

Call for Papers: Behavioral Sciences Conference of the North

The Behavioral Sciences Conference of the North (BSCN) is an important annual event hosted by the Department of Psychology. The conference features research presentations by students, faculty, and guest speakers. It is an exciting opportunity for students to experience a professional conference and interact with others who are interested in psychology.

Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and community professionals from all behavioral science and human service disciplines are invited to submit proposals for oral or poster presentations at the 2005 Behavioral Sciences Conferences of the North (BSCN). Empirical and theoretical papers will be considered.

The keynote address this year will feature Dr. David G. Meyers, who was awarded his M.A. and Ph.D. by the University of Iowa and is currently the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. "Social psychologist David Meyers is a communicator of psychological science to college students and the general public. His scientific writing, supported by National Science Foundation grants and fellowships and recognized by the Gordon Allport Prize, have appeared in two dozen periodicals, including *Science*, the *American Scientist*, the *American Psychologist*, and *Psychological*

Science." Dr. Meyers' address is titled "The Scientific Pursuit of Happiness." This year's conference will also feature "Career Options in Alaska with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Psychology" by Dr. Robert Madigan and Dr. Karen Ward.

The conference will be held at UAA's Social Sciences Building (SSB). All students are welcome and encouraged to attend. The cost of the conference is free for student presenters, \$5.00 for all other students, and \$20.00 for faculty members and community professionals. The conference is Saturday, April 23rd. Proposals are due April 15, 2005. Please e-mail questions and proposals to BSCN Coordinators: Prof. Vickie Wesolowski (afvlw@uaa.alaska.edu), Dr. Mari Ippolito (afmfi@uaa.alaska.edu), or Dr. Claudia Lampman (afcbl@uaa.alaska.edu).

Are You Interested in Conducting Research?

If you are interested in gaining important research experience in psychology, consider joining the Experimental Research Pyramid (ERP) group. The ERP group conducts important student-oriented psychological research in the Department of Psychology. Activities of the ERP group include generating and testing hypotheses, data collection and analyses, and presenting research at local and national conferences. Please contact Prof. Vickie Wesolowski (786-1617) for more information.

Paid Internship Opportunity for Summer 2005

Want to intern in a "real world" off-campus agency? Want to learn about advocating for the rights of people with disabilities? Want to apply the skills you've learned in college to a professional experience—once that go on your resume? If so, UAA's Center for Human Development is offering a number of paid internships for Summer 2005.

Applicant Requirements: to be considered, applicants must have completed 45 credit hours, have a 3.0 GPA, a reference from their major department, and the application must be turned in by April 8, 2005 at the Center for Human Development.

Internship Responsibilities: develop a project that integrates the intern's major with disability services, direct collaboration with a person who experiences a disability, attend interdisciplinary seminars twice a month, and 10 hours of training in disability studies.

Psychology Students – Do You Need Help?

ANPsych Graduate Tutors will provide FREE tutoring to anyone enrolled in General Psychology (PSY 111), Lifespan Development (PSY 150), and Statistics for Psychology (PSY 260). Tutoring will be available in Spring 2005 every Wednesday (1:00-4:00 pm) and Thursday (11:00 am – 1:00 pm) in SSB 219. Please contact Dr. Kathy Graves (786-6131; email: anksg@uaa.alaska.edu), Director of ANPsych, for more information.

UAA Gerontology Minor Program

Are you interested in pursuing a career in the area of aging? Get a minor in Gerontology! The Undergraduate Multidisciplinary Minor in Gerontology is comprised of a selection of courses specifically related to issues concerning the aging process. A total of 18 credit hours are required for the minor. For more information, please contact Dr. Sharon Araji (email: afska1@uaa.alaska.edu) or Dr. Rosellen Rosich (email: afrmr@uaa.alaska.edu).

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to **Racheal Souther** who has been accepted into the Occupational Therapy graduate program at Colorado State University. She has also been awarded a departmental fellowship for her first year!

Congratulations to **Zeljka Jutric** who was accepted to the University of Nevada-Reno's Medical School!

Congratulations to **Dr. Mari Ippolito** who is the recipient of the first Selkregg Community Engagement & Service Learning Award. The \$5000.00 award supports faculty members who develop community-based research, creative activity, and course-based service learning projects.

Please congratulate **Racheal Souther, Zeljka Jutric, and Dr. Ippolito** when you see them around the department!

Important Dates

March 1-31

2005 UAA Women's History Month

March 11

ANPsych Potluck

March 14

Distinguished Student Award Application Deadline

March 21-26

Spring Break (No Classes)

April 8

Center for Human Development's Summer Internship Application Deadline

April 12

Withdrawal Deadline

April 15

Proposal Deadline for BSCN

April 23

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Psychology Club and Psi Chi News

The Psychology Club and Psi Chi are organizations for psychology majors and minors. Psi Chi is the honor society for majors in psychology. The Psychology Club is for everyone interested in attending. Both clubs meet together. The next joint meeting will be held early this semester in SSB 218 (the Psychology Laboratory). Please look for flyers for the exact meeting time. For more information on these organizations please contact Catherine Opgenorth (email: realized_@hotmail.com) President of Psi Chi, or Ebony Evans (email: eevans01@hotmail.com), President of the Psychology Club.

April 26-30

Final Exams

May 1

Commencement

May 1

Application Deadline for Fall 2005 Graduation

May 6

Grades Available on WolfLink

This Month in the History of Psychology

1947 (March 25th):

Ellen Langer was born. Langer's mindfulness theory, which describes the effect of information processing on social responses, has been applied to problems as varied as arthritis, burn-out, and acceptance of deviance. She was the first woman tenured in the Harvard University Department of Psychology (1981). APA Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest Award, 1988.

1986 (March 17th):

Ruth H. Strigel-Moore, Lisa R. Silberstein, and Judith Rodin's article "Toward an Understanding of Risk Factors for Bulimia" was published in the *American Psychologist*. The review concluded that female socialization is a major contributing factor in bulimia.

From: Street, W. R. (1994):

A chronology of noteworthy events in American psychology. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Have a great spring break!

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