



Psychology News 2006

Faculty Honors

Outstanding faculty received awards for scholarship, teaching, and service. Read more about these on pages 20-21.

Notable Alums

Get caught up on some of the professional activities of our recent Ph.D. alums. Check them out on pages 5, 7, and 9-11.

Student Publications

Graduate students have been publishing their work in an increasing variety of journals. See page 18 for details.

Grants Awarded

Faculty obtained over \$17.5 million in new grants this year. See page 20 to view the variety of research going on in the Department.

Computer Support

We think you will be as surprised as we were when we took a look at the developments in computer support. On page 23 read about how things have changed in the last few years!

A Note from the Chair

What a year 2006 has been! As you can see by the headlines on this page, our faculty, students, and staff have had another banner year of successes in the increasingly competitive arenas of research, teaching, and scholarship. And, to top it off, after experiencing one of the most active hurricane seasons ever last year, we were blessed with one of the calmest seasons on record this year.

We are fortunate that members of our Department have become adept at navigating their way through uncertain times and unforeseen events. Like many of you, we face challenges including fluctuations in national priorities and federal funding, changes in leadership, unexpected setbacks, and surprising new opportunities. As you read through the pages of this year's *Psychology News*, you'll see that the net effect of many people working together and expending lots of creative energy has been extremely positive.

As always, we invite your comments and participation in all of our various outreach and fund-raising activities. If you are an alumnus, keep in mind that our success is your success and that our continued success depends upon your support.

Professor and Chair
Department of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences



A letter from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Michael R. Halleran

As I start my second year as Dean, I've discovered many reasons to be excited about the future of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Psychology, in particular. In every dimension, the Department continues to excel in stature and achievement.

The Department has extensive research and service programs throughout Miami-Dade County effected by its 41 faculty and 103 full-time staff and research personnel. It has the largest Ph.D. program in the University and the second largest number of undergraduate majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is also the primary administrator for the burgeoning interdisciplinary Neuroscience major.

In pursuing its mission to acquire, advance, and disseminate knowledge within the Psychological and Behavioral Sciences, the Department's three divisions – Adult, Health, and Child – balance several academic endeavors, including undergraduate teaching, graduate training, professional training, basic scientific research, applied research, faculty development, and community services. In fields like health psychology, autism, and adult mental disorders, Psychology faculty are performing cutting-edge research.

The graduate program is committed to close collaboration between students and faculty. The American Psychological Association Graduate Student Association has honored Psychology's graduate program for its efforts on behalf of graduate student education. The undergraduate program is similarly committed. By graduation, over 40% of Psychology graduates had participated in a research laboratory providing them with the preparation necessary for both graduate study and the world of work.

As you read some of the details of the activities of the Department this past year, I know you, too, will be proud of its accomplishments and optimistic about its future. Of course, little that we do is possible without your financial support. To those of you who are listed in the Honor Roll—we thank you for your continued support. With rankings based in part on alumni donations, your support is important to us all. With your help, the Department will be able to continue to provide a superb education for today's students.



Outstanding Alumnus Award

With the flurry of activity happening over the past few years, we have let lapse one of our most treasured traditions ... that of Outstanding Alumnus.

In an effort to remedy this, we now have plans to reinstate the award and open up nominations from current and emeritus faculty as well as from alumni. As you browse through the *News* you will notice three “notable alums” who were selected by our program directors to represent relatively recent graduates who are distinguishing themselves. We have already received other nominations regarding outstanding graduates who have been making their mark in academic as well as applied settings.

If you would like to nominate someone (or even nominate yourself), please send a letter of nomination explaining the contributions and achievements of the candidate as well as his or her current curriculum vitae. Send your recommendations to:

Outstanding Alumnus Committee
Department of Psychology
P.O. Box 248185
Coral Gables, FL 33124

The selected alum will be announced in next year's *Psychology News* and be invited to give a colloquium in the Department. He or she will receive a cash honorarium. The name of the selectee will be inscribed on a plaque displayed in our student lobby on the fifth floor of the Flipse Building.

Donor Honor Roll 2005-2006

Psychology loses a special friend

Helen Donn Flipse, special donor to the Psychology Department and the Counseling Center, passed away after a short illness in October 2006. Married for over fifty years to Fred C. Flipse, Mrs. Flipse's generous support helped lead to the construction of the building we now occupy and which bears the name of the couple.

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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.

Adult Division Update

The tight-knit faculty of the Adult track had a productive and interesting year. We were pleased that our new hires from last year, **Jutta Jorman** and **Mattais Seimer** were able at last to join us. We continue to seek another faculty member (or two!) to join our ranks.

Sheri Johnson continues to serve as Associate Director of the track, in charge of all things clinical. In June, she was promoted to Professor in recognition of her professional stature on both the national and international scenes in the study of mood disorders. In further recognition, she was invited to the United Kingdom this summer for a series of presentations and discussions with



the leading British researchers in the area of mood disorders. She was also successful in extending that visit to permit the advancing of her cycling career — traveling by bicycle across Scotland. Sheri obtained funding this year from the National Institute of Mental Health for a multi-year project that will examine cognitive

processes in persons diagnosed with bipolar disorder. She also entered a new domain of work by becoming a collaborating author of an undergraduate text in abnormal psychology that appeared this year. Sheri also mentored our top undergraduate, Dante Trevasani.

Mike McCullough also had a good year. In June, he too, was promoted to Professor. In 2006, he received the Virginia Sexton Mentoring Award from Division 36 (Psychology of Religion) of the American Psychological Association. Mike began work this past year on a four-year research project in which he is examining the effects of forgiveness on mental health and physiological well-being. This project is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. He continues to work on a book in which he argues that the desire for revenge and the capacity to forgive are both parts of humans' evolutionary heritage.

He has also been working on a paper to develop some ideas about why religious involvement seems to be related to better self-control. In his spare time, Mike spends time with his young family and plays with the rock and roll band known as "The Mysterytones," which can be heard at the Titanic Restaurant and Brewery down the street from the Flipse Building about once a month.



Amy Weisman de Mamani was promoted this year to Associate Professor with tenure. At the beginning of the past academic year, she received the MUSE Award from the Department of Psychology for her contributions to the undergraduate program, and at the end of the year, she received a Certificate of Excellence for Scholarly and Creative Activities from the College of Arts and Sciences. Her project studying family therapy for schizophrenia continues to move forward, and the first articles concerning that work are being published. Amy was also an author of a large number of presentations this past year. Two of them are of special note: one in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and one in Costa Rica. On top of all this, Amy got married this spring!



Jutta Joormann spent the last year as a Visiting Scholar in the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Laboratory at Stanford University. During her time at Stanford, she conducted studies investigating cognitive processes that



may increase the vulnerability for the onset, maintenance, and recurrence of depression and the role of emotion regulation in social anxiety. One of the most important projects Jutta is currently working on is the investigation of risk factors for the onset of depression in daughters of mothers with a history of depression. While at Stanford,

Jutta started to integrate biological measures into this research, investigating emotion regulation and stress reactivity in both at-risk and control girls using brain imaging and cortisol assessments. Recently, she started to investigate the interaction of genetic factors with other biological and psychological variables in an effort to better understand vulnerability for emotional disorders. For this project, Jutta received a National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) Young Investigator Award. Jutta serves on the editorial board for the journal *Cognitive Therapy and Research* and will start serving as a Consulting Editor for the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* in 2007.

Notable Alums



Matthias Siemer spent the last year as a visiting researcher in the Psychophysiology lab at Stanford. This visit was financed by a fellowship award from the German Research Foundation. During his stay, he conducted research in several projects in the fields of emotion and mood regulation. For

example, he studied individual differences in the ability to regulate negative mood states and how cognitive appraisals of situations influence the emotional impact of stressful situations. He also extended this research toward the domain of affective disorders. Several articles are currently submitted or in press. He is very much looking forward to continuing and extending this research in his own lab at the University of Miami.

Chuck Carver spent another year keeping the Adult track graduate students in line and chairing another search committee. He was invited to present a keynote address at the European Conference on Personality Psychology in Athens in July. Chuck was also recruited to serve another term as Chair of the University's Social and Behavioral Sciences subcommittee of the Human Subjects Committee. Calvin continues to have the run of the fourth floor and more fans than the average rock star. Read more about Chuck Carver on pg. 21.



Rod Wellens spent a very hectic three years of shuttling back and forth between the Ashe and Flipse buildings, doing double duty serving as Vice-Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences *and* Chairman of the Department. We were all glad in September when Rod was able to refocus his energies on the Depart-

ment. After having had him in the Chair's seat for the past fourteen years, sharing him made us acutely aware of how much we have come to rely on his insightful expertise and measured manner to deal with the multiple issues that face faculty, staff, and students every day.

THANKS!

For those graduate alums who completed the Departmental survey as part of our self-study, a hearty "Thank you!" Getting feedback from former students is an essential part of the self-study process that is part of our strategic planning and accreditation review.

After receiving her doctorate in 1998, **Barbara (Wolfsdorf) Kamholz** did a clinical internship at the Boston Consortium. She then completed an NIH-funded post-doctoral fellowship in combined treatment outcome research at Brown University. Enjoying New England, she returned to the VA Boston Healthcare System (VABHS) in 2000 as an Associate Investigator and staff psychologist. Dr. Kamholz remains on staff at the



VABHS, and is currently Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at Boston University (BU) and Director of Practicum Training for the Boston Consortium. Barbara's research is conducted as part of a psychology research laboratory within BU/VA, the Causeway Research Collaborative (CRC). She is Associate Director of the CRC, which includes six investigators, one

post-doctoral fellow, and four research assistants. Funded through grant dollars from NIMH, NIDA, NIAAA, and VA, the group focuses on the assessment and treatment of co-occurring psychiatric and substance-use disorders. Barbara's clinical and research interests center on patients with affect-regulation disorders (including depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, and addiction). She is the Principal Investigator for two federally-funded grants (NIDA and VA) concerning the evaluation and treatment of mood and affect-regulation difficulties among individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and addictive disorders. She is also a Co-Investigator for an NIAAA-funded clinical trial evaluating the utility of a unified cognitive-behavioral treatment (CBT) for co-occurring anxiety and alcohol dependence, and a Co-Investigator for an NIMH-funded prospective, longitudinal study investigating pathways of risk and resilience among firefighter recruits at risk for posttraumatic stress and substance-use disorders.

Most recently, Barbara has been developing the Mood Disorders Clinic of which she is Co-Director. The MDC includes a multidisciplinary staff who provide psychometrically-sound diagnostic assessments for the full range of mood disorders, as well as empirically-based individual and group therapies, and medication evaluation and management. Barbara is also first author on three book chapters and three publications.

When she's not pursuing her research, Barbara enjoys seeing the sights and enjoying the Boston area with her husband and their two dogs.

Child Division Update

After another year of growth and development, the Child Division has filled the third floor of the Flipse Building with research, training, and clinical activity. These activities are highlighted below. However, some forms of growth are more important than others and this year we'd like to offer special congratulations to **Kristin Lindahl** and **Neena Malik** on the birth of their son Liam! Two of the mainstays of the Child Division over the last 30 years, **Dr. Keith Scott** and **Dr. Marcia Scott** have announced that they will retire after the Spring 2007 semester. They will be sorely missed as they both have provided much to the developmental training program that is now thriving in the Division.

Training Highlights

In August of 2006 we welcomed 9 new accomplished and bright graduate students to the division: 5 in the Developmental program and 4 in the Clinical/Pediatric program. This year we're very pleased to report that the entire incoming class is supported either on Research Assistantships associated with federally funded grants or on training fellowships funded by either the National Institute of Child Health and Development or the federal Institute of Educational Sciences. In addition, this year we have been joined by **Lisa Newell, Ph.D.**, as a NICHD post-doctoral fellow who will be working on her own grant on infant perception as well as studies of the social development of children affected by autism spectrum disorders. **Dr. Annette La Greca** has put in very long hours coordinating the entire Department's efforts to prepare for an APA site visit of the clinical training program scheduled for the Spring of 2007.

Research Highlights

Daniel Messinger received two grants from NICHD. One involves an exciting project to examine the development of infant siblings of children with autism.



He is trying to better understand the early signs of autism that may emerge in this higher-risk population of children. His second innovative project is designed to develop a ground breaking new technology for observational studies. Rather than the traditional system of needing months to train one or two individuals to conduct reliable

observational rating, Dr. Messinger and his collaborators have developed a method to more quickly and efficiently use the consensus opinions of large numbers of untrained undergraduates to rate behavioral data. He will now put this new method to the test in a variety of ongoing studies within the Division.

Daryl Greenfield has also received two new grants. One from the Institute of Educational Sciences is designed



to develop and test a comprehensive early science readiness curriculum for preschool children. This study will be conducted in collaboration with the Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium as well as the Miami-Dade County Head Start Program. Dr. Greenfield's other new project is funded by the Administration for

Children and Families and is designed to test the influence of temperament on school readiness in preschool children.

Alexandra Quittner has two NIH funded trials in progress — one that evaluates an intervention to improve adherence in children with cystic fibrosis and their families and one that assesses the developmental effects of cochlear implants for young deaf children in terms of cognitive, behavioral, and social functioning. She is also heading up an international epidemiological study of depression and anxiety in patients with cystic fibrosis and their parent caregivers. Dr. Quittner is a member of the FDA committee on developing guidelines for the development and use of patient-reported outcomes. She has recently taken on the role of the on campus coordinator of training for students in the Pediatric training program.



Neena Malik has been working hard on a number of research projects funded by the Administration for Children and Families that focus on the provision of treatments targeting the mental health needs of infant and preschool children exposed to violence and abuse. Moreover, she and two graduate students have developed a new program of research and submitted a grant application to NICHD on parental acceptance and child functioning in lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth.

Notable Alums



Heather Henderson's research is currently funded by no less than four NIH grants. Her primary work focuses on temperament influences on self-regulation and early social development. Her research on this topic has been recognized as exemplary in the 2005 edition of *Annual Progress in Child Psychiatry and Child Development*. She

also recently published a study on self-regulation and psycho-physiology in autism in collaboration with Peter Mundy that may help to explain why some children with this syndrome have greater social impairments and lower IQs than others.

The work of **Peter Mundy** and the faculty involved in autism research and services was greatly facilitated this year with the continuing support of the Dan Marino Foundation which provided the University and Department with an ongoing annual donation to develop the Marino Autism Research Institute (MARI) in collaboration with the Kennedy Center for Child Development at Vanderbilt. Already MARI funds have provided seed money for new projects in genetics, optical imaging, intervention and perceptual processing at UM as well as at Florida International University. UM and Vanderbilt faculty have also collaborated on the submission of an Autism Center of Excellence grant to NIH that will focus on understanding the factors that influence individual differences in social and emotional development in autism spectrum disorders. The University and Center for Autism have played a generous role in supporting this application by providing funding to develop a state of the art high density EEG and eye-tracking laboratory in the Department of Psychology. This new laboratory will greatly enhance the social neuroscience options available to faculty examining autism, as well as other forms of psychopathology.



Marie Cheour continued her work studying the brain correlates of auditory discrimination learning in infants during all wake and sleep stages. Cheour is attempting to confirm earlier research indicating that infants learn equally rapidly and effectively across all different wake and sleep stages, whether the brain's ability to learn during sleep decreases with age, and whether the lack of this ability results in functional reorganization of the cortex.

Jessica Meyer, Ph.D. got her start in research as an undergraduate at FAU. Her interest in early social and cognitive development and its implications for autism led her to work at UM with Peter Mundy where she investigated how caregiver skills in attending and responding to a child's focus of attention, as well as the



child's own abilities in these respects, are important for later language and cognitive development. Her doctorate focused on relations between social information-processing difficulties and co-morbid psychiatric distress in children and adolescents with high-functioning autism and

Asperger's syndrome.

During her clinical internship at Western Psychiatric Clinic in Pittsburgh she worked under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Minshew researching abstract thinking and demonstrating how these individuals may be able to think flexibly in some circumstances, but only when external cues are provided.

She then completed postdoctoral clinical training at the Neuropsychology Center of Louisiana. She was appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor at LSU and received training with Dr. Steven Gutstein on the Relationship Development Intervention Program.

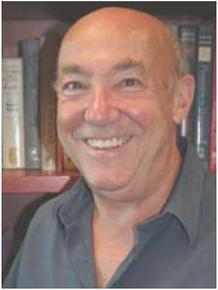
In October 2002, Jessica moved to the UK and joined University College London (UCL) and the Tavistock Clinic, London, in order to work with Professor Peter Hobson on the relations between social and cognitive development in children with autism.

She is currently Senior Research Fellow based jointly at the Institute of Child Health, UCL and the Tavistock Clinic. Her research explores the hypothesis that among children with autism, inflexibility of thinking is linked with (and perhaps arises out of) inflexibility in communication. Her team is studying how limitations in the flexible, abstract use of language may be associated with specific difficulties understanding what people are intending to communicate. They are employing novel techniques to assess 'dialogic resonance' between utterances in conversation between an interviewer and high-functioning children with autism and are looking at how particular forms of social engagement may accompany and predict symbolic play development in very young children with and without autism.

Jessica will soon be marrying her colleague and partner, Peter Hobson. They are moving to a house in St. Albans, a very English cathedral city surrounded by fields located about 20 miles north of London.

Health Division Update

Director of the Health Division, **Neil Schneiderman** gave an invited keynote address on “Biobehavioral Bases of Coronary Heart Disease Risk” at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine in San Francisco and an invited address on “Psychosocial Factors Involved in Adherence to HIV/AIDS Medications” at the 12th Comprehensive Meeting on AIDS in Cali, Colombia. In Santiago, Chile he presented talks at the Chilean Society



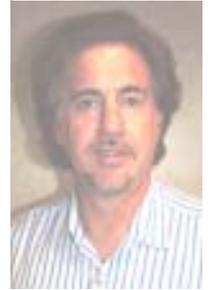
of Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology and the Catholic University of Chile. Dr. Schneiderman also participated in a symposium at the 9th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine in Bangkok, Thailand, and gave an invited talk at the University of Birmingham and a keynote address at a meeting of the U.K. Society of Behavioral Medicine. He is PI for the Miami Field Center of the Hispanic Community Health Study (HCHS), which is a recently funded 6.5 year NIH multi-center study of health and disease among U.S. Hispanics/Latinos.

Sabbatical leave this past year did nothing to slow down the activities of **Michael Antoni**. He was awarded a new National Cancer Institute R01: Facilitating Positive Adaptation to Breast Cancer: Phase 4. He published 31 refereed journal articles, 7 published abstracts, and 8 book chapters. He presented Grand Rounds at Harvard Mass General Hospital and Mayo Clinic. He commenced a three year term as a Sylvester Cancer Center Professor (endowed) Chair. Mike continued to serve as Associate Editor on two health-related journals: *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine (IJBM)*, and *Psychology and Health*.



Maria Llabre received continued support from NIMH to work on the effects of war-related trauma in Kuwaiti children. She also collaborated with Drs. Hurwitz, Antoni, and Schneiderman on their NIH grant submissions. She did an invited breakfast round table at the American Psychosomatic Society meeting in Denver. She also presented an invited talk on designing and analyzing longitudinal studies at a workshop sponsored by the National Cancer Institute for minority researchers. Maria continues to serve as *Statistics Editor of Psychosomatic Medicine* and on the External Advisory Board of the Rochester Center for Mind-Body Interactions.

Marc Gellman collaborated with other investigators from the Health Division and the School of Medicine on the submission of two large grant proposals to the NIH. He will serve as the Project Manager for the HCHS. A major focus of Marc’s activities over the past year has been the design and operations of the new Clinical Research Building currently under construction at the UM Miller School of Medicine. This includes transferring the activities of the Behavioral Medicine Research Center from the VA Medical Center to this new facility. Gellman also continues his involvement in the governance of various scientific organizations.



Philip McCabe continues as the Associate Chairman of the Department. He also serves as the Secretary for the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. Dr. McCabe continues as a Project Leader in a National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Program Project grant (N. Schneiderman, PI) dealing with behavioral

factors in cardiovascular disease. This work has been funded continuously for 20 years. This past Spring Phil and the other investigators submitted a 5-year competitive renewal of the grant, which is currently under review at NHLBI. The focus of this research is to understand the mechanisms by which social and emotional factors influence the progression of atherosclerosis in a genetic model of cardiovascular disease, in the Watanabe Heritable Hyperlipidemic Rabbit.

Frank Penedo was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. He received a 5-year grant from the National Cancer Institute to study biopsychosocial and ethnic determinants of quality of life among men diagnosed with prostate cancer. In addition his graduate student, Lara Traeger and he received an award from the UM Graduate Research Council to investigate stress-cytokine interactions in men treated with hormonal therapy for advanced prostate cancer. Frank was invited to speak to the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators on Health Disparities and Cancer among Hispanics in the U.S. and he is serving as the SBM 2007 Program Co-Chair.



Notable Alums

Biing Shen presented a paper on the relationship between anxiety and the development of coronary artery disease at the Annual Scientific Conference of the American Psychosomatic Society. He continued conducting a project to study how depression and related characteristics may affect the outcomes of patients with heart failure. He also collaborated with researchers at Brown and Boston Universities to understand how psychological factors may affect the risk factors for heart disease over time.



Gail Ironson is conducting three major studies. The first is an NIMH longitudinal study investigating the psychological and immune factors protecting the health of people with HIV. Her interest in positive psychology led her to explore both positive (optimism, spirituality, coping, emotional expression) and negative (depression, hopelessness, life stress) aspects of psychology and their relation to disease progression. Another focus is on the biological mechanisms (stress hormones and the immune system) that may mediate the mind-disease course link. The second study focuses specifically on how spirituality helps people cope with HIV and what spiritual changes occur in people with HIV. The third is an NIMH intervention examining the effect of writing about stressors on symptoms of post traumatic stress, depression, and disease progression in HIV. In addition to research, she co-directs the trauma treatment program which offers low-cost treatment to the community through the Psychological Services center at UM, as well as training for the graduate students.



One of **Barry Hurwitz's** studies yielded important information indicating that persons with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome have a chronic anemic condition not usually detected because of blood-test insensitivity. The study also found important relationships between the extent of fatigue and vital exhaustion and the extent of anemia, sleep loss, and inflammation. Barry had a full year publishing, presenting papers, and serving on the board of the General Clinical Research Center, as well as NIH study sections.

Patrice Saab wound up the 5-year data collection for Project ACE, a clinical trial examining the effects of adopting a healthy lifestyle on cardiovascular risk factors in adolescents with elevated blood pressure. **Judith McCalla** played a key role in this project. Saab recently received an NIH Science Education Partnership Award to partner with the Museum of Science to raise awareness among students, teachers, and the public about process and the importance of personal health decisions and health related research.



Rita Z. Goldstein received her B.A. in both French and Psychology (*cum laude*) at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel in 1992. When she moved to the U.S., she volunteered as a research assistant at the Developmental Neuropsychology and Neuropsychology of Aging Laboratory of Drs. Sarah and Naftali Raz at Memphis State University in Tennessee. In 1993, her experience there prompted her to seek employment as a research assistant at the Department of Neurology and Epilepsy Center in Miami.

Rita began graduate studies at the Department of Psychology in the Health Division's Behavioral Medicine program in 1995. Her training in clinical and experimental health psychology was done under the guidance of Drs. Barry Hurwitz and Maria Llabre. She was also trained in neuropsychology under the guidance of Dr. Bonnie Levin. Her internship in clinical neuropsychology was completed under the guidance of Drs. William Barr and Robert Bilder at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Hillside Hospital, New Hyde Park, NY.

After graduation, Rita worked as a clinical psychologist in community housing for mentally-retarded individuals. In 1999, she started her post-doctorate training fellowship in the medical research department at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY, on brain imaging and alcohol abuse under the guidance of Dr. Nora Volkow, currently the director of National Institute on Drug Abuse. In April 2002, she became Assistant Scientist at the same department. She was promoted to Associate Scientist in October 2004, and earned a Scientist position in October 2006. Rita has also been an affiliate at the State University of NY at Stony Brook in the departments of Psychology and Biomedical Engineering in 2002 and 2003, respectively.

Rita's main scientific interests encompass the neurobiology of drug addiction or the role of the prefrontal cortex in impaired response inhibition and salience attribution in cocaine addiction.

Since the awarding of her doctorate in 1998, her publications include first authorship on one book chapter and ten journal articles. Rita is also a reviewer on numerous professional committees and publications.

Rita currently lives on Long Island in New York with with her 6-year-old daughter, Zoe, and her husband, Danny.

Alumni News

Doctoral Degrees

1966

William F. Vitulli

The birth of our grandson William Cody Butler brought us joy on May 16th of this year.

1973

Harriet Lefley

I was an invited participant in the SAMSHA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration) Conference. I attended the National Conference on Improving the Behavioral Health Workforce in Washington, D.C. I am also a visiting lecturer at Ohio State University in the Department of Psychiatry & State Mental Health Staff.

1974

Terence Gerace

I continue as National Coordinator of the Toxic-Tobacco Law Coalition, which is aimed at passing a federal law to end the for-profit toxic-tobacco industry. Unlike prohibition, adults could obtain toxic-tobacco products from federal stores. Please see www.toxic-tobaccolaw.org for more.

1977

Barbara Goldman

I am continuing to enjoy a busy and interesting private practice with my husband, Phil Boswell, also a graduate of the program. As our daughters, 18 and 16, leave the nest, I have more time for clients, adventures, and community service.

1978

Sharon Kuebbing

Dan and I have been married 28 years! Our eldest son, a high school senior, is looking at colleges. Our younger son is in the 10th grade.

1980

Roxane Head Dinkin

I live on Anna Maria Island, and am enjoying private practice in Bradenton, and serving as the secretary of the Lower West Coast Chapter of FPA. See my website: www.drddinkin.com

1982

Eric Diamond

I am currently conducting retreats for men called "Exploring the Masculine." I have been practicing in psychotherapy for twenty four years. I have also been promoted to Trainer in the Florida Society of Bioenergetic Analysis.

1983

Ronald Ganellen

This August I was invited to teach a workshop of "Integration of the MMPI-2 and Rorschach" at the European Rorschach Congress in Padva, Italy. I also had a chapter titled "Rorschach Assessment of the Normal and Abnormal Personality" published in a book edited by Steve Strack, who is also a doctoral alum from the program.

Anne E. Hogan

I continue to direct the Harris Center for Infant Mental Health Training at Florida State University.

1992

Daniel L. Segal

I was honored to receive the Outstanding Teacher Award for the UCCS Campus in 2006. My book "Personality Disorders and Older Adults" was also published. Life is pretty good!

1993

Donna I. Phillips

Mariluce and I are doing well. We are finally settled into our new place (after all those hurricanes!) and are enjoying the beautiful view of Biscayne Bay. Life has been hectic, to say the least, but I am breathing a sigh of relief (or holding my breath) after so many challenges the last few years.

Susan Lutgendorf

I was promoted to Full Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Iowa this year, with adjunct appointments in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology & Urology. I was also an invited speaker at the 10 year anniversary celebration of the Office of Behavioral & Social Science Research at NIH in June.

1995

Jill Kaplan

I finished my post-doc in Pediatrics at the Mailman Center for Child Development and am now a program evaluator for three multi-center, multi-year interventions. I have three boys – Harrison is 10, Timmy is 8, and Adam is 4.

1997

Shari Wasserstein Elice

My children, Jack (2 in October) and Dora (4 ½), keep us hopping! I have a part-time private practice in my hometown that is thriving, too. Who knew that real life could be even crazier than grad school?

Catherine Davis

I have been happily married to Francisco Pobles for 3 years. I am currently applying for renewal of 2R01s related to overweight children's cognitive, psychological and physical health benefits from an exercise program. I will be promoted to Associate Professor of Pediatrics this year.

Mitch Prinstein

I was recently appointed Director of the Clinical Program at UNC Chapel Hill.

Rita Goldstein

On the home front, all is great. Zoe, our 6-year-old daughter, is in first grade and sprouting her two front permanent teeth. My husband and I will be celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary in November. I have to admit, after the 7th year itch, the next 7 are a breeze. All of my recent professional and scientific successes can be found at: www.bnl.gov/medical/personnel/Goldstein/default.htm.

Melanie Harris

I currently live in New York. I am an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of Academic Programs at Touro College. I hope to start a part-time private practice in the not-too-distant future. I really enjoyed seeing UM booths at SBM!

1999

Randy Fingerhut

I'm in my third year as an Assistant Professor at La Salle University in Philadelphia. My wife and I have two children, Ethan 15 months, and Joshua, 3 1/2 years.

2000

Heather Katzen

I received a five year NIH/NINDS K award to study cognitive recovery in Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus. I am conducting this research at the University of Miami and at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York. Recent publications: Katzen, H., Levin, BE, Weiner, W. "Side and Type of Motor Symptom Influence Cognition in Parkinson's Disease." Movement Disorders (in press).

Bjorn Meyer

I'm now on the faculty in the Department of Psychology at City University, London.

and Notes

2002

Christopher Beevers

After receiving my Ph.D. at UM, I completed my clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University. I currently work at the University of Texas at Austin where I received the President's New Researcher Award from the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

William Greenhouse

I am providing clinical supervision for the Bedford (Mass) VA Hospital's Internship program during the 2005-2006 training year. I have also joined the Psychological Care Associates, a group practice, in Woburn, MA. We specialize in treatment of Anxiety and Mood Disorders, Sexual Addiction, and religious minorities.

Rebecca Neal-Beevers

Chris Beevers and I accepted faculty positions in the Department of Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. I still maintain research collaborations at Brown and return to Providence often to work on my R03.

Merritt Jensen-Pace

I'm currently working as a pediatric psychologist in the Division of Oncology at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

2003

Alissa Glickman

I received my psychology license in Delaware in April 2005 and am currently working toward licensure in New Jersey. I also co-authored a book chapter entitled "Treating Children who have Experienced Sexual Abuse" in the recently published "Child and Adolescent Therapy: Cognitive Behavioral Procedures", edited by Phillip C. Kendall.

Vida Sobie (Petronis)

Since graduating, I got married and we have settled in Nashville, Tennessee. We are looking forward to the arrival of our first baby in October.

2005

Bonnie McGregor

I finally got my K07 funding. I am studying the effect of the SMART intervention on antibody response to vaccine among women at high risk for breast cancer. The SMART study lives on in Seattle as Health SMART!

2006

Greg Feldman

This spring, I accepted a tenure-track, assistant professor position at Simmons College in Boston. While teaching, I plan to finish my post-doc licensure hours.

Master's Degrees

1955

Alan Greenwald

I am beginning my 44th year of providing psychological services to St. Mary's Seminary University.

Bachelor's Degrees

1969

George Vass

I retired last year from the IRS after 32 years of government service. I began working as a staff accountant in the beginning of 2006 at Questhoff Health Systems in Rockledge, Florida.

1974

Sherry Goldman

I graduated from medical school in '79 and completed Pediatric residency at Children's Hospital Medical Center in '82. In '94, I became an appointed member of the Adolescent Psychiatry Committee for the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. I had my daughter in '98. Finally, in '05 and '06, I was listed as one of the Top Psychiatrists in *Consumers Research Council of America*.

1989

Karen Kralovanc Pearson

I was selected as the FL Elementary School Counselor of the Year by the FL School Counselor Association.

1990

Preston A. Britner, Ph.D.

I am Associate Prof at the U. of Connecticut. In July, I became the Associate Dept Head of Human Development & Family Studies. My wife and I had our 3rd child in June. I was Chair of SCRA's Social Policy Committee om 06. I serve as Editor of *The Journal of Primary Prevention*.

Barry Grant

In February 2006, I left Ford Motor Co. after close to ten years working in Human Factors Engineering, Product Marketing, and Advertising. I am now working for PayPal, an eBay company, as a Senior Product Marketing Manager in San Jose, CA. I'm in the Trust & Safety division, and loving life in the San Francisco Bay area!

1998

Heather Altman Hopper

By the time you read this, I will probably be on maternity leave again. Andy and I and our daughter Samantha, expect to add another girl to our family at the end of September.

2001

Orly Anconina

I am currently completing a pharmacy practice residency with the University of Texas's Medical Branch, Correctional Managed Care Division, Department of Pharmacy, in Huntsville, Texas.

2003

Meghan Perkins

In May, I won "Miss Miami USA" title. In August, I will complete my M.A. in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Miami School of Communication.

2004

Carlos Echeverri

Evangelia and I are getting married on July 7th, 2007. The wedding will be held in Kefalonia – one of the most beautiful islands in Greece.

Jason Hirsch

I graduated from the University of Miami in 2004 with a Bachelor's from CAS. I am currently attending medical school at the University of Arizona.

Amy Warburton

After graduating in December 2004, I decided to go back to school to become an RN. I am currently attending Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing in New York City and will graduate in April 2007.

2005

Olga Moas

I was accepted to UM's Applied Developmental program under the IES training grant. I am working with Heather Henderson. My undergraduate experience in the Department really prepared me for this great experience.

Undergraduate

It would be hard to imagine a better year for the Undergraduate program. The Psychology major continued to blossom and Neuroscience gained an unprecedented popularity as a major on the UM campus.

UASP

Victoria Noriega continued to serve as Director of Undergraduate Studies. She coordinated the efforts of professional staff **Anna Fredericks, Clark Lee, Olga Moas**, and a team of 16 Peer Advisors who comprise the office of Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP).

FACT FORUM and TTOP

Consistent efforts at admissions fairs helped yield a bumper crop for FACT FORUM, our unique advising, orientation, and mentoring program for incoming first year students. All eight one-credit **FACT** (Freshman Advising Contact Term) sections, held in the Fall were taught by Noriega with the help of Clark Lee and a special Peer Advisor for each section. This part of the program helped incoming students 'get their academic feet on the ground,' meet other freshmen, and understand how to make the most of their undergraduate curriculum as they ponder career paths. In the Spring, **Marie Cheour, Marc Gellman, Kristin Lindahl, Neena Malik, Michael McCullough, Daniel Messinger, Frank Penedo, and Marygrace Yale Kaiser** each taught one Psychology section of **FORUM** (Faculty



Overview of Research and Undergraduate Mentoring). **Phil McCabe, Ed Green, and David Wilson** (Biology) each taught a section for Neuroscience majors. In these weekly one credit sections, mentors lead discussions about research in the discipline, at the University, and in their own laboratories. UASP also offered two special **TTOP** (Transfer to Psychology) courses for incoming transfers.

TEACHING

The teaching of our tenure and tenure-track faculty were augmented by excellent full-time teaching faculty like **Roderick Gillis, Rick Steutzle, and Franklin Foote.**

Other colleagues from around campus and in the community helped us provide courses for undergraduates. Special thanks to **Kate Bono, Christine Delgado, Pamela Deroian, Lynn Durel, Hilary Hoffman, Heidi-Marie Kremer, Judith McCalla, Marilyn Rodriguez, Lourdes Casares, Michael DiTomasso, Marcia Scott, Ray Winters, and Barry Zweibleman** who were especially active with undergrads.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Faculty researchers continued to do a stellar job in attracting and mentoring students. **PRIME**, our 10 week summer research program was filled to capacity again this past summer. Mentors included **Marie Cheour, Ed Green, Heather Henderson, Gail Ironson, Marygrace Yale Kaiser, Phil McCabe, Daniel Messinger, Alexandra Quittner, and Bing Shen.** Mentors **Mary Bunge** and **Vance Lemon**, from the Medical School, also mentored PRIME students.



With funding provided by the NIGMS and the Provost, students were able to get first-hand experience in research labs. With the help of graduate assistants **Stephanie Fitzpatrick** and **Ximena Rodriguez**, students produced and presented a poster at the end of the program. Students met weekly with the graduate students and Victoria Noriega who discussed topics such as research ethics, graduate school in psychology, honors theses, and how to complete a poster. To date we have sponsored 131 UM students and 18 from MDC. Of those, 39 are in grad school, 15 are working in research labs, 8 are in medical school, and 3 in law school. Increases in funding will allow us to expand the number and type of opportunities we can provide to students.

STUDY ABROAD

More Psychology and Neuroscience majors expanded their horizons with study abroad than ever before. Students reported life changing experiences as they traveled to countries such as Australia, England, Italy, France, Japan, Scotland, and Spain.

PRIDE of PRIME



The PRIME program, now in its ninth year, is beginning to show results. One member of the first PRIME summer program, Marisol Perez, has landed an Assistant Professorship at Texas A&M University. Her areas of research there are the genetic and physiological correlates of psychopathology, eating disorders, and cross-cultural assessment. She also teaches Psychology of Women to undergraduates.

Marisol graduated from UM in 1999, and then went on to a doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at Florida State University working with Dr. Thomas E. Joiner, Jr. Her Master's Thesis investigated inflated self-esteem and peer rejection among an inpatient adolescent sample. She was also interested in the interpersonal and cultural risk factors of bulimia nervosa. After earning her Master's in 2001, Marisol spent the next two years training with Frank Johnson, a neuroscientist, on DNA extraction and amplification from saliva. Her dissertation investigated the differentiation of various anxiety disorders by variation in the promoter region of the serotonin transporter gene. She did a one year internship in Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and graduated with her PhD. in 2004.

Performing and competing in Salsa and Argentine Tango throughout her education helped Marisol keep fit; it was also where she met her husband! Even today, they continue to dance and occasionally teach.

Marisol says "The PRIME and ... my work with Dr. Sheri Johnson ... provided me with the foundation necessary to succeed in graduate school and jump start my career. " We are proud to announce that, of the five national centers in the APA/NIGMS project that sponsors PRIME, Marisol is one of the first to have achieved the status of assistant professor. Monica Webb is another who has gained the rank of Assistant Professor. More about her next year!

SENIOR AWARDS

Outstanding Psychology Major

Dante Trevisani

Eber Award Winner

Olga Moas

Outstanding Neuroscience Major

Carly Moerdyk

Psi Chi Award

Matthew Irwine

GRADUATION

Although we are only the second largest major in the College (with Biology being first) we graduated more than 220 students ... more than any other CAS department. In addition, students in the Psychology and Neuroscience majors produced almost 25% of the *summa* and *magna* theses completed last year. Faculty mentors did a fabulous job of mentoring students and helping them to produce first class research.



HONORS



Seven Psychology majors and one Neuroscience major were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. One was inducted into Iron Arrow. Four Neuroscience and one Psychology major were invited into the seven year

Medical Scholars Program. **Just Desserts** were given to all these and other students who made the Dean's, Provost's, or President's Honor Rolls.



Sebastian the Ibis and Dean Michael Halleran joined faculty and students for food, fun, and games!



Neuroscience

As one of the most elite majors at the University, the Neuroscience major now has over 185 outstanding students in the program. This year alone we will have 55 entering freshmen majors who are enrolled in special sections of the Psychology Department's FACT FORUM. We offer two tracks in the Neuroscience major - Psychobiology and Neurobiology. Specialty courses are taught by members of the Medical School staff include Neural Mechanisms of Disease, and Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience.

Last year we began the Neuroscience Colloquium series, in which famous neuroscientists from around the world are invited to Miami to present their research. Occasionally, these researchers come to Coral Gables to meet with undergraduates and talk about their work. In addition, they all give a major presentation at the Medical School later in the day followed by a reception, and all Neuroscience majors are invited to attend. These excellent presentations are a great way for students to learn more about the field and meet scientists first-hand.

Phil McCabe, Director of the Undergraduate Neuroscience program has been able to find research positions for undergrads in many of the 68 neuroscience laboratories at the University. Both he and **Ed Green** also mentor students in their laboratories. These experiences have led to Senior Honors Theses (see right column) and publications for undergrads. The program is interdisciplinary with the Biology Department. Their faculty offer the basic biology courses in the major. Chair **Kathryn Tosney**, **David Wilson**, and **Jon Lu** are the key neuroscience faculty in that department.

Many of the Neuroscience majors have worked in labs at the Medical School. For example, at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, **Mary Bunge** is examining strategies to reestablish neural connections following spinal cord injury. Also at the Project, **Vance Lemmon** and **John Bixby** study how axons grow and make connections with other cells during development. In the Psychiatry Department, **Yossef Itzhak** does research on addictive drugs such as cocaine, amphetamines, and MDMA. In the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, **Stephen Roper** and **Nirupa Chaudhari** study the neurobiology of taste receptors, and in the Department of Ophthalmology, **Jeff Goldberg** examines the development of neural connections in the retina. All of these top notch investigators have supervised Neuroscience students in their labs, and are important contributors to the Neuroscience Program. For more about Neuroscience go to www.chroma.med.miami.edu

Neuroscience Majors Senior Honors Theses

- Linda Daniels (Mentor D. Dietrich & E. Green)**
The Neuroprotective Effects of Proteasome Inhibition Following Traumatic Brain Injury in the Rat
- Erica Givens (Mentor Yossef Itzhak)**
The Role of Nitric Oxide in Adolescent Preference for Cocaine
- Neil Masters (Mentor Damien Pearse)**
Inhibition of the Fas Cell Death Cascade in Human Embryonic Cell Transplants to the Injured Rat Spinal Chord
- Carly Moerdyk (Mentor Jeffrey Goldberg)**
Developmental Differences in Growth Cone Dynamics

Psychology Majors Senior Honors Theses

- Drew Coman (Mentor Peter Mundy)**
Parental Attributions and Social-Emotional Development in Higher Functioning Children with Autism
- Mark Cusick (Mentor Daniel Messinger)**
The Relationship Between Infant Still-Face Responses and Later Behavioral Problems
- Gervi Ganesh (Mentor Biing Shen)**
Psychosocial Factors and the Metabolic Syndrome
- Tamielle Horn (Mentor Heather Henderson)**
Interrelations among Dispositional and Behavioral Predictors on Externalizing Behaviors in Toddlers
- Jennifer Kelsen (Mentor Heather Henderson)**
The Evocative Effects of Temperament on Toddlers' Play with Peers
- Jessica Linick (Mentor Daniel Messinger)**
Continuous Ratings of Infant and Parent Emotional Expressivity
- Katiah Llerena (Mentor Amy Weisman)**
Therapist Adherence to a Culturally Informed Treatment for Schizophrenia
- Olga Moas (Mentor Heather Henderson)**
Individual Differences in Toddlers' Social Problem Solving Skills: The Influence of Social Fearfulness
- Dante Trevisani (Mentor Sheri Johnson)**
Facial Affect Recognition in Students Vulnerable to Hypomania

Community Service and Outreach

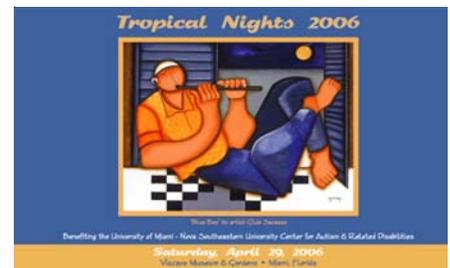


The University of Miami Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) is one of the largest centers of its kind in the nation, serving over 3000 children and families in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties. After seven straight years of static budgets, CARD finally received a large increase in State funding this year that will enable several new clinical staff members to be hired. This \$2.3 million dollar increase for the statewide CARD program includes \$594,500 in new funding for the University of Miami's CARD Center. These new dollars will certainly enhance our ability to reach our nearly 3500 constituents throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties more effectively, and for that we are extremely grateful. Thanks to all who made phone calls, wrote letters, and sent emails to Governor Bush and our Florida legislators. Stay tuned as we add new staff, programs, and community initiatives this coming year.



Prior to receiving this wonderful news about our long overdue funding increase, we held our 4th Annual Tropical Nights fundraiser at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. This event, honoring longtime advocates and CARD supporters Ven and Christine Sequenzia and Peter and Barbara Rood (owners of

Suniland Press), was attended by nearly 600 CARD supporters and raised nearly \$200,000 to support our services and programs. It was by far our biggest, most lively, and most successful event to date. We hope to see you at this event next April 28, 2007 at Vizcaya!



Another significant change occurring this year at CARD concerns our name. This year, that name was changed by our Constituency Board, with the approval of university administrators, from UM CARD to UM-NSU CARD to reflect the longstanding successful collaboration between Florida's premier private universities - the University of Miami and Nova Southeastern University. This partnership has certainly benefited the South Florida autism community tremendously, and this name change reflects our commitment to maintaining this collaboration for the benefit of our community.

In addition to continuing as the capable and efficient Director of CARD for the tenth consecutive year, **Michael Alessandri** was elected to the Scientific Advisory Council for the International Organization of Autism Research. He has become one of our popular undergraduate teachers in abnormal psychology and FORUM. In addition, he trains and supervises the work of several undergraduate students who work with him and other community-based behavior analysis providers.



Psychological Services Center

By Kim Fuller, Ph.D.

Although the active hurricane season was stressful for staff and clients, it did provide us at the Psychological Services Center with rich volunteer opportunities and a laboratory to examine the impact of trauma on individuals and communities. Several clinic supervisors and graduate students provided volunteer services through the American Red Cross to Hurricane Katrina refugees who were temporarily housed in the Mall of the Americas in September.

The Psychological Services Center trained 52 graduate students, one summer extern from the UM Counseling Center, and three post-doctoral fellows this year. Our advanced practicum team consisted of **Lisa Bailey**, **Erin O'Callaghan**, **Brian Willoughby**, and **Sarah Wimberly**, who helped to screen clients and also provided supervision. The Clinic provided a range of clinical services to 565 clients.



Thanks to a gift from the Psychology Alumni Fund, the Clinic started a library of therapy treatment manuals, DVDs, and other materials for use by our therapists. **Jamie Lewis Smith**, Clinic Assistant, and grad student **Adam Troy**, put together a library of outcome assessment measures that clinicians can use. Jamie also helped to develop a supervisor manual and a new logo for the clinic. It can be seen on our website www.psy.miami.edu/clinic. We have a new supervisor contract that will be used by supervisors and trainees to spell out expectations and responsibilities for the supervisory relationship.

The Clinic continues to provide clinical training to all of the clinical students in the doctoral program. We are very grateful for the help of our team of adjunct supervisors, without whom this training could not occur. Many of our wonderful adjuncts are graduates of the clinical programs themselves. Adjunct supervision this year was provided by **Drs. Phil Boswell**, **Amy Boyers**, **Luly Casares**, **Karen Dainer-Best**, **Maria Fernandez**, **Blanche Freund**, **Barbara Goldman**, **Niki Marcus**, and **Shelley Payne**.

Counseling Center

By Malcolm Kahn, Ph.D.

During the Spring semester, the Counseling Center launched a pilot program for an express scheduling intake system. Modeled after a similar program developed at the University of Illinois, the express scheduling intake system operates on a first-come first-serve basis so that students who phone for an intake appointment, are given an available appointment

either that day or the next. If an appointment is not available, they are asked to call early the next morning for an appointment on the subsequent day. Under the previous system, students might have to wait for up to two weeks for an appointment. The system has worked almost flawlessly, satisfying students, counselors, and support staff members. It also reduced the number of no shows and cancellations. Since we traditionally provide more intake appointments during the Fall semester than in the Spring, we are expecting this new intake procedure to face challenges that did not occur during the successful pilot study.

For the first time in recent history, the Counseling Center is employing a full-time Social Worker, **Melissa Martinez**. She is a graduate of the School of Social Work at Barry University. **Jose Sandoval**, a graduate of the adult track clinical psychology program and former intern at the Counseling Center at UM, will return to the Counseling Center as a postdoctoral fellow after receiving postdoctoral training at the inpatient eating disorders unit at the Renfrew Center.

The other members of the full-time professional staff include psychologists **Malcolm Kahn**, Director; **Pamela Deroian**, Associate Director; **Edward Rappaport**, Training Director; and **Carolyn Eberhardt**. **Hossiella Longoria**, a master's level therapist, is also part of the professional staff. Part-time members of our staff include two practicum students from clinical psychology and two practicum students from counseling psychology, a counseling psychologist with an expertise in treating substance abuse and two consulting psychiatrists.

The Counseling Center's three new interns this year include **Naila Ali** from the clinical psychology program at Nova Southeastern University, **Tamara Godfrey** from the psychology program at Ohio State University, and **Kenya Urcuyo** from the adult track clinical psychology program at UM.

Linda Ray Intervention Center

When it comes to improving outcomes for high risk babies and toddlers, there is none better than the Department of Psychology's Linda Ray Intervention Center. Backed by strong research, the Center delivers an array of services to children and families in the Miami-Dade area. Located in the Miami's inner-city ... the area of Overtown/Liberty City ... the Center originally focused its efforts solely on the effects of intervention services for children under the age of three who had been pre-natally exposed to cocaine. By providing educational intervention supported by long-term funding from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, social service support and intervention enhancement activities, outcome data gathered since 1993 has demonstrated better behavioral, cognitive and language development for this very at-risk group of children. These results have allowed the Center to add additional intervention components to have an even greater impact on the children by age three with goals to improve children's lives and their ability to enter school ready to learn.

Keith Scott, Executive Director, and faculty members **Lynne Katz**, Director, and **Marygrace Yale Kaiser**, Associate Director, coordinate the program implementation and research components.

In addition to focusing on children born prenatally exposed to cocaine, several other local, state, and federally funded studies for additional groups of high-risk children and families take place within the Center. *The Consortium for Children in Crisis (CCC)* is the

Miami collaborative that includes the University, the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, and is part of the national Safe Start Promising Approaches for children exposed to violence. The CCC brings an evidence-based parent-child psychotherapy model into domestic violence shelters and transitional housing sites for battered women. This allows the parents and their infants and toddlers to participate



in treatment on-site to help heal the effects of domestic violence on the children in a safe environment. Project Hand-n-Hand is a parenting program funded by the *Children's Trust* that is offered to both the general population of parents of infants and toddlers, as well as to Court-referred families who need to develop more positive parenting strategies. Another collaborative project with the Juvenile Court, The Young Parent's Project is for teen mothers on probation in the delinquency system and their babies with a goal of helping them build parenting skills and develop strategies to counter-balance intergenerational issues of their families that may impact negatively on their children. The Infant and Young Child Mental Health Pilot Project is funded by the Department of Children and Families (District XI) to offer outpatient services, assessment and case management services to parents and their children under

the age of three, to help heal the relationships that have been impaired through abuse, neglect or child abandonment issues. The Early Head Start Child Welfare Initiative is a collaboration with Miami-Dade County's Community Action Agency, and pairs the parent-child clinical treatment model with Early Head Start services, for parents whose children are in the child welfare system due to child maltreatment.

Collaborations with the Juvenile Court have expanded to provide services to babies and toddlers in the child welfare system, as well as a new link with the Dept. of Pediatrics through the Legacytm for

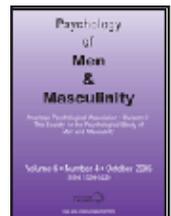
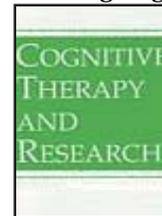
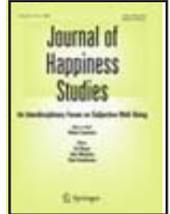
Children program which is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Another benefit of these research studies at the Linda Ray Center is the opportunity for students from the Depts. of Psychology, Educational and Psychological Studies, and Education to have real life, hands-on experiences learning assessment protocols, scoring standardized measures, coding videotapes of parent-child interactions as well as participating in the daily activities of the intervention classrooms. Word continues to spread within the Department that time spent with the children at the Center by students is rewarding and offers a true learning experience. The various projects at the Center have been featured in the *Miami Herald*, the University of Miami's *Arts and Sciences Magazine*, and at state and national conference presentations.

Graduate Student Publications

During the past year, graduate students produced over thirty publications. Another six are in press. Check out the interesting topics and look for one of these in your favorite journal!

- Koneru, V.K.** & Weisman, A.G. (2006). Acculturation, ethnicity, and symptoms of schizophrenia. *Interamerican Journal of Psychology (in press)*.
- McMurrich, S. L.** (2007). Test Bank for Abnormal Psychology (10th Edition). In Kring, A. M., Davison, G. C., Neale, J. M., & Johnson, S. L. Abnormal Psychology (10th Edition). John Wiley & Sons: Hoboken, NJ.
- Polak, E.L.** & McCullough, M.E. (2006). Is gratitude an alternative to materialism? *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 7 (3), 343-360.
- Troy, A. B., & Lewis-Smith, J.** (2006). Preliminary findings on a brief self-disclosure intervention with young adult dating couples. *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*, 5, 57-69.
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Graduate Student News

Annual Graduate Student Awards

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards

Carolyn Kinnamon
Maria Dominguez

Kirk Danhour Memorial Awards

Adult - Sarah Wimberly
Child - Brian Willoughby
Health - Scott Siegel

Bertha Weber Graduate Student Appreciation Award

Nicole Zahka



Internship 2005-2006

Monica E. Bocanegra Mentor **Danny Armstrong**

Dupont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, DE Psychology

Karen J. Kaczynski Mentor **Patrice Saab**

Harvard Med/Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, MA Psychology

Eleanor R. Mackey Mentor **Annette LaGreca**

Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C. Psychology

Eric. T. O'Callaghan Mentor **Daniel Armstrong**

Children's Hospital-Columbus - OSU Columbus, OH Pediatric Psychology

Jessica M. Valenzuela Mentor **Alan Delamater**

Child Hospital Philadelphia/Child Seashore Philadelphia Psychology

Marilyn Cugnetto Mentor **Patrice Saab**

VA Medical Center-Miami, Miami, FL Primary Care

Aisha Kazi Mentors **Mike Antoni & Chuck Carver**

Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL Health Psychology

David P. Kinsinger Mentor **Frank Penedo**

University of Washington-Psychiatry, Seattle, WA Behavioral Medicine/Neuropsychology

Maria R. Morillo Mentors **Ron Duran & Gail Ironson**

Geocare/South Florida State Hospital, Pembroke Pines, FL Psychology

Jamie L. Smith Mentor **Adele Hayes**

West Virginia University-Morgantown, Morgantown, WV Adult Psychology

Kenya R. Urcuyo Mentor **Charles Carver**

University of Miami Counseling Center, Coral Gables, FL Psychology

Sarah R. Wimberly Mentor **Charles Carver**

Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Seattle, WA Psychology

New Grants

Michael Alessandri

Dan Marino Foundation
UM Card: Dan Marino Center Satellite

Michael Antoni

NINDS
Cognitive Behavioral Stress Management
for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Charles Carver

National Science Foundation
Functional Consequences of Positive Affect

Darryl Greenfield

DHHS/ACF
Role of Temperament on Head Start on
Children's School Readiness

Sheri Johnson

National Institute of Mental Health
Neural and Cognitive Facets of Reward

Lynn Katz

The Children's Trust
Children's Trust Parenting Program
Emerging Literacy and Language Program
Department of Justice
Consortium for Children in Crisis
Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe FSU
Miami-Dade Teen Parent Child Care
Quality Improvement Project
Department of Health and Human Services
Infant Mental Health
Kristi House, Inc.
Toddler and Infant Program for Siblings

Daniel Messinger

NICHHD
Emotion, Communication, and EEG

Michael McCullough

National Institute of Mental Health
Aversive Interpersonal Events, Psychopathology and Health

Peter Mundy

NICHHD Training in Mental Retardation/
Developmental Disabilities

Frank Penedo

National Cancer Institute
Quality of Life Intervention in Advanced Prostate Cancer

Alexandra Quittner

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Therapeutics Inc.
Estimating the Prevalence of Depression and Anxiety in Patients
with Cystic Fibrosis and Parent Caregivers:
A National Screening

Patrice Saab

NIH/National Center for Research Resources
Heart Smart

Neil Schneiderman

NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Hispanic Community Health Study/Miami Research Facility

Biing Shen

National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression
Depression and Progression of Congestive Heart Failure

Marygrace Yale Kaiser

Center for Disease Control
Population-Based Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorders
and Other Developmental Disabilities

Kudos

Faculty of the Year

The Florida Chapter of Sigma
Phi Epsilon Fraternity, named
Rod Gillis

Faculty Member of the Year.
The backbone of our under-
graduate teaching, Gillis con-
tinues to get rave reviews from
students regarding the classes
he teaches which most recently
include intro, social, and both
intro and intermediate
statistics. Gillis is often invited
to lecture to various groups on campus.



Graduate Teaching Award



Graduate student represen-
tatives Nathan Dotty & Nichole
Zahka presented the award for
Faculty Member of the Year to
Maria Llabre.

This is the sixth time Llabre has
received the award, which
includes an individual plaque
and her name listed on the
cumulative plaque located on
the fifth floor of Flipse.

MUSE Award

For Contributions to the Undergraduate Program,
Associate Professor **Frank Penedo** received the
MUSE Award at the Just Desserts Celebration held in
February 2006. Victoria Noriega presented the MUSE
CUP to Penedo; the cash portion of the award, which is
made possible with funds provided by a group of
anonymous donors, was added to his pay check during
the year. Among
Frank's special
contributions are
his continuous
mentoring of
undergrads in his
lab, both during
the school year
and in summers
in PRIME. He



has also been a regular FORUM mentor each spring and
has been the the faculty advisor for Psi Chi for the past
few years.

Psychology Shines

UM Provost Thomas LeBlanc and CAS Dean Michael Halleran honored the Department by presenting Psychology faculty with various awards at two different ceremonies held in April 2006.

Provost's Award for Scholarly Activity

In recognition of her distinguished national and international reputation and a lifetime of scholarly productivity and achievement, **Annette La Greca** was awarded the Provost's Award for Scholarly Activity. During her tenure here, La Greca has produced over 150 scholarly journal articles and book chapters plus a series of useful books and manuals that have been widely distributed. She has had active research support for over 20 years and is currently the editor of one of the American Psychological Association's flagship journals, the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.



La Greca has achieved the high honor of "Fellow" from four Divisions of the American Psychological Association (APA) and has served as President of two of these. Recognized as one of the top disaster researchers in the U.S., she has received the Distinguished Research Award from the Society of Pediatric Psychology and the Empathy Award for research on children's reaction to trauma from APA's Division of Clinical Psychology.

Outstanding Junior Faculty Researcher



Amy Weisman de Mamani joined the faculty at UM as an Assistant Professor in 2001 and just received word on her successful bid for tenure and promotion. Dr. Weisman's work focuses on cultural and family factors that influence the course of chronic mental illness, particularly schizophrenia. The National Institute of Health recently awarded her a \$400,000 grant to develop a culturally based family therapy for schizophrenia. Dr. Weisman has 17 published peer-reviewed articles (15 of which are first-authored), two published chapters, and has eight additional manuscripts under review. She was the 2005 recipient of the Psychology Department's MUSE award for outstanding contributions to the undergraduate program and was nominated for the UM Excellence in Teaching Award.

First Cooper Fellow Award and Distinguished Professorship

As one of the most visible and accomplished scholars in UM's Social and Behavioral Sciences, **Charles Carver** was an obvious choice for the University's first Cooper Award. Carver has published seven books and over 240 peer-reviewed articles and chapters. He has had continuous extramural support for his research since 1981, and in 1996, was ranked 15th among the top 25 authors in all of psychology in terms of impact (citations per article published). He is also the Editor of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology's* section on *Personality Processes and Individual Differences*.



Carver also has a long and distinguished record of teaching and service in the Department and the College and has chaired over 40 doctoral dissertations. He served as the Chair of the Institutional Review Board for the Social and Behavioral Sciences for a decade. He has also served several terms on the College's Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee and on the University Research Council. He is also a Fellow and Charter Member of the American Association for Psychological Science. Carver was also named as a UM Distinguished Professor, an award created with funds from an anonymous giver to the Momentum Campaign.

Recognition for Outstanding Service

The focus of **Victoria Noriega's** career has been the undergraduate program. With three degrees from UM, Noriega has been in a good position to assess the needs of undergraduates. She is the creator of several innovative programs and experiences for undergraduates such as FACT FORUM, TTOP, JUMP-START, and Just Desserts. With her dedicated staff and team of Peer Advisors, Noriega advises over 900 students, and publishes this and five undergraduate newsletters and a gaggle of manuals and publicity materials each year. She coordinates our PRIME program and edits all of the Senior Honors Theses. In addition, Noriega caters most undergraduate events, including several in her home.



Then and Now

Reflections on Computer Support by Andre Perwin

It has been over 15 years since I started providing computer and technology support for the Psychology Department. In 1990, only senior faculty and staff had computers in their offices. There were a total of 20 computers in the entire Department. Those without their own computer used a shared system located near the Merrick Building mail room.

The computer of choice was a Macintosh Plus with 512K of RAM, and a single 3.5" floppy drive (no internal hard drive). You inserted the floppy disk that contained the operating system, along with whatever program you wanted to use (Word, Excel, etc), and then started the system.

Saving a document meant ejecting the start-up disk and inserting a data disk into the same slot. Statistical analysis was done by connecting with a "2400 baud" modem to the mainframe, and coding your SPSS or SAS program with a line-editor. You would submit your job, walk to the computer center, and pick-up your print-out. If you sent your job in off-peak hours, you were able to pick-up your print-out – large format, 11 x 17 inch, accordion-folded green paper, sometimes almost a foot tall - in about one hour.

Less than a dozen people in the Department had email accounts, and they checked them at most once each week. Oh, and back then the typical desktop computer cost the Department close to \$5000.00.

Today the Department of Psychology has about 300 user accounts and about 500 computers

networked together into one "Psychology Domain." We use a combination of Windows, MacIntosh and UNIX systems, with about a dozen servers distributed in our locations across two campuses. All our faculty, staff, and graduate students have easy access to systems



in their offices and research space. Users are able to do data analysis directly on their local computer using sophisticated techniques (like hierarchical linear modeling and power analysis) and receive immediate results without leaving their desk-chair. Less than 2% of our networked systems are more than 5 years old. Our "typical" system configuration has a hard drive greater than 80GB, and 1GB of RAM, a "flat-screen" LCD monitor, and costs [much] less than \$1000.00. Worldwide email is now arguably the most important component of the daily academic routine, with most users checking their email account(s) several times each hour, and responding to important messages within 24 hours.

I now have three full-time assistants working with me to maintain technology services for the Department which include remote

access, custom application programming, web services, smart classrooms, teaching labs, and student computer labs, as well as loaner equipment like laptops and LCD projectors frequently borrowed for PowerPoint and other type of presentations.

Psychology technology users have access to full-color copiers and printers (this newsletter was produced entirely "in house"), high-speed networked scanners that scan directly to personal network data folders, secure shared "group data folders" to facilitate collaboration, and other technologies to make the work-day easier.

Today, users can carry a "USB flash-drive" on their keychain that holds more information than entire servers could handle in 1990. Digital audio, pictures, and video are becoming common for research, teaching, and clinical training. Remember going to the library to do a lit search? The "find and copy" days are mostly over. No more contacting an author or requesting and waiting for inter-library loan. Today almost every journal is available online. The UM Richter Library provides access to most journal collections, and the UM Medical School Calder Library provides access to even more. Inter-library loan requests are answered with a .PDF attachment to an email. I can only imagine what changes the future will bring...



Facts of Life



More CANES



Neena Malik,
Kristen Lindahl,
and Liam Dunphy
Malik



Sean, Carter, and
Anna Fredericks



Marygrace Yale Kaiser
Jackson and baby Ryan
Photographer: Jeff Kaiser

Life after Life

Never let it be said that our Emeriti just fade away! Take the case of **Don Routh**, who retired in 2000. He and his wife, Marian, moved to Naples where Don has just earned a Bachelor's degree in History!

Faculty Openings

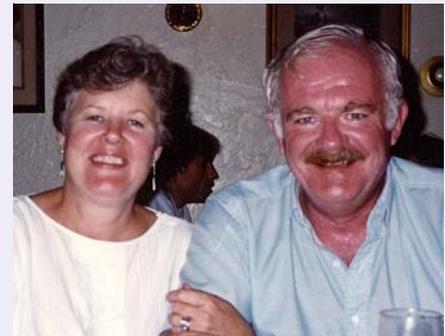
As retirements come and the Department continues to grow, we are looking for several new full-time tenure track faculty.

In the Adult division, we are seeking an Assistant Professor but also have room for an appointment at a higher level. The **Adult** track faculty are committed to investigating how an understanding of normal behavior fosters a better understanding of problem behavior. Much of the research currently being done by members of this group revolves around the following themes: psychological, social, cognitive, and motivational processes that influence vulnerability to, and the course of, mood disorders and schizophrenia; ways to enhance the effective treatment of mood disorders and schizophrenia; basic processes of personality and self-regulation, including coping with stress; processes that underlie the experience of affective states and their links to behavior, health, and well-being. The work in these areas shares a focus on psychological process and are linked to one another by shared conceptual models. We seek clinical colleagues who will be able to join us in our focus on the continuity between personality-social psychology (on the one hand) and psychopathology and clinical science (on the other hand).

In the Applied Developmental track of the Child Division, the appointment will be at the Assistant Professor level. Our current group of researchers have substantial funding particularly in areas of developmental disabilities and educational research. Also included in our activities are research in bio-behavioral studies of the role of temperament in social development, early affect and social-emotional development, and deafness, cochlear implants, and cognitive development. We seek a colleague with a research program that emphasizes the application of quantitative methods to the study of educationally relevant issues in child development.

Successful candidates will have postdoctoral experience and/or a clear record of scholarly accomplishments. All faculty are expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate level, supervise graduate students, and serve on thesis, dissertation, and other Departmental committees.

Professor Fred Nagle



The November 05 passing of **Dr. Fred Nagle**, husband of cherished former administrator, **Rhoda Nagle**, greatly saddened the Department and the University. A spirited and dedicated UM educator and leader, Nagle enriched the lives of many as he pursued his successful career and life paths. At the time of his passing, Fred was compiling and writing an assemblage of his rich and valuable stories relating his cornerstone part in the emergence of Plate Tectonics in the 1960's.

Rhoda is reportedly doing fine with lots of visits to and from her two sons and her four grandchildren. There are so many of us who were blessed to know and be guided by Rhoda ... aka Dean Nagle. We all send her our best and continue to thank her for her many years of service to us and to the Department.

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