

# Department of Psychology

## Monthly Newsletter

### DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

#### **Behavioral Neuroscience Seminars**

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

- Feb.7th: **Kelly Giovanello, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychology, UNC  
Title: *"Neural Correlates of Relational Memory in  
Healthy Aging and Early Alzheimer's Disease"*
- Feb. 14th: **Amy Arguello, Ph.D.**, Postdoctoral Associate  
Department of Psychology, UNC  
Title: *"Involvement of Protein Kinase A in Cocaine  
Memory Reconsolidation"*
- Feb.21st: **Kent Berridge, Ph.D.**, Professor  
James Olds Collegiate Professor of Psychology and  
Neuroscience, **2011 Behavioral Neuroscience Distinguished  
Speaker**, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan  
Title: *"Limbic Generators for Delight, Desire, and Dread"*
- Feb. 28th: **Taline Khroyan, Ph.D.**, Pharmacologist  
Stanford Research Institute International  
Title: *"Modulation of Reward and Antinociception by Bifunctional  
Nociceptin/Mu-Opioid Receptor Ligands"*

#### **Clinical Lunch Schedule**

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

- Feb. 3rd: Student meeting with Dr. Hendricks
- Feb. 10th: Diversity Journal Club
- Feb. 17th: Interview day
- Feb. 24th: Fourth Friday Free

#### **Cognitive Tea**

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

- Feb. 6th: Alex Christodoulou
- Feb. 13th: David Rubin, Ph.D., Duke University
- Feb. 20th: Matthew Lowder
- Feb. 27th: Prerna Bholah

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#### Upcoming Dates:

Interview Day	Feb. 17
NCCC Meeting	Feb. 18

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### **Developmental Lunch**

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

- Feb. 1st:       **Misha Becker, Ph.D.**  
Department of Linguistics, UNC
- Feb. 8th:       **Cynthia Edwards, Ph.D.**  
Department of Psychology, Meredith College
- Feb. 15th:      **Molly Weeks, M.A.**  
Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University
- Feb. 22nd:      **Maureen Vandermaas-Peeler, Ph.D.**  
Department of Psychology, Elon University
- Feb. 29th:      **Barbara Entwisle, Ph.D.**  
Department of Sociology, UNC

### **Quantitative Forum**

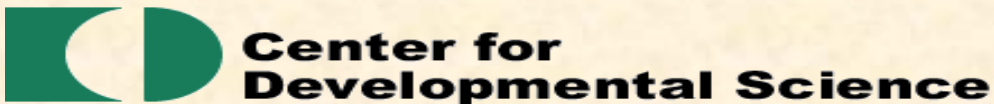
*The Forum is held on Mondays from 12pm—1pm in Davie 347.*

- Feb. 13th:      **Yang Liu**
- Feb. 17th:      **(FRIDAY)** Quant Psych Faculty Prospective Student Forum
- Feb. 20th:      **No Forum**
- Feb. 27th:      **Sierra Bainter and Stephanie Lane**

### **Social ORG Talk Series**

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

- Feb. 6th:       **David Sherman, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor of Psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Cancer Center Job Candidate*
- Feb. 13th:      OPEN
- Feb. 20th:      **James Shepperd, Ph.D.**  
*R. David Thomas Endowed Legislative Professor of Psychology, University of Florida  
Cancer Center Job Candidate*
- Feb. 27th:      **Sara Konrath, Ph.D.**  
*Assistant Research Professor, University of Michigan*



## **Carolina Consortium on Human Development**

- Feb. 6th:       **Angela Bryan**  
University of Colorado at Boulder
- Feb. 13th:      **Phil Costanzo**  
Duke University
- Feb. 20th:      **Kelly Rulison**  
UNC Greensboro
- Feb. 27th:      **Christina Meade**  
Duke University  
*"Drug abuse and HIV risk across the lifespan"*

## 2012 Department of Psychology Commencement

**Carmichael Auditorium**  
**Sunday, May 13, 2012**  
**3:00PM**

*No Tickets Required*



## Interview Day February 17, 2012

The Department of Psychology will host its annual Interview Day on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an invitation-only event at which outstanding graduate school applicants learn more about our Department, through interviews and informal conversation with faculty, graduate students and staff. Interview Day will kick-off with a morning reception in Hyde Hall beginning at 8:15am, followed by a few words from Don Lysle, Department Chair, and Mark Hollins, Director of Graduate Studies.

## Spring Colloquium

The colloquium committee is pleased to announce that this year's distinguished alumnus is **Joseph Rodgers**. The colloquium committee invites faculty, students, and staff to attend Joseph Rodgers' **Distinguished Alumnus Award** address entitled, "*Are Birth Order Effects on Intelligence Really Flynn Effects? Reinterpreting Belmont and Marolla, 1973 (and Many Others)*," on **February 8th, 3:30-4:30 pm, in Davie 112**.

Joe earned his degree from the quantitative psychology graduate program in 1981 and is currently the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation Presidential Professor of Psychology and director of the Oklahoma Population Institute at the University of Oklahoma. He will be presenting his award address to the department on **February 8, 2012** at 3:30 pm. Joe's work is of broad relevance to psychology and he is a wonderful speaker so please save this date and time and encourage your colleagues and students to attend.

# UNC hosts Annual North Carolina Cognition Conference

**When:** Saturday, February 18th  
9am—5pm  
UNC Friday Center



## **Keynote Speaker:**



**Dr. Fernanda Ferreira**, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Linguistics, University of South Carolina. Professor Ferreira is a leading researcher in psycholinguistics.

To learn more about Dr. Ferreira, please visit her [website](#).

For registration information, please visit <http://cogpsych.unc.edu/nccc>.

## **Meet a Tar Heel: Abigail Panter**

*[article and photo taken from [http://www.unc.edu/meet-a-tar-heel/CCM1\\_032390](http://www.unc.edu/meet-a-tar-heel/CCM1_032390)]*

“Aha!” moments have shaped Abigail Panter’s life, thanks in large part to the attentive educators with whom she has studied. Now, the UNC psychology professor gives her students similar opportunities for clarity of thought and purpose.

Panter grew up in Rockland County, N.Y., north of New York City. Her father, a physician, and her mother, a professional pianist and writer, instilled in her a deep appreciation for the arts, concern for others and enthusiasm for life. A talented cellist, Panter played in ensembles and orchestras from an early age. Starting in the seventh grade, she traveled to Manhattan every Saturday for music classes at Juilliard under the tutelage of an “incredible teacher.”

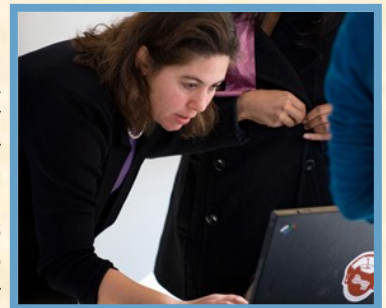
At Wellesley College, Panter studied psychology, French and music. “It was class after class of accessible professors who were willing to mentor me, who were caring yet rigorous with the academics, who had a true passion for what they were doing,” she recalled.

Panter earned her doctoral degree at New York University, where she studied social/personality psychology with a “kind and gifted mentor” who sparked her interest in quantitative psychology, research design and psychometrics. In 1989, she joined the UNC faculty in the psychology department’s L. L. Thurstone Psychometric Laboratory. Her wide-ranging research interests have included developing new measures and designs in social/personality psychology, testing the effects of educational diversity, evaluating the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS treatment and educational programs and exploring issues related to the status of women.

She teaches quantitative and research methods to undergraduate and graduate students. In her classes, Panter asks students to step into the researcher role to gain a clearer view of the process and to apply the learned concepts and skills in settings beyond her courses.

“I like to get into the trenches with my students and show them how the research process works from start to finish,” she said. “It gives them the support they need to do their work, and it tends to alleviate any fears they might have about generating ideas, conducting research or analyzing and presenting data.”

Student Cerina Buchanan believes as a result of her time with Panter that she has the skills necessary to “conduct an experiment related to vision impairment prior to my acceptance into optometry school.”



## Research Opportunities

### For Faculty:

NIH

*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: February 16, June 16**

*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: February 17, 2012; June 19, 2012; October 18, 2012**

*Neural Processes Underlying Sex Differences Related to Risk and Resilience for Mental Illness*

[RFA-MH-13-020](#) (R01)

[RFA-MH-13-021](#) (R21)

National Institute of Mental Health

Office of Research on Women's Health

**Application Due Date: March 13 and March 14, 2012**

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

### For Graduate Students:

Graduate School's Dissertation Completion Fellowships

[link to guidelines](#)

Application and Letters of Recommendation Date: February 8, 2012

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (SBE DDRIG)

[NSF 11547](#)

**Application Receipt Date: February 15, 2012**

U.S. Census Bureau Dissertation Fellowship Program

[link to guidelines](#)

**Application Receipt Date: February 28, 2012**

*NIH Individual National Research Service Awards (Standard)*

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

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

**Application Receipt Date: April 8, 2012**

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

[PA-11-112](#)

**Application Receipt Date: April 13, 2012**

## 2012-2013 PREDOCTORAL FELLOWS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Carolina Consortium on Human Development faculty members are currently accepting applications for predoctoral fellows for the 2012-2013 academic year through the Carolina Consortium on Human Development (CCHD) training program at the Center for Developmental Science. This is a very competitive program and only those applications that are submitted with a CCHD faculty nomination will be considered. Candidates should be in the dissertation phase of their program of studies. We request that you bring this notice to the attention of highly qualified graduate students at our constituent universities (Duke University, Meredith College, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and University of North Carolina at Greensboro) whom you are willing to mentor during the fellowship.

CCHD fellows receive a stipend and are expected to be involved in a variety of training activities, including a special Monday afternoon class that corresponds with the Consortium Proseminar series, the International Summer Institute on Developmental Science, and workshops on developmental issues and methods. This NICHD fellowship also provides some support for tuition, fees, and research or travel.

An online application is available at:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/251927/predoxloral-fellowship-application>

The online application requires basic information along with a letter of interest, a 1-2 page summary of proposed research and training activities during the fellowship period, and a curriculum vitae.

Additionally, a letter of nomination from a CCHD faculty member and a copy of the student's graduate transcripts should be sent to the attention of Jennifer Coffman at the Center for Developmental Science ([Coffman@unc.edu](mailto:Coffman@unc.edu)).

Materials will be reviewed beginning March 1st, 2012.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents in accordance with NIH regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Jennifer Coffman at (919) 843-2401 or [coffman@unc.edu](mailto:coffman@unc.edu).



## FACULTY NEWS

**Jon Abramowitz**, Editor-in-Chief, just launched a new journal, *Journal of Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders*. <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-obsessive-compulsive-and-related-disorders/>.

**Linda Dykstra** gave The Chauncey Leake Distinguished Lectureship in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Texas Medical Branch on January 0th.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Heather Lasseter** (Fuchs Lab) was awarded a 2012 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award in the area of Social Sciences from The Graduate School. This is only the second time a graduate student from Psychology has received this award since the award was established. She will be honored at the Graduate School's Annual Student Recognition Celebration on April 3, 2012. Congratulations, Heather!

**Kristjen Lundberg** (Social, Advisor.....) received the 2012 Tanner Teaching Assistants Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She will be recognized on Saturday, February 11th during the half-time ceremony at the UNC-Virginia Men's Basketball game, tip-off scheduled for 1pm in the Dean E. Smith Center. Congratulations, Kristjen!

**Audrey Wells's** (Fuchs Lab) recently published paper, "Interaction between the basolateral amygdala and dorsal hippocampus is critical for cocaine memory reconsolidation and subsequent drug context-induced cocaine-seeking behavior in rats" (Learn Mem 2011 Nov), has been selected for a Member of the Faculty of 1000 (F1000) review, which places this work in the top 2% of published articles in biology and medicine. Audrey was also selected for a Society for Neuroscience travel award to attend the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies' annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain. She is one of fifteen students from across North America who were chosen to receive this award. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Audrey!

**Do you have a recent accomplishment or research news that you would like to share in the March newsletter? Please send your submissions to [jworkman@unc.edu](mailto:jworkman@unc.edu).**

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