

Psychology News

Fall 2002

Undergraduate program receives national award for FACT FORUM

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) recognized FACT FORUM with a 2002 Institutional Advising award. FACT FORUM is the name of our innovative, intensive year-long orientation, advising, mentoring program that has been in place since Fall 1999. The name stands for **F**reshman **A**dvising **C**ontact **T**erm and **F**aculty **O**verview of **R**esearch and **U**ndergraduate **M**entoring. This learner-centered program was designed to facilitate Freshman integration into the Department, give them the tools to do thoughtful, proactive curriculum planning, become familiar with research opportunities here in the Department, and interact meaningfully with faculty and other students.

The FACT FORUM is helping students plan a personal curriculum according to their own interests and goals, and make plans to become contributing members of the community. Consistent contact with students helps us to keep track of students who may be experiencing adjustment, motivational, or academic difficulty and thus avoid, or be able to troubleshoot, problems that do occur. The system also helps us to identify and direct students with exceptional promise. **Victoria Noriega** picked up the award in Salt Lake City earlier this year. It is now on display in the main office.

Greetings from the Chairman

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Psychology Department at the University of Miami. According to Don Routh's archival research, the first psychology course was offered at UM in 1927, a year after the official opening of the University. The Department remained a one-person operation for its first fifteen years! Currently, the department has 43 full-time faculty and offers over 225 course sections per year. Back then, there were only 332 students enrolled in the entire University; now, we have over 13,000 with over 700 undergraduate majors in Psychology alone. And, for the third time in the last five years, the University of Miami Psychology Department was listed second nationally for NIH funding of psychology departments.



Rod Wellens
Professor and Chair

The pages that follow attempt to offer a snapshot of the activities that have transpired over the past year. I think you'll be impressed by the accomplishments of our dynamic faculty and students. This year we also welcome our new Vice-Provost and Dean, James H. Wyche, who has already proven to be a strong leader for the College of Arts and Sciences and an avid supporter of Psychology. And we celebrate in the construction of our long-awaited building that will consolidate many of our activities under one roof. We hope to move into our new home early in 2003.

Support of alumni and friends is greatly appreciated in the Department of Psychology. As many of you know, the publication of this newsletter precedes our annual telephone fund raising campaign. Many thanks to those of you who have already sent us a contribution or pledge. For those of you who missed the opportunity to help us earlier, we welcome unsolicited gifts at any time. In addition to raising money that helps us support student research and student travel to scientific meetings, we have expanded our efforts to find donors who want to participate in creating a more permanent legacy by helping with our building campaign as described on page 2 of this newsletter. I hope you enjoy this year's *News* and that you will continue your loyal support of our efforts.

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Around the Department . . .

Our new building

The Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Building

When the Board of Trustees gave the go ahead for our new building, the UM Development Office went into high gear looking for donors interested in naming the building, classrooms, clinics, and laboratories. We are happy to announce that the new building will be named the **Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Building**. Helen Donn Flipse is heir to "Miami's Flower King," James Donn, who died in 1972. He was the owner of Exotic Gardens and Hallandale's Gulfstream Park racetrack. Helen married Fred Flipse in 1943. After serving in World War II, Fred went to work at Exotic Gardens and became a national spokesman for the florist industry, testifying before several congressional committees. Helen and Fred were married for 55 years before he died in 1997. The Flipse family has been an active supporter of the University including funding the internship program at the University's Counseling Center. Be sure to look for an announcement of the 2003 Grand Opening of our new home!



Within the new Flipse Building, you will find a Lecture Hall donated by **Randall (Randy) C. Johnson**. Mr. Johnson was a psychology major (A.B. '71) who pursued a career in mortgage banking. He is currently Chairman and CEO of Market Street Mortgage. He has remained an active UM alum. There is also a Seminar Room, donated by Professor Emeritus **Theodore Millon, Ph.D.** Dr. Millon served the Department as Director of Clinical Training from 1977 to 1987 and was mentor to many Psychology students. Dr. Millon is editor-in-chief of a 20-book series on personality guided therapies being published by the APA. He also has several books under contract with Guilford Press.

We continue to have funding opportunities available. \$25,000 - \$35,000 will name faculty or student offices; \$50,000 - \$75,000 to name reception areas and conference rooms; \$250,000 - \$500,000 will name a major research or advising suite, and \$1 - \$2 million will name a clinic or major laboratory. Both individual and corporate donors are invited to participate. If you, or someone you know, are interested in a naming opportunity, please contact **Rod Wellens** at (305) 284-2814 or rwellens@miami.edu or our Arts and Sciences Director of Development, **Ms. Ellen Oppenheimer**, at (305) 284-6994 or eoppenheimer@miami.edu.



making progress...

Contributions to the Student Lobby fund



With the new Building almost finished, we are looking forward to being able to take advantage of the wonderful 1,000 square foot fifth-floor space that is to be known as the Student Lobby. The lobby has been designed to meet the needs of students and faculty, with the clear understanding of the importance of physical space on the social environment. The lobby will include living-room type seating and will be a place where students can relax or study between classes, or meet with their professors and research mentors. This project received strong support from **President Shalala**, who has made many changes around campus to allow people to gather and hang out.

As a show of support for those who are still working hard to pursue their educational dreams, **Dr. Wellens** has suggested that the Student Lobby be a gift to our current students from our former students and others in the Psychology community. Through his efforts, all alumni and friends who make a contribution of \$100, \$300, or \$500 to the Student Lobby will be recognized on a 'Donors Wall' in the Lobby itself.

We hope to raise at least \$50,000 for the project. The attached pledge card includes a special place for earmarking funds for the Student Lobby. Pledges may be paid over a three year period, if desired. Please consider having your name or that of a loved one included as a permanent part of our new home by making your pledge of support.

Donor Honor Roll 2001-2002



Thank You!

Pledge cards for donations are enclosed with this mailing. If you have already donated this fall -- Thank you! If not, we look forward to hearing from you!

Honor roll information has been carefully reviewed. Nevertheless, errors or omissions may occur. If your name does not appear or is listed incorrectly, please accept our apologies.

What's new in the tracks?

Mike McCullough joins Adult faculty



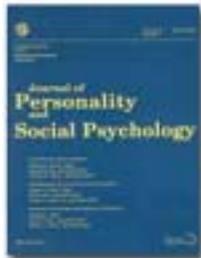
First in the news from the Adult track is the hiring of Mike McCullough. Mike is returning to his home state of Florida and is very pleased to join the University of Miami's outstanding Department of Psychology. He studies religion, spirituality, and the virtues. These classical categories for thinking about human beings' behavior and mental processes have been largely neglected by mainstream psychological science until very recently. In his research he tries to devise novel and useful methods for assessing religion, spirituality, and the virtues. He also examines the social and personality factors that influence how religion, spirituality, and the virtues develop across the life-span and appraises the links of these classical constructs to people's physical health, subjective well-being, and relational lives. He is currently running a multi-year project on religious involvement and spirituality across the life-span using data from an 80-year longitudinal study. Mike is also running a multi-year project

designed to examine how people forgive and whether forgiveness has consequences for human health and well-being. He is wrapping up a three-year project on the antecedents and correlates of grateful emotions and their links to subjective well-being. When not working, Mike likes to ride his bicycle, listen to jazz music, read, and spend time with his wife and their 20-month old son.

Federal support

The second kind of special news in Adult faculty report this year is the success of two of our members in obtaining financial support from federal agencies. **Jean-Philippe Laurenceau**, now entering his fourth year in Miami, has been awarded a Scientist Development grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to study the role of personality in daily marriage processes. This award provides funding to support his research and his graduate students. It will free up some of his time to acquire additional research skills. This award is a big step toward professional success, and we congratulate Jean-Philippe on his earning it.

Another research grant from NIMH has been awarded to Associate Professor (and Associate Director of the Adult Track) **Adele Hayes**. This funding will allow Adele to study the process of therapeutic change within the first outcome study of cognitive therapy for avoidant and obsessive-compulsive personality disorders. She will be collaborating with Drs. Aaron Beck and Cory Newman, who conducted the outcome study at the Center for Cognitive Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania. We congratulate Adele on this award and the opportunity it brings her.



New Editor for JPSP The third special news item is that another major journal is going to be edited from within our department, starting in January 2003. **Chuck Carver** has agreed to take on a term as editor of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology's* section on *Personality Processes and Individual Differences*. JPSP is one of APA's flagship journals and is the most prestigious journal in personality and social psychology. This section of the journal processes approximately 300 new submissions a year. Thankfully, Chuck won't have to review all of them alone.

Sabbatical leaves

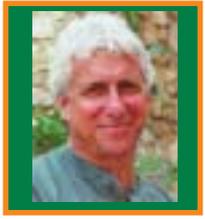
Fourth, there appears to be an emerging trend to take advantage of that unique academic experience known as the sabbatical leave! **Adele Hayes** took a one-semester leave last spring, heading north from Miami to Washington DC. to collaborate with the faculty at the University of Maryland, College Park, and at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in order to learn more about impediments to change in therapy. She has been focusing on models of change derived from the study of populations that are particularly hard to get into therapy and to treat effectively, such as batterers and people with substance abuse problems. She is also learning an empirically-based approach that enhances motivation for treatment in these groups.

Before Adele had even settled back into town, **Sheri Johnson** and **Chuck Carver** began leaves that will take them away from Miami for a full year. Those two headed in the other direction, to the San Francisco Bay area. Both have appointments as Visiting Scholars at the University of California at Berkeley, where they are exploring topics of mutual interest with Berkeley faculty members. Sheri is also spending one day a week at Stanford, where she is engaged in research with other collaborators. Rather than wait for the fall semester, both left Miami at the start of the summer, perhaps to escape from hurricane season, which they traded for summertime nights of 50 degrees.

New graduate students

The Adult faculty is pleased to welcome **Tamara D'Anjou** and **Kevin Darcy** to the Adult Clinical Program. Tamara comes to us from Columbia University, and Kevin attended SUNY Buffalo.

Chuck Carver, Director of the Adult Program, managed to parlay his collaboration with Mike Antoni and others in the area of coping with cancer, into a trip to Barcelona last spring. The annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society was held in Spain this year. He presented a summary of the group's work on emotional well being among breast cancer patients, in a symposium on psychosocial issues in cancer.



Adele Hayes, Associate Director of the Adult Program, is continuing her work with Clark Freshman at the University of Miami School of Law. Their research focuses on the influence of mood in negotiation and on the prediction of depression in first year law students. They have presented their work at the American Association of Law Schools and at a recent symposium sponsored by the Harvard Program on Negotiation. Adele also assumed the role of Associate Editor of *Cognitive Therapy and Research*.



Sheri Johnson has continued to collect data of several sorts concerning bipolar disorder, taking advantage of the outpatient treatment program at Hollywood Memorial Hospital. Sheri has also collected tons of data on undergraduates who have hypomanic tendencies, looking for how these people react to some of the same experiences that seem to create a spiral into mania in those who are more vulnerable. The mountain of data she collected last spring and fall will give her something to work on while on sabbatical. Sheri also has begun a collaboration with **Jan Kiecot-Glaser** and **Ron Glaser** at Ohio State, which is aimed at better understanding the impact of life events on immune functioning. She has also begun work editing a book to be published by Guilford Press, called *Psychosocial Approaches to Bipolar Disorder*.



Rod Wellens again spent most of his professional energies this past year on activities stemming from his role as department chair. Of particular importance have been his rapidly escalating efforts concerning the new Psychology building. As is discussed elsewhere in the newsletter, construction has been underway on the structure for some time. The plan is for the department to move out of the Merrick Building into the new facility in 2003.



Jean-Philippe Laurenceau has been continuing his research on couples, using Palm Pilots that were provided by a grant from Palm Computing, Inc. to collect data about intimacy and conflict from romantically involved couples. The people participating in the project record their responses repeatedly, out in the 'real world,' right on the hand-held computers. Jean-Philippe has also continued to be involved in PRIME mentoring of undergraduates. He recently presented a theoretical talk (extending self-regulation concepts to relationship functioning) at the International Conference for Personal Relationships, in Halifax.



Steve Sutton continues his investigation of motivations and emotions. He recently had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* (reflecting a collaboration with Joe Newman at Wisconsin). In it, they report that when female prison inmates who have high levels of psychopathy are exposed to standardized disturbing visual images, their emotional reactions were weaker than normal. This may account for the absence of emotions psychopaths display more generally. Steve also made a presentation on his work at the 3rd annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Savannah, Georgia.



Amy Weisman is beginning her second year in the Department. She has settled into Miami nicely and is enjoying the experience of the city's diversity. Amy recently had a paper published in *Family Process*, in which she reported that, in a manual-based family treatment of bipolar disorder, how well clinicians actually followed the manual and how well that predicted the one-year course of well being of the patients. She is currently developing a family focused intervention program for schizophrenia (and the families of schizophrenics). This treatment package is going to be fully bilingual, English and Spanish. She is currently collecting pilot data and will soon be searching for a funding source for a major study of the treatment's benefits.



We are still one person short of our full complement of colleagues. Next year we plan to recruit another faculty member to the Adult track.

What's new in the tracks?

The Child Division has experienced another year of important change and transition. Foremost in this regard, the Department said good-bye to a good friend and valued colleague, **Professor Donald Routh**. As most of you know, Don was a former Clinical Director in the Department and one of the founders of the discipline of Pediatric Psychology. Don officially retired this year. Read more about Don's accomplishments and the farewell he received on page 19.

Developments in Neuroscience

In the spring of 2002 we were fortunate to recruit two excellent new developmental faculty members to the Child Division. **Marie Cheour** joined us in August and has been busy getting settled into her laboratory in the North South Center and teaching a long-awaited undergraduate course in Cognitive Psychology. **Heather Henderson** will arrive in January of 2003. Together Drs. Cheour and Henderson form the nucleus of an impressive developmental neuroscience working group within the Division and in the Department.

New Funding



After a year-long effort, **Keith Scott, Marygrace Yale, and Peter Mundy** received substantial funding of a 3-year grant they submitted to the Centers for Disease Control. The grant will help them develop an epidemiological surveillance system for the ascertainment of Autism and Asperger Disorder in the South Florida area. The goal of this grant is to assist a national research network dedicated to understanding why there are three to five times as many children identified with Autism and related disorders now as there were fifteen years ago. The grant will also provide a methodology core for the extension of ongoing studies on comorbidity in older high functioning children with autism and for research into assessment and intervention with very young children with autism.



Daniel Messinger received a grant from the National Institutes of Health and Human Development supporting, "A Multi-Method Investigation of Infant Emotion." This grant was selected by NICHD as an exemplar for new grant applicants. Daniel was also the recipient of this year's MUSE award, given to recognize Contributions to the Undergraduate Program. Daniel has supervised the work of some of our most stellar undergraduates, including Susan Acosta. He will be a FORUM mentor for the fourth time this spring.

Angie Claussen is back after having had her first child. She continues to manage graduate and undergraduate research at the Linda Ray Intervention Center. She is the program evaluator of the Strengthening Families project which provides interventions for substance abusing families. Angie works closely with undergrads and will mentor a FORUM section this spring.



Neena Malik has been busy serving on national research panels through the Department of Health and Human Services and the Justice Department. These panels concern child abuse and domestic violence, and she recently was appointed as a national consultant to the Early Head Start program in infant mental health.



Daryl Greenfield and his students are continuing their research on the transition to school in collaboration with Head Start. With support from federal grants they are developing measures to assess preschool children's curiosity, persistence, preference for challenge, problem solving flexibility, and inhibition. They are also in the process of developing a statewide database on Head Start children's school readiness.



Kristin Lindahl has been collaborating with investigators at several universities including UCLA, UC-Berkeley, Emory, Marquette, and Penn State on their use of the family observational coding system that she developed with Neena Malik. The coding system is being used with a variety of projects to help examine the impact of domestic violence, marital problems, and medical illnesses on family dynamics and family processes. Kristin also mentored and supervised the Honors Thesis of *summa cum laude* undergraduate **Laura Serrano**.



Welcome to new Graduate Students!

Child Clinical	Lisa Bailey Tricia Baker Brian Willoughby	University of Richmond University of Delaware Concordia University
Pediatric Health	Jennifer Hestand Eleanor Race	University of Miami Haverford College
Applied Developmental	Pelin Munis Sara Payne Johanna Salonen	University of Pennsylvania Florida Atlantic University University of Turku

Helping the nation's children and their parents



Annette La Greca's work on children and disasters has received substantial national attention. Following September 11th, 2001, Annette received funding from the BellSouth Foundation to print and disseminate 50,000 copies of a parent-child workbook she developed with Scott and Elaine Sevin titled, "Helping America Cope: A Guide to Help Parents and Children Cope with the September 11th Terrorist Attacks." (www.sevendippity.com, www.psy.miami.edu/faculty/AlaGreca). With additional funding from organizations like the United Way Fund and the Casey Foundation, over 250,000 more copies were printed and disseminated in the Northeast, including a special edition for the NYFD. This summer, over 1 million copies of the Anniversary Edition of the book (also available on the Internet) were distributed in the Northeastern US, through numerous school districts. In addition to this project, Annette is the lead editor of and a key contributor to a new professional book, "Helping Children Cope with Disasters and Terrorism," that was published in June 2002 by the American Psychological Association. Annette and her work were also featured in the April 2002 issue of *Monitor on Psychology*. Annette is also completing a grant-funded project on children's exposure to violence (*Keeping Children Safe*) and plans for a study of adolescent health risk behaviors are underway.



Welcome to new Child faculty

As many of you know, last year presented the opportunity for the Child Division to recruit the services of three new faculty members. The entire Division was involved in this process and due to the tireless efforts of many, we were very successful. As a consequence, we have the considerable pleasure this year of welcoming . . .

Marie Cheour comes to us after a creative and productive period of time on the faculty of the University of Turku in Finland, where she headed up the Language and Developing Brain Laboratory in the Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience. Marie is engaged in a program of studies that involves using EEG evoked response (ERP) and Magnetic Encephalography (MEG) to examine brain-behavior relations in early language development. She already has numerous significant publications to her credit.



In one seminal sequence of studies Marie observed that prior to six months of age infants process and learn to discriminate among phonemes (the basic sound elements of speech) while they sleep. Moreover, infants can be trained to make new phonemic discriminations when they sleep. These findings have led to new insights into the nature of

language development and also provide new avenues of research for early intervention strategies. For example, one of Marie's plans includes the pursuit of research on interventions that may potentiate bilingual language development or offset phonemic processing impairments that contribute to delays and impairments among children with developmental disorders. Marie also brings a wealth of expertise in cognitive science and neuropsychology to the Division and the Department. Marie's expertise will also enable us to teach two long-awaited undergraduate courses, Cognitive Psychology and Language Development.

Heather Henderson received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of Maryland and wisely decided to finish up some of her research there through 2002 to avoid moving into the Department during the planned chaos of our relocation to the new building. She hopes to establish another EEG and ERP laboratory to explore the bio-behavioral complexities of temperament and social development in children, but her focus remains on social aspects of development.



Heather is especially interested in examining hypotheses about the brain systems that may be involved in socially inhibited versus socially exuberant patterns of behavior in young children. This work has already led to numerous publications and we expect it will lead to exciting collaborations with other faculty

interested in research on children with social impairments and social anxiety, as well as those interested in understanding the Behavioral Inhibition and Behavioral Activation System (BIS/BAS). In her dissertation Heather pioneered efforts to use EEG error related potentials to study the frontal brain systems involved in the development of self-monitoring and self-regulation among children. This methodology has tremendous potential for the study of the forms of emotional and cognitive dysregulation that play a central role in various forms of developmental psychopathology.

The Division of Child Psychology seeks tenure-track faculty member (rank open).

We are particularly interested in candidates with interests in diabetes, oncology, asthma, neurologic, or other chronic disorders. The Division conducts research in the areas of autism, developmental disabilities, atypical infant development, social and emotional development and epidemiology.

Applications will be reviewed starting November 2002. Applicants should send a CV, reprints, a statement of current research and teaching interests and four letters of reference to

**Pediatric Health Search Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Miami,
P.O. Box 248185, Coral Gables, FL 33124.**

What's new in the tracks?

Neil Schneiderman continues as Director of the Health Program. He spearheaded the effort to submit a competitive renewal application for our NIMH program project "Behavioral Management and Stress Responses in HIV/AIDS," for years 11 through 15. Other department faculty working on the grant renewal application included **Mike Antoni, Gail Ironson, Ron Duran, Marc Gellman, Frank Penedo, Deidre Pereira, Maria Llabre, and Karen Wyche.** **Sandi Racoobian** even interrupted her retirement to return to work on the grant.

Congratulations to Barry Hurwitz, who



recently received a new grant funded by NHLBI (National Institute of Health/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute) entitled HIV/HVC Co-infection: HAART and Cardiovascular Disease pathophysiology.

Seventh International Congress
of **BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE**
28-31 August 2002, Helsinki, Finland

The Division of Health Psychology was very well represented at the International Congress of Behavioral Medicine held in Helsinki. Faculty presenting, as well as chairing various sessions, included **Mike Antoni, Marc Gellman, Gail Ironson, Maria Llabre, Frank Penedo, Deidre Byrnes-Pereira, Pat Saab, and Neil Schneiderman.** Other affiliated, presenting faculty included **Alan Delameter, Miriam Gutt, and Nancy Klimas.**

Neil Schneiderman is the program chair for the next International Congress of Behavioral Medicine to be held in Mainz, Germany in 2004. Neil also was invited to speak at the National Cancer Institute on psychosocial interventions promoting physical activity in cancer.



Marc Gellman received the Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Behavioral Medicine at their annual meeting in Washington, D.C. He continues as the Chair of the Program Oversight Committee for SBM and is also the Chair of the Communications Committee for the International Society of Behavioral Medicine.



Mike Antoni delivered invited talks to the European Health Psychology Society in St. Andrews, Scotland; the National Cancer Institute National Advisory Board at the Office of Survivorship in Washington, D.C.; and Grand Rounds at the Departments of Psychiatry at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Edward Green is on the Steering Committee for the new Neuroscience Major. He is working with the Biology Department to develop a new neuroscience laboratory that is part of a new initiative funded by the Provost to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration. Ed supervised the honors thesis of *summa cum laude* student **Lizette Villa.**



Gail Ironson recently completed her term as the President of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research and is a member of an HIV/AIDS Study Section at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).



Ron Duran has been appointed as an honorary research faculty member at La Universidad de Flores in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as one of 50 founding members of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.

Maria Llabre is a member of the Biobehavioral and Behavioral Process Study Section at the NIH, which includes the time intensive task of assessing the scientific merit of proposals for NIH funding.



Phil McCabe continues as Associate Chair and is a member of the Executive Council of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. He also serves on the steering committee for the new interdisciplinary neuroscience major established with the Department of Biology and the Neuroscience Program on the Medical Campus.



Frank Penedo is the Sylvester Cancer Center Principal Investigator of the National/Latino Cancer Population Network. He was also invited to speak at the National Cancer Institute on psychosocial interventions promoting physical activity in cancer. He will mentor FORUM for the third time in the spring. He and **Deidre Byrnes-Pereira** received a pilot project grant from the Center for Psycho-Oncology Research.



Pat Saab was re-elected as the APA Council Representative for Division 38, Health Psychology. In addition to her work with graduate students, Pat also served as mentor to Hanan Hamed, *summa cum laude* and 2002 Outstanding Undergraduate Psychobiology Major.



Sandi Racoobian retires

Perhaps the biggest news of the Division of Health this past year was the retirement of Sandi Racoobian, who had been with the Department since 1968. A trusted colleague and friend to many, Sandi had become “a fixture” in the Division and in the Behavioral Medicine Building. There is no telling how many of us faculty and former students she had helped. We, and especially Neil, are not at all sure as to how we will get along without her. She will surely be missed. Sandi and her husband, Ronnie, have moved to Tallahassee to be closer to their grandchildren. It should be noted that although she had officially retired, when Neil et al were working on the grant resubmission, Sandi was back at her computer working as usual.



Welcome to new faculty

Karen Wyche is the newest faculty member to be joining the Health Division. Karen is a clinical psychologist joining our program from the School of Social Work at New York University. Her research focuses on race, gender, and ethnicity with a particular interest in minority women with HIV/AIDS. Dr.



Wyche has extensive experience as a reviewer for prominent journals and has served as *ad hoc* reviewer on an NIH research review study section. She has been awarded an NSF minority initiation research planning grant and an NIMH faculty research supplement. She served as the Chair of the IRB at NYU. Karen also served from 1997-1999 as a National Research Council panel member for the Ford Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship program. Dr. Wyche currently serves on the External Advisory Board of the University of Pennsylvania NIH funded Bioethics Center. She holds Fellowship status in the 100,000 member American Psychological Association (APA) and chaired the APA task force on women, poverty and public assistance. Dr. Wyche has extensive experience teaching and mentoring graduate students.

William Wohlgenuth, a recent visitor to campus, is now Assistant Clinical Professor, Duke Sleep Disorders Center, Duke University Medical Center. While in Miami, he delivered a talk, “The Importance of Sleep Assessment in Therapeutic Trials,” to the Cancer Prevention and Control Program group of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Bill recently was awarded a grant from NIMH on “Combined behavioral/pharmacological treatment of insomnia.” Bill will begin a pilot project that is part of the Center for Psycho-Oncology Research with Michael Antoni and Anne Fins, who is now on the faculty at Nova Southeastern University.

Susan Lutgendorf received the Young Investigator Award from the American Psychosomatic Society at their annual meeting held in Barcelona, Spain, this past March.

New graduate students

Marika Haritos	Carnegie Mellon
Kristin Jakubek	Notre Dame
David Kinsinger	Ohio State
Orit Weitzman	UCLA

The Division of Health Psychology is currently seeking a new faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Candidates should have health interests in neuropsychology and/or quantitative methodology (e.g., psychometrics, survival analyses or structural equation modeling).

The Division conducts interdisciplinary research in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic fatigue syndrome, and HIV/AIDS. Other interests include recovery from cerebrovascular disease and head trauma.

Visit www.miami.edu for more details.

Applications will be reviewed starting November 2002 and until the position is filled. Applicants should send a CV, reprints, a statement of current research and teaching interests and four letters of reference to:

**Health Search Committee, Dept of Psychology, PO Box 248185,
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33124**

Alumni News

Doctoral Degrees

1966

William F. Vitulli, Ph.D.

The Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama approved my appointment as Professor Emeritus of Psychology effective 6/6/02.

1972

Terry M. Levy, Ph.D.

My new book will be published by the Child Welfare League of America "Creating Secure Attachments in Foster Children." I also published a best selling book in 1998 titled "Attachment, Trauma, and Healing."

1973

David B. Miller, Ph.D.

I was just appointed as Associate Department Head and Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Connecticut, Department of Psychology.

William A. Weitz, Ph.D.

I am Director of Clinical Services, Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, Boca Raton. I have a private practice in forensic psychology. I retired from the U.S. Army in September 1996 with a rank of Lt. Col. I retired from the VA in September 1999 after 30 years of federal service.

1976

Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, Ph.D.

I was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science, one of the highest honors for a scientist. Recently, I published in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* and the *Annual Review of Psychology*.

1978

Angelica LaMorto-Coise, Ph.D.

I am transitioning from a therapy practice to a coaching practice. I am pursuing certification in this area and am excited about using my clinical skills in this new area.

1981

Charles Verschoor, Ph.D.

Nothing really new in my life as I coast toward my June 2005 retirement date. I hope to line up a new gig by then since my family lives to 90 years old. I just got back from three weeks in the Netherlands (I am Dutch). I enjoy spending my time with my grandkids Skye and Kyle.

1983

Trisha A. Stark, Ph.D., L.P.

I so enjoy training graduate students. Often, I find myself telling students about my own goof-ups in graduate training to provide a sense of empathy for their current position and instill hope that they, too, one day will feel confident as a clinician.

1984

Franklin H. Foote, Ph.D.

I am happy to be an Adjunct Professor at my alma mater!

Michelle Slapion-Foote, Ph.D.

I continue to battle Fibromyalgia.

Anne Hogan, Ph.D.

My husband Herb Quay and I will be working at FSU Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy with former UM Colleague Mimi Graham. We hope to visit UM as part of our statewide travels.

1987

Eileen Newman, Ph.D.

My son George, just a baby when I started at UM, graduated from prep school and is headed to college! I traveled to Hong Kong in May—high suicide rate as they undergo the transition from British to Chinese government. I presented an invited paper at the Hong Kong Hospital Authority Convention 2002.

1989

Mike Lynch, Ph.D.

I joined the GMP Companies as the Director of Strategy in April 2002 after four years in the Chicago office of the Boston Consulting Group, a premier strategy firm. I am excited to be with a great company that is focused on bringing breakthrough medical products and technologies to the healthcare marketplace. My wife, Sharon Gordon and I also are very happy to be living again in South Florida. Go Canes!

1990

Mady Fingeret, Ph.D.

My husband, William Fingeret, and I are currently in private practice in Plantation, FL. On June 4, 2002, I became a grandmother. My son, Ben, and his wife, Tara, had a son, Jacob Abraham Fingeret.

1991

Brian Esterling, Ph.D., M.D.

I recently was promoted to the Senior Management Team in HealthSouth's integrated worksite services division responsible for managing approximately 350 employer accounts. My wife, Christy, and I are building a house and should be moving in this December. Our 2 1/2-year-old is keeping us very busy.

Chrisina Pozo-Kaderman, Ph.D.

I am the CoDirector of Psychosocial Services at Mount Sinai Cancer Center in Miami. Fellow alum Dr. Rick Kaderman and I continue to enjoy our marriage

Dante Spetter, Ph.D.

I continue to advise and teach at Harvard. In addition, I am consulting on several research projects, supervising, and have a small practice. Add a husband and a 5-year-old, and I am very busy!

1992

Lori Reinseke, Ph.D.

My husband, Larry, and I are the proud parents of our second child, Maid Reinseke Cieply as of October 2001. I continue to enjoy my private practice work doing psychotherapy and neuro-psychological testing with adults and older adults in my office and a nursing home.

Daniel L. Segal, Ph.D.

In 2002, I won an award for "Outstanding Teacher" in the College of LAS at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Shaynie, our daughter, is 16-months-old. We are coaching her on the WPPSI.

1993

Cindy B. Kamilar, Ph.D.

I was promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology at Pikes Peak Community College.

1994

Michael DiTomasso, Ph.D.

We have a new baby in the house, Emily DiTomasso, who was born 9/26/01.

1994

John Lawrence, Ph.D.

I am starting a faculty position in the Department of Psychology at the College of Staten Island of The City University of New York in the fall of 2002.

Susan Lutgendorf, Ph.D.

I received an Early Career Award from the American Psychosomatic Society in Barcelona in March 2002. My husband, Philip, received a prestigious Guggenheim fellowship to complete a book. One of our daughters is graduating from Oxford University with a Masters in Political Science and teaching certificate. Our other daughter is entering her fourth year at Wesley University in Connecticut.

1995

Abbie Wheeden McCauley, Ph.D.

I have received a model demonstration grant from the U.S. Department of Education to begin an integrated preschool program that combines classroom and home-based services. I teach at Kent State University and am consulting with local child care and early intervention programs. I live in Ohio with my husband and 7-month-old daughter.

1996

Michael D. Fetter, Ph.D.

I am in private practice with Grayson & Associates in Birmingham, AL, following a stint in Charlotte, NC, as a Unit Coordinator in a residential treatment center for adolescents. I hope my "old" classmates and professors are doing well!

Kristin Kilbourn, Ph.D.

I accepted a new faculty position at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. I begin as an Assistant Professor in the Health Psychology area in the Department of Psychology effective August 15, 2002.

1997

Catherine Davis, Ph.D.

After years of sustained effort (since the turn of the century, in fact!) my grant proposal to NIH-NIDDK is likely to be funded to examine dose-response effects of an aerobic exercise program on insulin resistance in overweight third graders. I have an article in press in the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences*.

1997

Shari Wasserstein Elice, Ph.D.

Our daughter, Dora Rebecca Elice, was born on January 23, 2002. She is a "chunky monkey" and the joy of our lives! Publishing? Who has time?

Judith Rey McCalla, Ph.D.

In December 2001 I was promoted to Research Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department UM.

Carol Ann Robbins, Ph.D.

In 2000, my husband and I adopted two children from Siberia. Kathryn Mariel is now 5 and Andrew Grason is now 3 years-old. We have been having fun with our new family, and will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary next year. I quit my position as staff psychologist at the CIA, after adopting the children, and am now in private practice specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD. I have the fortune of working in the practice of Dr. Kathleen Nadeau, an internationally known expert in Attention Deficit Disorder.

1998

Toni Leo, Ph.D.

I married Army Lt. Col. Ross Romeo in May 2001. We will relocate from Arizona to Northern Virginia in August 2002.

Teresa E. Woods, Ph.D.

I was just awarded an RO3 grant to examine the feasibility of an exercise program in women with metastatic breast cancer.

1999

Margaret E. Blaustein, Ph.D.

I work as the Clinical Training Coordinator for the Trauma Center's Community Practice Center of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and also on a PTSD treatment-outcome study under the directorship of Bessel van der Kolk, M.D., Chair of the Child Trauma Special Interest Group within ISTSS.

1999

Rita Z. Goldstein, Ph.D.

I am the recipient of a 3-year NIDA K-23 award and a 1-year seed grant from BNL-SUNY at SB. I have a NARSAD award pending. I have a lead paper in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* (October, 2002), and in press paper in JINS, a paper in News Report JNNB, and 3 manuscripts under revision. I am also mom to 2 ½ year-old Zoe.

Jeff Kibler, Ph.D.

My wife Mindy Ma (also a UM graduate) and I had a daughter, Kaiana, on September 26, 2001. We are both licensed clinical psychologists in Mississippi. We are assistant Professors at Jackson State University, and Mindy is Interim Director of the Community Health Program (Department of Psychiatry).

Kristen Thompson, Ph.D.

My husband, Dylan Harwood, and I recently bought our first house. We are very excited! We also both received our psychology licenses from California in September 2001.

2000

Sangeeta Mallik, Ph.D.

I continue to thrive as a researcher at SRI International, working on numerous longitudinal studies with at-risk populations. We are working on deriving publications from the rich data that we have collected. I continue to present our findings at several national conferences. I was recently made the Project Director of a longitudinal study following children served under part C in early intervention in the state of Kansas.

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Ph.D.

I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I have received a 5-year Scientist Development Award for New Minority Faculty from NIMH. I recently published a paper in *Child Development*.

Masters Degrees

1956

David Miller, Ph.D.

I was installed as the president of the Hudson Valley (NY) Psychological Association, Inc. on September 13, 2002.

Baccalaureate Degrees

1955

Arline Levine Mayer, B.A.

My husband and I have retired and recently moved to Ventura, CA, after living for many years in the Washington, D.C. area.

1961

Barbara Laskin Cohen, B.A.

I am a realtor-Associate with Coldwell Banker in Miami, FL.

1976

Harvey Bodansky, M.S.Ed.

During the 2001-2002 school year, I gave lectures on the independent living of the disabled, acceptance of the disabled in society, and architectural barriers as access impediments at Barry University; Florida International University; and the Foundation of Jewish Group Homes, near Washington, D.C. Having had Cerebral Palsy since birth, I am interested in disability issues in higher education. Rolling along on architectural barriers on the UM campus, in the past I gave lectures on disability and higher education in the Sociology Department.

1981

Carlos Fernández-Blanco, A.B.

I teach world history and U.S. Government at the Miami-Dade County Hialeah High School.

1989

Susan R. Korth, B.A.

In April, 2002, at the age of 57, I completed the 3 day, 60 mile Avon Breast Cancer walk that went from Fort Worth to Dallas. My participation was in honor of my 89 year old mother who is a 9-year survivor.

Karen A. Pearson, Ed.S.

My husband, Norman, and I continue to love living in Gainesville with our daughter, Katherine. We look forward to the renewal of the UM/UF football series this fall!

1990

Preston A. Britner IV, Ph.D.

I was awarded the AAUP Teaching Excellence Award for Teaching Promise. It is given annually to one junior faculty member in the University of Connecticut system and presented at the state Capitol. I published a paper in *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*.

Barry S. Grant, M.S.

I just completed my first year at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where I am studying full-time for my M.B.A. under the Ford Motor Company Education Fellowship Program. I have been voted student body president for 2002-2003 academic year and will work in Ford's marketing division during the summer.

1994

Margot Fernandez Berros, Psy.D.

I have two children-- Christopher, age 6, and Michael, who is one year old. I teach neuropsychology as an Adjunct Faculty at the University of Central Florida.

1997

Joanna Palmer, B.A.

I will be returning to UM this fall to obtain a Masters in Print Journalism. I have written articles for the Pinecrest Tribune and am currently on staff and writing for a South Beach publication called Ego Trip Magazine.

1998

Nadia Sutherland, M.D.

I recently graduated from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. I will be specializing in Pediatrics at a hospital affiliated with the University of Florida!

2001

Nike Ruiz, B.S.

In August I begin graduate study for my doctoral degree in clinical neuropsychology at Georgia State University in August. I am very excited!

Stephanie Schlereth, B.S.

I live in Davie, FL, and was recently promoted to Project Director for PTM, Intl. I am now responsible for developing databases and other programs. I will be married in May 2004.

2002

Orly Z. Anzonina, B.S.

In August 2002, I will begin Nova Southeastern's School of Pharmacy. I have been working at Walgreens as a Pharmacy Technician since September 2001, and I was recently promoted to Pharmacy Intern.

Undergraduate Update

By Victoria Noriega, Ph.D.

After a year packed with events, celebrations, troubles, and triumphs, I am happy to report that the Undergraduate Program is stronger than ever. As it did for many, September 11 put a kink in our well-made plans for the semester. But we were fortunate to have established several programs that afforded close contact with undergraduate students. One of those programs is the FACT FORUM (Freshman Advising Contact Term and Faculty Overview of Research and Undergraduate Mentoring). The learner-centered orientation, advising, and mentoring program was designed to facilitate Freshman integration into the Department, give them the tools to do thoughtful, proactive curriculum planning, become familiar with research opportunities here in the Department, and interact meaningfully with faculty and other students. Attendance in the non-mandatory FACT sessions maintained at about 90% throughout the semester. All but two of the 102 students in the course gave excellent feedback about the course and recommended its continuation. Most importantly, however, about 40% of our Freshmen earned grade point averages over 3.3 (Honors eligibility) and not one earned a grade point average of lower than 2.0!

FACT FORUM

All incoming declared Psychology and Psychobiology majors met with me weekly in small groups. **Advisor Jose Rodriguez** and the **Peer Advisors** helped to make the program meaningful and accessible to all. The informal, participatory nature of the class enabled students to ask questions, learn from each other, and establish social networks. As they began to explore the requirements and opportunities of the undergraduate program, students began to think about putting these into a framework for a future that includes graduation, establishment of a career, and life-long learning. We used a brief critical thinking text to help students understand the scientific nature of the discipline of psychology, and to put undergraduate education in context with personal life and the world at large. This small text served as the basis of discussion for dealing with the preconceptions, rumor, and fears running rampant after 9/11. Over the course of the semester, we worked together to maintain a purposeful focus and to learn from the situation.

FORUM

We maintained close contact with the Freshmen students throughout the spring semester by means of the FORUM program. Meeting weekly with 10-25 students, faculty members **Ed Green, Jean-Philippe Laurenceau, Kristin Lindahl, Daniel Messinger, Ray Winters, Amy Weisman, and Mary Grace Yale** led discussions highlighting some of the important research studies in psychology and helped students become aware of research opportunities within the Department. Short writing assignments helped students identify problems in their writing. The small class size gave students the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member early on in their college career. Faculty got a chance to teach and mentor undergraduate students. Doing what they do best made the faculty-student interactions more meaningful and fulfilling, and freed faculty from the repetition and red tape involved in traditional advising sessions. Although visits to the advisor are mandated only for students with less than junior standing, upper-class students continue to touch base with us throughout their undergraduate years.

PEER ADVISORS

It was with the help of the **Peer Advisors** that **Advisor Jose Rodriguez** and I were able to implement the FACT FORUM and numerous other events around the Department, including the preparation of complimentary refreshments that were served at each. Peer Advisor assistance helps keep costs down, but also solidifies community and makes for a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Most of the Peer Advisors are active in our award winning Psi Chi Chapter, who also sent volunteers to the various events.

Peer Advisors continue to be at the foundation of all Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology. These highly trained students serve as direct liaisons with the undergraduate population.



Peer Advisors relate to the other students in a way no older adult can. The job of the Peer Advisors is not to advise other students, but to serve as role models and help them understand their options. Many thanks to this year's great group: **Amanda Friedman, Cristina Gonzalez, Hanan Hamed, Jennifer Hestand, Jennifer Mains, Joanne Nunes, Amy Outz, Shehani Perera, Marilyn Sampilo, Jessica Segall, and Laura Serrano.** It was a great pleasure to host the Undergraduate

Holiday Party honoring the Peer Advisors in my home again this year. Almost one hundred students, faculty, and guests joined in the celebration. Peer Advisors had fun searching the house for the special thank-you checks provided by **Vice Provost Peri Roberts** in recognition of the students' help with the FACT FORUM program.

PRIME (Psychology Research Initiatives Mentorship Experience)

Our participation in the nationwide program to increase minority representation in the bio-psychological pipeline funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and administered by the American Psychological Association, continued again for the fourth year. The University of Miami, Florida International University, and Miami Dade Community College make up the southeast region where the program is called PRIME. Matching funds from the Dean and the Provost continued as well, enabling all students, regardless of ethnic origin or research interest, to participate in the program.

The mainstay of the program continues to be a ten-week summer research program in which undergraduate students work with faculty members in research laboratories. Students also attended weekly seminars conducted by graduate student **Jose Rodriguez**, who guided them in discussions about graduate school, research laboratory participation, protocol, ethics, and poster preparation. Students were given a stipend in the amount of \$1500 for 20 hours per week of participation as a member of a research team. All completed the program successfully and received an additional stipend to cover the costs of books, materials, graduate school preparation, or applications. About fifty people attended the end-of-the-summer Poster Session.

This past summer ten faculty mentors worked with sixteen students on research projects for PRIME. Researchers included **Angelika Claussen** who worked with **Melissa Magyer**. **Ron Durán** supervised two students, **Frank Bandiera** and **Verona Holder**. **Annette LaGreca** also worked with two students, **Michelle Boyd** and **Beatriz Perez**. **Gail Ironson** worked with **Jennifer Benoit**. **Jean-Philippe Laurenceau** mentored a record five students: seniors, **Jaime Davis**, **Cristina Gonzalez**, and, **Carolina Yunis**, who plan on attending graduate school in psychology; **Camilo Mejia** and **Annie Sansone**, both juniors who plan on continuing to work with Dr. Laurenceau. **Daniel Messinger** mentored **Kimberly Argetsinger** and **Phil McCabe** worked with graduating senior, **Caroline Caperton**, who plans on attending medical school. **Frank Penedo** mentored two students. One, senior **Blake Scanlon**, plans on attending medical school. In the meanwhile he will continue to work on his research with Dr. Penedo. The other, sophomore **Sam Lockhart**, is also considering medical school and plans to continue as part of Dr. Penedo's research team during the coming year. **Pat Saab** worked with **Karima Clayton**, who plans to continue her research endeavors. Faculty participation in this program has been the foundation of its success.



Undergraduate Conference for Research in Psychology (UCON)

In addition to the end-of-the-summer poster session, University of Miami PRIME students joined those from Florida International University in presenting their research at the *Undergraduate Conference for Research in Psychology*, held in November in the Whitten University Center's International Lounge and Flamingo Ballrooms. This Saturday conference drew about 125 people, including students, faculty, friends, and parents. It featured posters, oral presentations, round table discussions, an ongoing slide show of psychology community events, and information tables. Judges had the difficult task of awarding prizes, but at last decided on **Blake Scanlon**, **Hanan Hamed**, **Jeffrey Cooper**, and **Susan Acosta**. All participants got a chance to test the waters by presenting their research to an informal, familiar group of supportive colleagues. **Thanks to Marc Gellman, Maria Llabre, and Chuck Carver** who served as judges for the event.



Successes

All of the developments and evolutions in the Undergraduate Program made during the past few years have addressed the criticisms and recommendations made by the **Boyer Commission's** critique of the undergraduate experience in research universities. Thanks go to **Chairman Rod Wellens** whose commitment to the Undergraduate Program has made all of this possible. Thanks, as well, to members of the Undergraduate Committee **Rod Gillis, Ed Green, Jean-Philippe Laurenceau, Frank Penedo, Marcia Scott, Rich Stuetzle, Steve Sutton, Amy Weisman, and Ray Winters** – who are all working to further develop the curriculum. Watch for exciting new additions next year! For details about undergraduate achievements, check out *Psychology News: Undergraduate Edition* on line at www.psy.miami.edu.

Over the past four years, faculty dedication has enabled us to increase the number of Senior Honors Theses ten-fold. Undergraduates are presenting their research at both undergraduate and professional conferences. Several have had publications. About 45% of our graduating students participated in research for course credit...more than any other department in the University. Retention of freshmen has improved about 6%, and the overall enrollment has risen from 400 to over 700. Additionally, veteran faculty like Lynn Durel report that "the students are better than they have ever been!" Thanks to everyone who has provided support - moral, financial, and practical - to the Undergraduate Program.

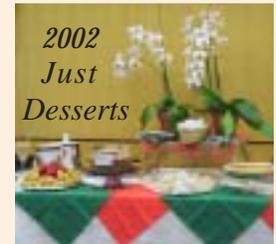
Celebrations and Events



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Inaugural!

Psychology Research Fair

Graduate students presented their research at *The Second Annual Psychology Research Fair* held in April. This event showcased both graduate and undergraduate projects. The event helped to enhance professional relationships among individuals at all levels of the Department and let everyone know what types of research are going on in the Department. Students made either an oral or poster presentation. This event also gave graduate students who had received financial support from the Department a chance to meet their obligation to display their work in a public venue. The Psychology Research Fair represents one of the few events on campus to feature the scholarly collaborations of faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students.



2002
Just
Desserts

“Just Desserts” were given to every student who made the Honor Roll.

Community Lecture Series: Psychology in Film

Community outreach was enhanced again this year with the second *Community Lecture Series: Psychology in Film*. This year's focus was on Traumatic and Stressful Life Events. Thanks to **Neena Malik, Frank Penedo, Mike Antoni, Roselyn Smith, and Annette LaGreca** who each introduced a feature-length film depicting a psychological situation that reflected some aspect of his or her work. Following the films, they led the audience in lively, informative, provocative discussions that helped give everyone a better understanding of the topic and the types of research we are conducting here at UM. Master of Ceremonies, **Rod Wellens**, set the tone for the community welcome. **Jose Rodriguez**, the **Peer Advisors**, and other volunteers helped **Victoria Noriega** plan and implement the series - complete with brochures, fliers, evaluations, and food.



Welcoming Dean Wyche



Faculty offers team taught course on trauma and stress

To help students understand some of the psychological aspects of stress and trauma, in the spring we offered a team-taught course, “The Psychology of Traumatic and Stressful Life Events.” Topics included traumas such as child and domestic abuse, war, natural disasters, and stressors like divorce, poverty, and the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, AIDS, and heart disease. Thanks to **Chuck Carver, Kristin Lindahl, Daniel Messinger, Jean-Philippe Laurenceau, Annette LaGreca, Sheri Johnson, Frank Penedo, Patrice Saab, Mike Antoni, Gail Ironson, Liz Balbin, Lynn Durel, Lynn Katz, Alicia Price, Deidre Periera, Christina Pozo, Ron Duran, and Amy Weisman** who all gave talks to the class. Students enrolled in the course reported that they had to call on information they had learned in all of their other psychology courses to complete the papers that were assigned. We hope that this type of team-taught course might be used in the future for other capstone experiences.

Gatherings



Graduate Student News

Internship 2002-2003

Seven University of Miami graduate students in our clinical psychology program will go on internship. All the internship sites are APA-accredited and pay full stipends. This year's group, and their placements are:

Alissa Glickman
Alina Gonzalez-Soldevilla
Nicole Marcus
Sarah Meagher
Vida Petronis
Anna Rusiewicz
Elizabeth Vazquez

Dupont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware
Children's Hospital of Orange County in Orange, California
Harvard Medical School/ Children's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts
VA North California Health Care/ UC Davis in Martinez, California
University of Notre Dame Counseling Center in Notre Dame, Indiana
Rush-Presbyterian- St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, IL
Brown University Clinical Consortium in Providence, Rhode Island

In May the Department held annual "Transitions" reception. One purpose of the reception was to congratulate students going on internship. Each of the departing students announced their destinations and thanked faculty and friends who have helped them along the way. Faculty supervisors and mentors highlighted each student's accomplishments. All of us wish them well as they embark on this next step in establishing their professional credentials.

■ **Alissa Glickman** was the winner of the 2002 **Jennifer L. Strauss Summer Dissertation Award**. Dr. Strauss, who received her Ph.D. in 2001, established this award to support an advanced graduate student preparing to leave on internship to dedicate an uninterrupted amount of time during the summer to finish up data analyses and writing the dissertation manuscript. Alissa is a student in the child clinical program working under the supervision of Annette LaGreca. The title of her dissertation is: "Parental Monitoring of Children Exposed to Community Violence: Predicting Externalizing Behaviors."

■ **Alissa Glickman** was the recipient of the **Dr. Carol Alson Fineman Award** given in support of research dealing with abused or emotionally disturbed children. Alissa received \$300 and a plaque.

■ The Psychology **Graduate Student Appreciation Bertha Weber Award** was presented to **Jlene George, Anna Maria Patino, and Elizabeth Vazquez**. Each received \$100 and a certificate of appreciation at a ceremony held at the Rathskeller.

■ This year the faculty selected **Jamie Lewis-Smith** and **Nicole Marcus** as the **Outstanding Teaching Assistants**. **Interim Dean Pals** presented each of them with a \$300 Fellowship award and a plaque at the award luncheon held at the Faculty Club.

■ The **Kirk Danhour Memorial Award** is conferred each Spring on one graduate student from each of the Department's three program divisions. Faculty select students based on their outstanding academic performance, progress and quality of research, development of clinical skills (if applicable), leadership, social integration, and involvement. The Award this year went to **Roselyn Smith** of the Adult Track, **Elizabeth Vazquez** of the Child Track, and **Tandrea Carter** of the Health Track. A prize of \$150 was received by students in each track. The students' names were added to a plaque on display in Merrick 212.

Graduate students helping in this year's calling campaign...

Amy Kizer is a fourth-year graduate student from Texas. She is in the Adult Track and works on Dr. Sheri Johnson's team doing bipolar research.

Marilyn Lopez is in her first year as a graduate student. Marilyn earned her BS at UM. A former PRIME student, Marilyn works with Dr. Patrice Saab on the adolescent blood pressure project.

Anna Maria Patino is in the Clinical Child Track and works with Alan Delameter. She is a fifth-year graduate student whose research is in Insulin Resistance Syndrome in Hispanic children

Jose Sandoval is a Miami native and is in the Adult Track and works with Dr. Adele Hayes in the area of treatments for depression. He is a fourth-year graduate student.

Jessica Valenzuela is from Florida and is a second year graduate student in the Pediatric Child Track. She does her research with Dr. Alan Delameter on the quality of life in children and adolescents with Type I Diabetes.

Jeff Gonzalez is in his fourth-year as a graduate student. He works with Dr. Frank Penedo. His areas of research are medication adherence in HIV and illness cognitions in prostate cancer.

Clinical Update

Psychological Services Center

By Kim Fuller, Ph.D.

The Psychological Services Center has had another busy year. Thirty-six graduate students from three tracks (Child, Adult, Health) received training here. We had students in all phases of graduate training, from first-year students to those about to go on internship. In addition, **Rob Blackgrove**, an intern from the Counseling Center, spent part of the summer doing an external rotation in the clinic. We have also been fortunate in having two recent graduates from the program, **Amy Boyers** and **Tammy Enos-Sifre**, volunteering time here to see clients and to attend the therapy case conference. Congratulations to Amy and Tami who were both recently licensed!. In addition, several faculty members also saw clients in the clinic.

Almost 400 clients received services at the Center during the past year. As always, the clinic offered a full range of assessment and psychotherapy services, including psychoeducational and neuropsychological assessments, supervised by **Dr. Ketty Gonzalez** and **Dr. Bonnie Levin**. Therapy services included individual, group, couples, and family therapy. The clinic is seeing increasing numbers of couples and families as more and more students complete courses in couple and family therapy.

Drs. Blanche Freund and **Gail Ironson** continue to train students in two methods of trauma treatment, EMDR and Prolonged Exposure, in the Trauma Treatment Clinic. We also offered a group for the treatment of Social Phobia and a general therapy group for high-school boys.

Multiple therapy and assessment offerings require multiple supervisors, and we had an active and committed group of supervisors this year. **Drs. Fuller, Gonzalez, Hayes, Johnson, Laurenceau, Lindahl, Malik, Mundy, Penedo, Pereira,** and **Weisman** provided supervision. Several of our supervisors and therapists are bilingual, allowing us to treat increasing numbers of Spanish-speaking clients, a service that we would like to expand in the coming years. We also had a dedicated group of adjunct faculty who provided supervision this year. Some of these are graduates of the UM clinical program who have remained involved and committed to clinical training in the community. Our adjunct faculty this year included **Drs. Phil Boswell, Pamela Deroian, Blanche Freund, Barbara Goldman, Shelley Payne, Christina Pozo, and Saneya Tawfik**.

The Clinic continues to work to integrate classroom learning, research and practice. Our library of treatment manuals for empirically-supported treatments is growing, although the number of therapies claiming empirical support has grown so rapidly that a complete collection is unlikely. Several clinical research projects are currently underway, including a project on family communication conducted by **Drs. Neena Malik** and **Kristin Mundy**. Other projects at the clinic include a couples therapy project conducted by **Dr. Adele Hayes** and an integrative therapy for depression conducted by **Dr. Adele Hayes**.

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Counseling Center

by Malcom Kahn, Ph.D.

- A seventh staff member was added last year to help in response to the high demand on our services. We saw a record number of clients.
- **Pam Deroian**, Assistant Director, was inducted into Iron Arrow and received a special award from the Women's Commission.
- The Spire Internship Program, under the leadership of **Ed Rappaport**, received a site visit from APA with very positive results.
- I co-presented a program, Meet the Parents: A Millennial Challenge for Counseling Centers, at the 52nd annual meeting of the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD). This topic represents the emergence of a nationally recognized increasing demand on college student service departments.
- Just like old times: AUCCCD's 2003 conference, which will be held in New Orleans, is being chaired by **Chris Flynn**, a UM Clinical graduate who is Director of the Counseling Center at Loyola University. Ironically, I have been appointed as the Board liaison to advise Chris in conference planning.
- Two psychiatrist consultants are providing services about 12 hours per week.
- To alleviate a major parking crunch, a large garage was built this summer behind the Counseling Center and opened in time for the fall semester.



- The tragedy of 9-11 along with an accidental drowning in the campus lake and an auto accident which killed a popular football player were special challenges for our crisis intervention skills.
- The widely publicized case of a suicide by an MIT student whose parents did not believe that they were adequately notified by the school of their daughter's known level of distress has stirred up a great deal of discussion in the college mental health community about issues related to confidentiality and risk management.
- For those of you interested in keeping up to date with the Counseling Center's services and programs, please visit our web site at www.miami.edu/counseling-center. Such sites require continuing enhancements, and I anticipate participating in a major updating in the future.

Center for Autism and Related Disorders

by Michael Alessandri

UM CARD is currently serving over 2600 families across a four county catchment area that includes Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. In addition to our main office here at UM, our funding from the Florida Legislature also supports satellite offices at Nova Southeastern University and Florida Atlantic University. An additional branch office was established this past year at the Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center in Weston with funding from a 3-year grant awarded to us by the Dan Marino Foundation.



UM CARD continues to be very active in promoting autism awareness in our community through numerous events/programs. Most prominent among these are our annual Issues in Autism Conference (held each April during Autism Awareness Month); our annual Statewide CARD Conference (held each January); regional teacher training programs (co-sponsored by a Florida DOE Grant); the DOE/CARD Partnership Program (a program pairing CARD staff with community teachers for an intensive mentoring project, also sponsored by Florida DOE); and our active leadership and participation in fund-raising efforts for the National Alliance for Autism Research. This coming year Miami-Dade and Broward Counties will be hosting their third annual *Walk F.A.R. for NAAR* walk-a-thons; Palm Beach County will be hosting its second. UM CARD, along with our satellite and branch offices, are extensively involved in the planning and organization of each of these events. In the past two years, South Florida has raised an impressive \$800,000 for biomedical research in autism through these walks.



Although CARD suffered a mid-year budget cut, ordered by the Florida Legislature due to the anticipated shortfall in the State's budget for fiscal year 2001-2002, our budget was restored for FY 2002-2003.

The budget cut had a significant impact on our services and personnel toward the end of the fiscal year, but UM CARD directors and staff continued to develop creative programs and service delivery models to meet the individual needs of all our constituents in South Florida. The generous support of our donors also helped us maintain our services.

Our already extensive parent and professional training programs, family support services, outreach programs, and systemic service delivery models to school districts were further developed during this period of challenge.

In order to ensure the continued development of our program . . . and protect it from any future budgetary challenges, UM CARD's Constituency Board has established a Development Subcommittee whose primary charge is to develop a fund raising plan for the coming years.

We are planning a number of exciting events for 2002-2003 – events that we hope will not only benefit UM CARD, but also our Department and University.

We hope to see you at some of these events!

Your Help Needed for APA Data

In order to maintain our accreditation status, the clinical program must complete a yearly report to the American Psychological Association (APA) to document the scientific and clinical training goals of the program. The report includes program statistics and information on current students, interns, and graduates.

Because of the way the information is requested from APA, we are required to report the current post-doctoral and job activities of our graduates more than a year after most students receive their Ph.D.s. In addition, we now must track our graduates over an extended time period and report on their scores on the national licensing exam, their success at becoming licensed as a psychologist, and their continued involvement in publishing and other professional endeavors.

As a result, many of you will receive emails, letters, or phone calls asking you to update us on your activities and accomplishments; we will *really* appreciate a prompt reply! Even better, please drop us a note (and send a current CV) when you move, change jobs, or have good news to share with us. The best way to contact us is via email alagrec@miami.edu or ereyes@miami.edu or phone 305-284-5720 or -5222, although "snail mail" can also be used PO Box 249229, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33124.

Kudos

Graduate Teaching Award



Phil McCabe was elected as 2002 Graduate Teacher of the Year by the Graduate Student Association. Co-Presidents of the GSA, Courtney Burnett and Anna Maria Patino presented the award to Phil at the annual welcoming barbecue held in August. As

Associate Chair and Coordinator of Graduate Training, Phil works tirelessly on all aspects of graduate education. On behalf of all of the graduate students, they thanked Phil for his dedication to his classes and their concerns.

MUSE Award



Daniel Messinger received the MUSE Award, which goes each year to the faculty member who has most effectively contributed to the undergraduate program -- in classes, FACT FORUM, mentoring PRIME, and supervising Honors Theses students, etc. The award is recognized

with a cash bonus and with a large silver cup on which the name of the winner is inscribed. The MUSE award is made possible through an endowment provided by a group of anonymous donors.

College of Arts and Sciences Annual Scholarly Activity Recognition Reception, May 2002

Books



Alan Christensen & Michael Antoni, (Eds)

Chronic Physical Disorders: Behavioral Medicine Perspective, 2002

Jan Hughes, Annette La Greca, & Jane Conoley

Handbook of Psychological Services for Children and Adolescents, 2001

Neil Schneiderman, Marjorie Speers, Julia Suva, Henry Tomes, and Jacquelyn Gentry

Integrating Behavioral and Social Sciences with Public Health, 2001

Annette La Greca, Scott Sevin, and E. Sevin

Manual on Helping America Cope: A Guide to Help Parents and Children Cope with the September 11th Terrorist Attacks, 2001

Awards, Honors, and Achievements

Michael Alessandri, *National Alliance for Autism Research Leadership Award, February 2001*

Charles Carver, *Career Achievement Award Stress and Anxiety Research Society, 2001*

Marc Gellman, *Distinguished Service Award, Society of Behavioral Medicine, 2002*

Daryl Greenfield, *Member, Expert Panel for the Society and Early Child Development Network, Canadian Networks of Centers of Excellence, Canadian Institutes of Health Research*

Gail Ironson, *elected President of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, 2001-2002*

Sheri Johnson, *Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching from Department of Psychology Graduate Student Organization, August 2001*

Maria Llabre, *elected to the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, July 2001*

Jean-Philippe Laurenceau, *Provost's Innovative Teaching Award*

Neena Malik, *James McLamore Summer Research Award*

Philip McCabe, *elected to Executive Council of Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research*

Frank Penedo, *Early Career Award from International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, 2000*

Deidre Pereira, *Psychotherapy with Women Award, American Psychological Association, Division 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women, 2001)*

Keith Scott, *Annual Career Research Scientist Award from the American Academy on Mental Retardation, 2000*

Marcia Scott, *elected Fellow of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities, March 2001*

Amy Weisman, *James McLamore Summer Research Award.*

New Grants

Michael Alessandri, Michael Antoni, Daryl Greenfield, Adele Hayes, Barry Hurwitz, Gail Ironson, Lynn Katz, Annette La Greca, Jean-Philippe Laurenceau, Kristin Lindahl, Neena Malik, Daniel Messinger, Frank Penedo, Patrice Saab, Neil Schneiderman, Keith Scott

The Department bids farewell to Don Routh . . .



whose career was celebrated and honored at the annual “Transitions” ceremony held each spring by the department. Many admirers, including **Annette LaGreca**, **Herb Quay**, and **Rod Wellens**, as well as former student, **Dante Spetter**, catalogued Don’s many accomplishments and his dedication to psychology, both as a scholar and a mentor. Especially noteworthy were Don’s receipt of a Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association for his life achievements, and the personal notes that were received from distinguished former students (e.g., **Denny Drotar**) and professional colleagues (e.g., **Michael Roberts**). The Department plans to publish Dr. Routh’s monograph “Psychology at the University of Miami, 1927-2002” as part of the Department’s 75th Anniversary Celebration at the dedication of our new building. The “**Don Routh Mentoring Award**” has been established to recognize outstanding mentoring of graduate students. Contributions to endow this award are being solicited. Please contact Rod Wellens at rwellens@miami.edu or Ellen Oppenheimer at eoppenheimer@miami.edu.

and welcomes two new staff members



Daniel D. Best, B.A., our newest administrator, will serve as Coordinator of Community Outreach and Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. He comes to us from the Division of Enrollments where he was the Assistant Systems Manager for Financial Assistance Services. Daniel volunteers his time to

advise two student groups, the Haitian Students Organization and Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity. In Spring 2001 he was selected as Advisor of the Year by the Council of Student Organizations. For his work and dedication to students, he was also given the NANGA Award by Multicultural Student Affairs. Daniel graduated from UM’s School of Continuing Studies with a major in Management Information Systems. He is currently pursuing his Master’s degree from UM’s School of Education with a major in Higher Education in Enrollment Management. Daniel will be assisting Drs. Wellens and Noriega in community outreach and fund raising activities.



Rosanne Kolaczynski recently joined the staff of the Psychology Department as Program Assistant II working in the Behavioral Medicine Research Building on the Coral Gables Campus. Her former position for over seven years was that of Staff Associate in the Meteorology and Physical Oceanography Department at the Rosenstiel School of Marine

and Atmospheric Sciences on Key Biscayne, where she worked closely with the Remote Sensing group. Before coming to the University of Miami, Rosanne worked at American Bankers where she conducted employee computer software training. She has also served in a variety of administrative positions over an 18-year period with the former Eastern Air Lines, Inc. When not at work, Rosanne enjoys being with her husband and two daughters, singing in St. Richard’s Choir, and mentoring her daughter’s activities as a cadette Girl Scout. Rosanne is taking the place of Sandi Racoobian and will be assisting Dr. Schneiderman and the Health Program.

Psi Chi Wins Award

The University of Miami chapter of Psi Chi received a regional award for 2001-2002. The Psi Chi Regional Chapter Awards are presented annually to two chapters in each region that best achieve Psi Chi’s purpose. The awards are intended to perpetuate the chapters, to identify chapters as role models for others, and to promote the purposes of Psi Chi. We have been very active and have doubled chapter attendance at meetings and activities since last year.



Rose Bowl 2001

Greetings from the staff!

The main office staff sends greeting to everyone! Jossie Dauval is concentrating on successfully moving the department to its new home some time in late spring or summer. JoyceLalor’s office continues to be the hub of graduate student records. Maria Almeida is “student travel central.” Norma Sage makes sure everyone is paid and Pat Perriera now receives applications to the graduate program via the Internet! Everybody is looking forward to our move and seeing you at the grand opening of the new Flipse Building!



... view from the top!

Go Canes!

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