

Behavioral Sciences Conference of the North

The Behavioral Sciences Conference of the North (BSCN) was a real success this year! The conference featured four oral presentations and 27 posters by undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty. There were also two interesting keynote addresses by Drs. John L. Holt and Steven P. Verney. The alumnus round table, "Reflections on Career Options in Alaska with a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Psychology," was also a real success. Special kudos to the BSCN coordinators: Dr. Mari Ippolito and Prof. Vickie Wesolowski.

Congratulations to the following students for their award-winning oral presentations:

1st Place

Catherine Opgenorth, Ebony Evans, Stephen White, & Michelle Myles:

Habituation and Spontaneous Recovery of the Headshake Response

2nd Place (tie)

Jared Smith & Kathy Beyers:

Hemisphere Asymmetry: The Mere Exposure Effect, Episodic Memory, and Facial Preferences

Laura Gardner: *Racial Bias and the Related Consequences of the Misinformation Effect*

Congratulations to the following students for their award-winning poster presentations:

1st Place (tie)

Gina Allison, Denise Fields-Stavros, Shannon Wells, & Heather Seims:

Preventing Test Anxiety Through Relaxation

Laura Gardner, Kim Trevino, & Virginia Cress:

An Examination of Arab-American, Alaska Native, and Standard (American) Accents on Perceived Credibility of a Speaker

2nd Place

Luisa Machuca:

Parental Alienation Syndrome

3rd Place

Courtney Paananen:

Dishabituation of the Headshake Response

Wanted: Office Assistant for the Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology needs an office assistant for the 2004-2005 academic year. If you are interested in the position, please contact Wendy Watkins (786-1711) or Carolyn Mills (786-1795).

Psychology Graduation Dinner Party

The Department of Psychology cordially invites you and a guest to attend the Graduation Dinner Party on Friday, April 30 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The event will be held at The Commons, Room 107. Eat, laugh, and celebrate with fellow psychology graduates, friends, and classmates. Wine (ID required), soft drinks, crackers, and cheese will be served at 6:30 pm. A buffet dinner of Pasta in Marinara Sauce with Italian Sausage, salad and dessert will be served at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP with Wendy Watkins at 786-1711.

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. For more information on these organizations please contact Jared Smith (email: asjps8@uaa.alaska.edu), President of Psi Chi, or Abigail Nauman (email: asabn@uaa.alaska.edu), President of the Psychology Club.

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Shawn Burkevitch who was accepted into the Industrial/Organizational Psychology graduate program at Florida Institute of Technology.

Congratulations to those who presented their research at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association in Phoenix, AZ: Do We Attend Our Fears? Kristen Yearsley, Shawn Burkevitch, Ryan Darby & Robert Madigan (University of Alaska, Anchorage)

ALERT! New Deadlines

Deadlines for Application to Degree Seeking Programs have been changed. The new deadlines are July 1 (Fall), November 1 (Spring), May 1 (Summer). These deadlines are effective with Summer 2004.

Deadlines for applying for graduation have also been changed. The new deadlines are May 1 (Fall), September 15 (Spring), March 1 (Summer). In addition, the fee has been raised to \$25.00 beginning with those applying to graduate in Summer 2004. Please contact Mary G. Howard (email: anmgh@uaa.alaska.edu), University Registrar, 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 Arajji (email: afska1@uaa.alaska.edu) or Dr. Rosellen Rosich (email: afrmr@uaa.alaska.edu).

Important Dates

April 27 - May 1

Final Exams

April 29 & 30

Full Lives Conference, Anchorage Marriott Hotel (Downtown)

April 30

Psychology Department Dinner

May 1

Application for Fall Graduation Deadline

May 2

Commencement

May 28 to June 1

Annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis in Boston, MA.

June 25-27

Treatment of PTSD and Complex PTSD III: Research and Practical Applications in Vancouver, BC (www3.telus.net/trauma/Conference3.html)

This Month in the History of Psychology

1886 (April 25th):

Sigmund Freud opened his private medical practice at Rathausstrasse 7 in Vienna.

1903 (April 28th):

Ivan Pavlov presented "Experimental Psychology and Psychopathology of Animals" to the Inter-

national Congress of Medicine at Madrid. This was the first public exposition of conditioned and unconditioned reflexes. Pavlov was the second of four speakers at a general assembly held at 3:00 p.m. at the Grand Amphitheatre of the Faculty of Medicine.

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Have a
great
summer!

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