

Spring '05 Paid Internship Opportunity

The Center for Human Development: UAA is offering a competitive paid internship for undergraduate students who are interested in working in an exciting professional agency. This is a great opportunity to apply the skills you have learned in college to a "real-world" work environment, and add a distinguished experience to your resume. The Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities, and their families, by providing Alaskan communities with training around disability issues, legislative advocacy, applied research, and direct services. Students selected to intern at the Center will have an opportunity to choose from a wide range of experiences such as:

- Mentorship/ Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities
- System's Change Activities
- Legislative/Public Policy Advocacy
- Grant Writing
- Applied Research and Survey Design
- Curriculum and Training Development

What's in it for you?

beyond the great experience, selected students will receive 2-3 credit hours of coursework and an award of \$300 per credit hour.



Interns at UAA's Center for Human Development.

What will you do during the internship?

This internship is designed to integrate the knowledge and skills you have developed in your major with those in disability studies. You will be supervised by Center staff and a faculty member as you:

- Develop a project that integrates your major with disability services.
- Work in direct collaboration with a person who experiences a disability.
- Attend twice-monthly seminars that will cover generalized topics such as confidentiality, HIPPA, research ethics, etc.
- Experience 10 hours of training in disability studies.

How to Apply for a '05 Paid Internship:

Applications are due November 24th at the Center for Human Development. The application, which consists of a short essay and two recommendation forms, can be accessed via email from Katy Arvidson at ankla@uaa.alaska.edu. The Center is accepting applications from undergraduate students who have completed 45 credit hours of coursework and have a 3.0 GPA or better. For more information about the Center for Human Development,

Psychology Club and Psi Chi News

The Halloween Fun Night was a smashing success! Over 450 people attended the event, and the children really enjoyed the human-sized Scary Skinner Box! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and energy.

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 on November 17th, 2004 at 7:00 pm in SSB/CAS 218 (the Psychology Laboratory). Please attend the meeting because the clubs are planning the Thanksgiving Lunch for November 24th! 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

Distinguished Student Award: Apply Now!

The Department of Psychology recognizes the accomplishments of an undergraduate student with a special award in the Fall and Spring semesters. The students receiving this award will be presented with a Certificate of Distinction. This honor allows the faculty to recognize exceptional psychology majors. Additionally, the honor may be included on the award winner's resume or vitae. Any student who is a declared psychology major may apply. Applications are available in the Information Rack located outside of SSB (formerly CAS) 214. Applications must be turned in to Wendy Watkins (SSB 214) by November 29th, 2004. The Distinguished Student Award winner will be announced on December 6th, 2004. For more information, please contact Dr. John Petraitis (SSB 221B or 786-1651), the Undergraduate Studies Coordinator.

Psychology Exit Exam

The Psychology Exit Exam will be given on November 19th, 2004 at 10:30 am (SSB/CAS 224) and again on December 3rd, 2004 at 5:30 pm (SSB/CAS 211). No appointment is necessary. The test is standardized, so late arrivals cannot take the exam. Please plan to arrive at least a half hour early, and remember to bring a photo ID. If you fail to take the exit exam, a make-up can be scheduled with Wendy Watkins (786-1711). A \$75.00 administrative charge will be required to take a make-up exam.

The Psychology Exit Exam is a requirement for the BA/BS degree in psychology. The technical name for this test is the Psychology Area Achieve-

ment Test, a two-hour multiple choice test of psychology knowledge. Students are not asked to make any special preparation prior to taking the test, but to simply come and do their best to answer the questions. The graduation requirement is to simply take the test - no minimum score is required.

The purpose of the exam is to evaluate UAA's psychology program. It is not intended to assess individual students. The results of the test allow the Department of Psychology to compare its performance with the national average. Since the exit test requirement started in 1992, UAA's psychology program has scored above the national median, usually near the 60th percentile.

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.

Enforcement of Prerequisites for PSY 355 and PSY 370

Beginning in Spring 2005, students wanting to take *Learning and Cognition* (PSY 355) or *Biological Psychology* (PSY 370) will be required to have completed the prerequisites before enrolling. The prerequisites for both classes are *Statistics*

for Psychology (PSY 260 or AS 252) and Research Methods in Psychology (PSY 261). These prerequisites will be required because the content of PSY 355 and PSY 370 rely heavily on a sophisticated understanding of research methods. During the past few semesters, students who have not completed the prerequisites have had difficulties succeeding in these courses. For more information regarding this policy, please contact Dr. Bob Madigan (786-1717) or Dr. Eric Murphy (786-1626).

Potluck, Guest Speaker, & Talking Circle

ANPsych is hosting a Potluck, Guest Speaker, and Talking Circle on December 3, 2004 in BEB 220 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The potluck begins at 12:00 pm, so please bring your favorite dish. The guest speaker, Ole Lake, a Native Family Systems Trainer, will present "Indigenous Healing in Modern Times" at 1:00 pm. The Talking Circle will begin at 2:00 pm. 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).

Attention Juniors: Become a Truman Scholar

Harry S. Truman Scholarships, which honors the thirty-third President of the United States, are awarded on the basis of merit to students who are college juniors this year and will be seniors in the 2005-06 academic year, and who have an outstanding potential for leadership in a future career in public service. Scholarships provide support up to \$30,000 for the last year of college and the first three years of graduate school.

To be considered for nomination, a student must be a full-time junior student at UAA, committed to a career in public service, in the upper quarter of his or her class and a United States citizen or national

Colleges and universities nominate students for Truman Scholarships. Professor Frank von Hippel is the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Interested students should visit the Truman Scholarship website, <http://www.truman.gov/>, print out the application, complete it carefully, and submit it to the Administrative office of the Department of Biological Sciences (Engineering 333) with the following attachments: (1) UAA Truman Scholarship application cover sheet (available from the Department of Biological Sciences Administrative office) (2) a transcript of college grades (unofficial transcripts are acceptable until a student is nominated)

Applicants who have been selected for interviews by the UAA Review Committee, consisting of the Faculty Representative and Truman Scholars residing in Alaska, will be notified in early December, with interviews to be held on campus in December. Several students may be nominated by UAA to participate in the national competition. Nominees who

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 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), Director of ANPsych, for more information.

later receive invitations from the regional panel will be interviewed in the Lower 48 in March 2005.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, 712 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20006. For more information, please see the Truman Scholarship website or contact Professor von Hippel in the Department of Biological Sciences at affvh@uaa.alaska.edu.

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at Noon.

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Ginny Cress and Rebecca Prieto for being awarded Undergraduate Research Grants from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship. Both Ginny and Rebecca are conducting their research in collaboration with Dr. Claudia Lampman. Please congratulate Ginny and Rebecca when you see them around the department.

Professor Gopa Venugopalan's picture recently appeared in the *Northern Light* for his reading of the poem "Cuba" at the Favorite Poem Project held on October 21st in Student Union Den.

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Boeckman who was interviewed twice (not once, but twice!) by local TV stations. On November 9th, KTUU interviewed Dr. Boeckman about the effects of violent video games on aggressive behavior in children. Dr. Boeckman was interviewed by KTVA about the *bystander effect and diffusion of responsibility* on November 12th.

Important Dates

November 19

Psychology Exit Exam (SSB 224) at 10:30 am

November 24

Center for Human Development Internship Application Deadline

November 25-28

Thanksgiving (UAA Holiday – Closed)

November 29

Distinguished Student Award Application Deadline

November 30

Truman Scholarship Application Deadline

December 1

Spring 2005 Application for Admission Deadline

December 3

ANPsych's Potluck, Guest Speaker, and Talking Circle (BEB 220) at 12:00 pm.

December 3

Psychology Exit Exam (SSB 211) at 5:30 pm

December 12-18

Final Exams

December 23

Grades Available on Wolf Link

This Month in the History of Psychology

1963 (November 15th):

The drug Valium (diazepam, Hoffman-LaRoche) was approved for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Diazepam is a benzodiazepine and is used as an antianxiety agent and as a sedative. At one time, Valium was the most frequently prescribed medication in the United States. Undesirable side effects and the potential for abuse have moderated its use.

1901 (November 26th):

German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer first interviewed "Auguste D," a 51-year-old female patient who became the prototypic case of what later would be called Alzheimer's disease. Auguste D had been admitted to the Hospital for the Mentally Ill and Epileptics in Frankfurt am Main, Germany on the previous day. Alzheimer documented the progress of the symptoms that eventually led to Auguste D's death on April 8, 1906. Alzheimer, working in Munich in 1906, requested and examined Auguste D's brain and reported the amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles typical of Alzheimer's disease on November 4, 1906. The name of the disorder was proposed by Emil Kraepelin in 1910.

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