 hard copies of the following:**

\* A 1-page letter from the student explaining how she or he could benefit from and contribute to the seminar. This letter should also state the student's current stage in the dissertation process and when the student expects to defend the dissertation.

\* A 3-5 page research proposal that describes the student's dissertation study, including an introduction, brief theoretical framework, statement of the problem, methodology, and proposed analyses.

\* A vita that includes the student's name, address, telephone, and e-mail, education, professional experience, publications, and conference presentations.

\* A letter of recommendation from the student's advisor describing the student's qualifications.

**Questions and materials should be directed to:**

Michelle M. Buehl, [mbuehl@gmu.edu](mailto:mbuehl@gmu.edu)

George Mason University  
4400 University Drive  
MSN 4B3  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**DEADLINE:** Must be *received by* **April 30, 2007**

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**RESEARCHER AWARD:** Sponsored by the APA Science Student Council, the Early Researcher Award competition rewards outstanding student research projects completed before the dissertation. In 2007, two \$1,000 awards will be granted to pre-doctoral researchers: one in basic science and one in applied science. The application deadline is **July 13, 2007**.

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**UNIVERSITY EVENT**

**CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE'S CAROLINA CONSORTIUM ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Speaker: Qi Wang, Cornell University  
Topic: "The Socialization of Autobiographical Memory in Cultural Context"  
Date: Monday, April 9, 2007; 5:00pm to 6:30pm  
Location: Center for Developmental Sciences, Lower Level Classroom

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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND DECISION SCIENCES**

Speaker: Baruch Fischhoff, Howard Heinz University  
Topic: "Communication and Civic Competence"  
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2007; 12:30pm  
Location: McGravran-Greenberg Hall, Room 2301

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**ODUM INSTITUTE**

A Science and Technology Policy Symposium will bring together three speakers from outside UNC and two from within UNC, all addressing national-level policy issues in science and technology. Among other topics, the speakers will address "The Contentious and Evolving Role of Scientific Expertise in Environmental Policy and Modern Challenges in Providing Science for

Policy and Policy for Science.” The symposium is presented with support from the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development and the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2007; 8:30am to 12:30pm

Location: Dey Hall, Toy Lounge

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Medical Illustration and Photography will permanently close effective May 1, 2007. It has been a part of the School of Medicine and UNC for 55 years. Remaining staff will be reassigned to other duties.