Message from the Chair

As Chair of the Department of Psychology I wanted to bring to your attention the number of exciting events that have occurred for the department as the 11-12 Academic School year came to a close.

Our UAA-UAF Ph.D. Program in Clinical-Community Psychology received accreditation as a clinical psychology program by the American Psychological Association this year.

Several of our faculty received National Awards

Dr. EJ David has been named recipient of the 2012 American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Early Career Award in Research for Distinguished Contributions to the Field of Racial and Ethnic Minority Psychology. This early career award is given to scientists who are between 5-10 years of receipt of earning their PhD. It is worth noting that this is the first time that Dr. David was eligible for this distinguished award. In addition Dr. David has been contracted by Springer Publishing to write a book titled "Internalized Oppression: The Psychology of Marginalized Groups" published by Springer Publishing. This book contains chapters dedicated to all racial groups, women, LGBT, and People with Disabilities. It is the first book to highlight the universality of internalized oppression, but at the same time acknowledges its unique manifestations and implications for various groups. Information Age Publishing acquired the rights to his first book and will be publishing a revised version called "Brown Skin, White Minds: A Revised Version of Filipino/American Postcolonial Psychology (with commentaries)."

Dr. Joshua Swift received an award from Division 29 of the American Psychological Association (APA). Each year Division 29 of APA and John Wiley & Sons, Inc. sponsor an award for the Distinguished Publication of Psychotherapy Research. This award recognizes the best empirical (i.e., data-based) published peer reviewed article on psychotherapy in the preceding calendar year. Dr. Swift was recognized with this award for his article "Decreasing treatment dropout by addressing expectations for treatment length" published in the April 2011 issue of the peer-reviewed
journal Psychotherapy Research. The award will be presented at the Division of Psychotherapy Awards Ceremony and Social Hour at the APA Convention in Orlando Florida, August 3rd, 5:00 PM, at the Peabody Orlando Hotel, Celebration Room #9.

We had a number of Student Accomplishments

The UAA Psychology Department jointly awarded (with UAF) its first PhD’s in Clinical Community Psychology at Mays Commencement and Graduate Hooding ceremonies to Jaymes Gonzales and Cody Chipp. Another PhD student will be finishing in July and we look further to additional graduates in the coming years.

The department would like to Congratulate UAA Undergraduate Psychology Student Anna Winn who was awarded a $5,000 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to study abroad at the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the department and its faculty and students on a most productive and rewarding year.

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