

## Catherine Opgenorth: Distinguished Student of Fall 2004

Congratulations to Catherine Opgenorth who was the recipient of the Distinguished Student Award for Fall 2004! The award is presented each semester by the Department of Psychology to the applicant who best shows potential for success in psychology. This honor allows the faculty to recognize exceptional psychology majors. Catherine is currently president of Psi Chi and working with Dr. Eric Murphy on her honors thesis entitled the Effects of Stimulus Intensity on Within-Session Changes in Ethanol-Reinforced Responding. Please congratulate Catherine when you see her around the department.

## Attention Psychology Majors: Need a few extra credits?

If you have room in your Spring 2005 schedule, consider enrolling in one of the Department of Psychology's Distinguished Practitioner's Series classes (Psy 490). There will be two 1-credit offerings this semester. The first course, Positive Psychology (Psy 490/052), will be taught by Dr. David Sandberg. It will address the role of Positive Psychology in the understanding of pathology, recovery from trauma, and healing of illness. The second course, Coordinating Child and Family Therapy with Other Service Providers and Agencies (Psy 490/051), will be taught by Prof. Al Levy. It will concentrate on frequently accessed agencies, their roles and

functions, how referrals are made, the services provided, as well as how to maintain professional, therapeutic, and ethical boundaries while functioning as part of a large treatment team.

## 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.

## 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 Thursday (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) in Native Student Services and every Friday (9:30 am - 12:30 pm) in SSB/CAS 253. Please contact Dr. Kathy Graves (786-6131; email: [anksg@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:anksg@uaa.alaska.edu)), Director of ANPsych, for more information.

## Call for Papers: UAA Student Showcase

Consider submitting your written work to the 2005 UAA Student Showcase. The Student Showcase is the University of Alaska Anchorage's annual academic conference that recognizes and promotes excellence in all fields and disciplines. The Conference is a forum for students to present papers or other works in a professional and academic atmosphere. Students whose works achieve a high level of excellence receive cash rewards and may have their works published in the 2005 Student Showcase Journal.

The deadline for submissions is February 8, 2005. Submissions acceptable for the Showcase Conference will be invited to present their work during Showcase Week in early April. For applications and more information about the Student Showcase go to [www.uaa.alaska.edu/programs/showcase/index.html](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/programs/showcase/index.html) or call Annie Route (786-1221), Director of Campus Life.

## 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](mailto:afska1@uaa.alaska.edu)) or Dr. Rosellen Rosich (email: [afrmr@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afrmr@uaa.alaska.edu)).

## Internship Opportunity for Students of Color Program

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program brings talented African American, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy. The application deadline is January 7, 2005.

**Purpose.** The Kaiser Family Foundation established the Scholars Program to honor the legacy of late U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was a Foundation Trustee, and to expand the pool of students of color interested in the field of health policy.

**Structure.** Through the nine-week program (May 24 - July 29, 2005), Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, Scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health policy research paper. The program is based at Howard University.

**Eligibility.** Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group and will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2004. Candidates are selected based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership potential and interest in health policy.

**Compensation.** Scholars receive approximately \$5,000 in support, which includes a stipend, daily expense allowance, airfare and lodging.

**Additional information.** Application forms and additional information about the Program are available online at <http://www.kff.org/docs/topics/jordanscholars.html>. All application materials are due by January 7, 2005. For further information, contact program manager Jomo Kassaye at 202.238.2385 or [bjscholars@howard.edu](mailto:bjscholars@howard.edu).

## Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Kathy Graves who received UAA FY2004-05 Performance Enhancement Funds for her project entitled "Creation of Urban Family Enhances Success, Interconnectedness and Sense of Belonging among Alaska Native Freshmen." Dr. Graves' project will address the retention rate for Alaska Native freshman. Please congratulate Dr. Graves when you see her around the department.

## 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 next 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](mailto:realized_@hotmail.com)) President of Psi Chi, or Ebony Evans (email: [eevans01@hotmail.com](mailto:eevans01@hotmail.com)), President of the Psychology Club.

## Important Dates

### December 12-18

Final Exams

### December 23

Grades Available on Wolf Line

### January 10-24

All late registration activity located at the University Center

### January 10

Instruction Begins

Add/Drop Period Begin (\$5 per course)

Late Registration Begins (\$50 late fee)

Registration Begins for Senior Citizens/  
Adjunct Faculty

### January 14

Payment Deadline

WolfLink Registration and Payment Close

### January 17

Alaska Civil Rights Day (UAA Closed)

### January 24

Add/Drop Deadline (\$5 per course)

Audit to Credit Deadline (\$5 per course)

Credit/No Credit Change Deadline  
(\$5 per course)

Late Registration Ends

Payment Deadline for Registrations  
from Jan. 18-24

50% Tuition Refund Deadline for  
Full Semester Classes

### February 8

UAA Student Showcase Submission Deadline

## This Month in the History of Psychology

### 1642 (December 25th):

Sir Isaac Newton was born on this day, in the same year Galileo died. Newton's work in vision and optics, and his deterministic philosophy of science have strongly influenced psychology.

### 1928 (December 7th):

Noam Chomsky was born. Chomsky's transformational generative grammar represents a modern nativistic approach to thought and language. His views strongly countered theories of language that were based on elaborations of simple learning processes. APA Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award, 1984.

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**HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

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