

Department of Psychology

Monthly Newsletter

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Behavioral Neuroscience Seminars

Seminars are held from 12:30pm — 1:30pm in Davie 302.
(unless otherwise indicated)

- April 3rd: **Dominic Cerri** (Carelli Lab)
Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, UNC
Title: "Neural Correlates of Sensory Preconditioning in the Nucleus Accumbens"
- April 5th: **John Casachahua** (Lysle & Thiele Labs)
Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, UNC
Title: TBA
- April 10th: **Benjamin Cox** (Thiele Lab)
Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, UNC
Title: "Assessment of phenotypes characteristic of models of dependence in C57BL/6J mice with a prior history of binge-like ethanol drinking"
- April 17th: **Theresa McKim** (Boettiger Lab)
Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, UNC
Title: "Association Learning and Unlearning in Addiction"
- April 19th: **Jeff Olney** (Lysle Lab)
Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, UNC
Title: "The Role of Melanocortin System in Binge Drinking Behavior"
- April 24th: **Lisa Tarantino, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, UNC
Title: TBA

Clinical Lunch Schedule

Lunches are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 261.

- April 6th: **HOLIDAY—NO LUNCH SERIES**
- April 13th: Swanson, Galinsky & Wallach awards
- April 20th: Student poster session
- April 27th: Fourth Friday Free

Cognitive Tea

Meetings are held from 4pm—5pm in Davie 347.

- April 2nd: Cassie Ford, UNC
- April 9th: Renske Hoedemaker, UNC

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Upcoming Dates:

Spring Holiday	April 6
Reading Day	April 26

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Cognitive Tea

- April 16th: Patrick Powell, UA, UNC
April 23rd: Chris Foster and Jonathan Susser, UNC

Developmental Lunch

Lunches are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 347.

- April 4th: **Kurtz-Costes Lab**, Psychology, UNC
April 11th: **Hillary Langley**, Psychology, UNC
April 18th: **Reznick Lab**, Psychology, UNC
April 25th: **Cox Lab**, Psychology, UNC

Quantitative Forum

The Forum is held on Mondays from 12pm—1pm in Davie 347.

- April 2nd: **Chelsea Burfeind**
April 9th: **Veronica Cole and Zane Blanton**
April 16th: **Rick Hoyle**
April 23rd: **Don Hedeker**

Social ORG Talk Series

ORG takes place on Mondays from 4:00—5:30pm in Davie 310.

- April 2nd: **Daryl Cameron**
Graduate Student, Psychology, UNC
April 9th: **TBD**
April 16th: **Michael Christian, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School
April 23rd: **TBD**



**Center for
Developmental Science**

Carolina Consortium on Human Development

Monday Evenings: 5:00-6:30 pm

Center for Developmental Science, Lower Level Classroom

- April 2nd: **Craig Colder**
SUNY at Buffalo
April 9th: **Deborah Jones**
UNC Chapel Hill
Title: *"Addressing the Role of Maltreatment in the Initiation and Prevention of Adolescent Risky Behavior"*
April 16th: **Robb Foss**
UNC Chapel Hill
April 23rd: **Bob Zucker**
University of Michigan
Title: *"Brain to Health Risk Behavior to Context/Context to Brain and Behavior. Transaction across developmental time."*

2012 Patricia F. Waller Lecture

presented by:



Daniel W. Webster, ScD, MPH
Professor, Co-Director

Johns Hopkins School of Public
Health, Johns Hopkins Center
for Gun Policy and Research



Friday, April 20, 2012

1:00pm

UNC School of Social Work Auditorium

Refreshments served at 12:30

*“Changing the Code of the Street in
Baltimore's Most Violence Neighborhoods:
An Evaluation of a Cease Fire-Like
Intervention”*

UNC's psychology department offers a couples counseling clinic

Courtesy of The Daily Tar Heel <http://www.dailytarheel.com/index.php/article/2012/02/the_doctor_is_in>

Couples for whom Valentine's Day wasn't all they expected might find help from UNC's psychology department.

For as little as \$5, Chapel Hill couples can get counseling on how to handle issues from marriage preparation to infidelity from the psychology department's Couples Clinic. *"It's very important to us that we're a service to the community as well as to the campus,"* said Dr. Donald Baucom, co-director of Couples Services. The clinic not only addresses common relationship difficulties, but also helps couples in which one partner is experiencing major health problems, with a current program focusing on situations where the female is experiencing early-stage breast cancer. Assessment costs are on a sliding scale, proportional to income, from \$5 to \$80.

"We don't turn anyone down based on their income," Baucom said.

"Students regularly attend the clinic, mainly when they are trying to decide whether to make a relationship commitment,"

said Christine Paprocki, a doctoral student at the clinic. For a lot of seniors, graduation means one or both partners will be moving away. The clinic can guide the couple in responding, whether through managing a long-distance relationship or breaking off the relationship in an amicable manner. *"I know a lot of people who are dealing with that,"* senior history major Molly Cunningham said. *"That's something I think people can really benefit from."* The clinic uses a technique called



cognitive behavioral therapy, a theoretical approach that focuses on communication and the way each partner interprets the other's behavior.

"If you interpret things negatively, you will react negatively," Baucom said.

For example, he said, some people jump to conclusions when a partner forgets their birthday, when a more common explanation is that it's innocent forgetfulness. The clinic aims to address the distorted interpretations that are often at the heart of relationship difficulties, Baucom said. A notable part of Baucom's work at the clinic has been in treating the impacts of infidelity. *"You might call it an interpersonal trauma,"* Baucom said. *"It really violates your basic assumptions about the way the world operates."*

Baucom's treatment involves three stages: helping both partners with absorbing the blow of infidelity, coming to understand it and then moving on. According to the clinic's website, the treatment is the first to be shown effective at treating infidelity. Though the clinic is currently full, Paprocki said there should be more openings next semester. But many students find the idea of counseling strange. Junior Robert Edmiston, a psychology and philosophy major, said he probably wouldn't go. *"It's nice to have advice, but I don't think I'd ever want counseling."*

Research Opportunities

For Faculty:

NIH

Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)

[RFA-MD-12-003](#)

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Application Due Date: June 4, 2012

Health Services and Economic Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse

[PA-12-127](#) (R01)

[PA-12-129](#) (R03)

[PA-12-128](#) (R21)

Application Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Substance Use and Abuse, Risky Decision Making and HIV/AIDS (R21)

[PA-11-007](#)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Application Due Date: June 16, 2012

Small Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control

[PA-11-006](#) (R01)

[PA-12-035](#) (R03)

[PA-11-007](#) (R21)

National Cancer Institute

Application Due Date: June 19, 2012; October 18, 2012

Harnessing Advanced Health Technologies to Drive Mental Health Improvement

[RFA-MH-13-060](#) (R01)

[RFA-MH-13-061](#) (R34)

National Institute of Mental Health

Application Due Date: June 22, 2012

Phased Services Research of Drug Use Prevention, Addiction Treatment, and HIV in an Era of Health Care Reform (R21/R33)

[RFA-DA-13-001](#)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Letter of Intent Due Date: July 22, 2012

Standard NIH due dates for all activity codes including new submissions, renewals, and resubmissions can be found [here](#).

NSF:

Building Community and Capacity for Data-Intensive Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences and in Education and Human Resources (BCC-SBE/EHR)

[NSF 12-538](#)

Application Due Date: May 22, 2012

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For Faculty:

Research on the Science and Technology Enterprise: Statistics and Surveys

[NSF 12-545](#)

Application Due Date: June 06, 2012

Social Psychology

[PD-98-1332](#)

Application Due Date: July 15, 2012

Developmental and Learning Sciences

[PD-08-1698](#)

Application Due Date: July 15, 2012

Cognitive Neuroscience

[09-0563](#)

Application Due Date: August 27, 2012

Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS)

[12-510](#)

Application Due Date: August 16, 2012

For Graduate Students:

NIH Individual National Research Service Awards (Standard)

[PA-11-111](#) (Pre-doctoral F31)

[PA-11-113](#) (Post-doctoral F32)

Application Due Date: April 8, 2012

NIH Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

[PA-11-112](#)

Application Due Date: April 13, 2012

NIH Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Increase Diversity (R36)

[PAR-12-103](#)

Application Due Date: April 23, 2012, August 22, 2012, December 21, 2012

APA Dissertation Research Award

[link to guidelines](#)

Application Due Date: September 15, 2012

Departmental Honors Poster Session

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

1:30pm—3:30pm

First Floor in Davie Hall



FACULTY NEWS

Jennifer Arnold, Dan Bauer, Charlotte Boettiger, Rita Fuchs, Deb Jones, and Don Lysle were recently notified that their research and study assignment requests were approved for spring 2013. Congratulations!

Jeannie Loeb was voted runner-up for "Best Professor" in the Daily Tar Heel's Carolina's Finest Annual Awards on Friday, March 16th.

Eric Youngstrom was named one of the 2012-2013 recipients of the Tanner Teaching Awards in honor of distinguished undergraduate teaching at UNC.



Todd Thiele has agreed to serve as Interim Program Director for Behavioral Neuroscience while Regina Carelli serves as Interim Chair, beginning July 1.



Dr. Kristen Lindquist, an expert on emotions and affective neuroscience, has accepted our request to nominate her to join the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Social Psychology Program, to begin on July 1, 2012. Dr. Lindquist is currently a post-doc at Harvard. To learn more about her work, visit her [website](#).



Dr. Kurt Gray, an expert on moral psychology and mind perception, has also accepted our request to nominate him to join the faculty in Social Psychology, also as an Assistant Professor and also beginning on July 1. You can learn more about his research by visiting his current lab [website](#) at the University of Maryland.

Do you have a recent accomplishment or research news that you would like to share in the May newsletter? Please send your submissions to jworkman@unc.edu.

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