

NEWSLETTER

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Program Parties

Clinical:

Date: Friday, September 3
Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Place: Jim and Meghan's House

Experimental:

Date: TBA

School:

Date: Saturday, August 28
Time: 7-9:00 p.m.
Place: Kate Price's House

MSGP:

Date: Tuesday, August 24,
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tracks

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LIVING, WORKING, AND PLAYING IN MEMPHIS: ADVICE FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

Both the Psychology Department and the city itself have much to offer newly arriving and returning students. However, you might miss out on some great opportunities if you don't know what to look for. Matthew Stapleton recently corresponded with five current graduate students about what they would tell new students about the city and graduate life. Three of the students are originally from elsewhere and two are native Memphians. Jennifer Maynard is a doctoral student in the School Psychology Program and originally from Louisiana. Nick Benesh is a doctoral student in the Experimental Program and moved from the Minnesota/Wisconsin area. Mike Mackay is a doctoral student in the I/O program and originally hails from Vancouver, BC, Canada. Both Lisa BlueWillow Shields and Rachel Tillery are natives and are in the Clinical Psychology Program.

What advice would you give to new students?

Jennifer: Never hesitate to ask other students for help or advice on anything from classes, professors, and graduate placements, to places to eat. Making connections early with other students in your program and in the department (yes, inter-program fraternization should be encouraged) provides you with people to hang out with as well as study with.

Nick: Getting sick in grad. school can set you back. So don't forget to make some time for exercise in between courses/research. Even choosing to walk to school will help keep you healthy.

Mike: It's well worth it to buy a parking pass for the garage beside the Psych Building. It beats having to walk in the humid heat or winter freezing temperatures. Also, buy a mini fridge for your office; it will save you time and money in the long run.

Rachel: Schedule "you-time" in your calendar. The next few years of your life will be centered around your research/education and in order for you to not get burned-out or lose your sanity, I think it is very important for you to schedule time for yourself where you are engaged in any activity other than school. This can be an hour a day or an entire Saturday to yourself but it is important and has helped me be a better student, research assistant, and a better person to be around.

Where are the best places to get work done in Memphis?

Mike: I strictly work from my office or my home. Republic coffee shop is a favorite among many students, but it can get crowded. Panera is good too.

Nick: The first floor grad. office area of the Psychology Building because Wi-Fi doesn't always work. I find that there are fewer distractions without a Wi-Fi connection.

What do you wish you had known about Memphis before you moved here?

Jennifer: To really enjoy Memphis, you have to be willing to go out of your comfort zone a little bit. There are a lot of really cool places to eat, shop, and see; but they sometimes look like places you might not want to go in. Looks can be deceiving in Memphis and having a group to go with or fellow students who are "in the know" to ask is very helpful.

Mike: There are some areas/streets it is better to avoid. For example, if driving downtown, going down Peabody at night is not the best option. Stick to Union! Also, Memphis gets VERY hot in the summer. Through experience I learned to keep a change of clothes in my trunk and park in the shade when possible.

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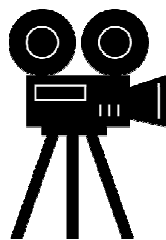
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What helped you adjust to Memphis when you moved here?

Jennifer: The faculty and students from the School Psych program were incredibly helpful to me while adjusting to Memphis. Many of the students were from Memphis or had been here for a while, so they knew where to go and where not to go. Also, a GPS was crucial to learning how to get around Memphis and get where I needed to go.

What is Memphis' best kept secret?

Rachel: Although Memphis is famous for housing The King of Rock and Roll, BBQ, and Memphis Blues, many are unaware of the landmark Memphis is making in the area of film and television production. There have been



many movies filmed right here in Memphis, including Cast Away, Hustle and Flow, The Client, Walk the Line, 21 Grams, The Firm, Great Balls of Fire, Forty Shades of Blue, The People vs. Larry Flynt, and The Rainmaker. Currently, the television station TNT is filming

Memphis Beat, a crime/detective drama that is partially filmed in Memphis.

What do you like most about Memphis?

Lisa: The sunset. Be downtown for it. On a roof, by the river, anywhere.

Mike: I like Shelby farms and the Wolf River area. Very pristine and natural, reminds me of Vancouver. The riverwalk on Mud Island is also a very cool spot to go for a walk or run. Beale street is cool to visit, but gets boring after a few times.

Jennifer: I love the Midtown and Downtown areas because there are a ton of great places to eat and several places to see good bands (local and national). There are also cool things to do downtown like Trolley Tours, games and concerts at FedEx Forum, and the Farmer's Market. The zoo is fantastic and makes for good entertainment when my family comes to visit. In the summer and early fall I love going to Redbirds games. For as little as \$5 you can see a game and even catch some amazing fireworks if you go on the right night.

Nick: Before Memphis I didn't consider myself a food person. But now I'm grateful for the plentiful food selection. Every place in Memphis will claim to be the best in some cuisine and it's a joy to see if they hold up.

LIBRARY NEWS AND RESOURCES UPDATE

I encourage all new or returning students to become familiar with the Psychology Department library page at <http://www.memphis.edu/psychology/library/>. It includes resources that can help simplify your search as well as organize your references. In addition, an Excel tool has been created containing a list of applicable and available full-text journals carried by the University Libraries. Not all full-text journals are contained in this list. However, journals that are often used in specialty areas that might be considered traditionally part of a different department are included. The University library is often quite

overloaded, but we are able to keep our list current. So, please save yourself time and check out the Psychology Library webpage. We may have more opportunities to order books throughout the year. Please check your e-mail vigilantly for these announcements. Strict time constraints often exist, so your prompt response would be appreciated. If you ever have any difficulties operating the page or would like a demonstration for either yourself or class, please feel free to contact the library representative at <<cmfrsyth@memphis.edu>>.

Carol Forsyth

FOOD, FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Campus Deals

Einstein Bros Bagels is located in the main library on campus. A brief walk from the Psychology Building, it is a popular stop for graduate students. Best part of Einstein's . . . happy hour between 2 and 4 o'clock. That's half off espresso drinks and smoothies.

Fed Ex Café is directly across from the department and is a good place to grab drinks, coffee, sandwiches, soup, and even fresh pasta. This will be a frequent stop so it's worth it to invest in one of the frequent buyers coffee cards and save up to 25% on your morning, afternoon, and evening pick-me-ups.

The Roar Shack is located on the first floor of the Psychology Building. Find fresh salads, sushi, sandwiches and more. Want something hot? Try one of our hot Quiznos sandwiches or fresh baked cinnamon rolls!

Need something to quench your thirst? Purchase a Fountain Drink card for \$35 at any Tiger dining facility and enjoy unlimited fountain drinks during the entire semester.

TIP: When dining or shopping on campus save some \$ by visiting the Bursar's office and putting a bit of money on your Tiger card account. Then simply swipe your Student ID card at different campus locations. Your purchase is TAX FREE and the amount is debited from your account. Remember, those pennies add up!

Out and About in Memphis

For deep discounts when dining out in Memphis try the Entertainment Book. The 2011 Memphis Entertainment® Book is packed with over \$15,000 in local savings: 172 Dining Discounts, 105 Attraction Discounts, and 212 Shopping Discounts. The book retails at about \$35.00. You can order it online at <http://memphis.entertainment.com> or find the nearest Girl Scout and arm wrestle her for one. Watch out, they're wily and known to cheat.

Adrienne Studaway and Courtney Peasant

Need to cram for that final exam and don't have time to cook? Try these locations for good food/ coffee and free Wi-Fi.

Perkins
5112 Park Avenue
Memphis, TN 38117
Open till 11

Otherlands Coffee Bar
641 S. Cooper Street
Memphis, TN 38104
Mon. - Sat. till 8, Sun till 6

Republic Coffee
2924 Walnut Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38111
Open till 12



Hi-Point Coffee
4610 Poplar Avenue, Memphis
9077 Poplar Avenue, Germantown
Open till 8

Holiday Ham
585 Erin Drive
Memphis, TN 38117
Mon. thru Fri. till 8
Sat. till 5:30/Sun till 3



Perkins
3455 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111
Open 24 hours
10% off entree w/ U of M ID

Quetzals
664 Union Avenue
Memphis, TN 38103

FOOD, FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD! CONTINUED

Sweet tooth? Satisfy your craving at these locations.



Bangkok Alley
121 Union Avenue
<http://www.bangkokalley.com>

Cheesecake Corner
113 E. GE Patterson
Need we say more?

Maggie Moo's
150 Peabody Place
We all scream for ice cream!
585 Erin Drive
Memphis, TN 38117

Ummm, chocolate....
Muddy's Bake Shop
5105 Sanderlin
Cupcakes!

Holiday Ham
4 locations around town
Try the cake by the slice or buy
the whole thing
and horde!

Looking for something different? Leave the burgers to the fast food joints and visit these eateries.

Sekisui
50 Humphrey's Center
(Sushi and Hibachi)

Blue Coast Burrito
3546 Walker Avenue
(Tacos and Burritos)



Bhan Thai
1324 Peabody Avenue

El Porton
65 S. Highland Street

A Tan
3445 Poplar Avenue
(Chinese and Japanese)

Bombay House Inc.
1727 N. Germantown Pkwy
101,
Cordova, TN

India Palace Inc.
1720 Poplar Avenue

Bruno's
1354 Madison Avenue
(Italian)

Need a nice place to go on a date or before painting the town red? Here are some trendy spots and tasty delicatessens!

Circa by John Bragg
119 S. Main Street, Suite 100
(American/French Contemporary)

Bluefin
135 S. Maine Street
(Sushi/ Asian Fusion)

Dish
948 S. Cooper Street
(Mediterranean)

Boscos Squared
2120 Madison Avenue
(Pizzeria)

The Half Shell (2 locations)
688 S. Mendenhall
7825 Winchester
(Seafood)

Rain
1250 N. Germantown Pkwy # 101
Cordova, TN
(Sushi and Lounge)

Bari
22 S. Cooper Street
(Italian)

Jasmine Thai & Vegetarian
916 S. Cooper Street

Interim
5040 Sanderlin Avenue

MEMPHIS EVENTS

Here is your guide to the most noteworthy events of the city. Whether you just want to explore the many museums Memphis has to offer or you want front row tickets to all the awesome bands that perform throughout the year, Memphis has something for you!!!! Here are just some things to get you started.

September 2010

Zoo Rendezvous - Try the best cuisine in Memphis while supporting the wonderful Memphis Zoo. During the Zoo's biggest fundraiser of the year you can sample foods from 60 area restaurants and enjoy live bands. Sept. 11. For more info call 333-6500.

Germantown Festival - Watch the famous racing weenie dogs at this quaint festival. In addition to watching the cutest dogs ever, you can listen to live music, stuff yourself full of fair food and buy cute arts and crafts. Sept. 11-12. For more info call 757-9212.

Cooper-Young Festival - head to one of the hippest parts of town to jam with outdoor bands and browse the best of local art from over 300 artists. If your taste is contemporary and eclectic, you will surely enjoy this!!!! Sept. 18. For more info call 276-7222.

October 2010

Gandhi King Conference on Peacemaking - This conference is named in honor of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. and features lectures and workshops from the country's most influential peace leaders. All events will be hosted by Christian Brothers University. Oct. 22-24. For info check out gandhikingconference.org.

For a more extensive list of museums, events, and attractions check out memphismagazine.com.

Courtney Peasant and Adrienne Studaway

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Graduate Student Coordinating Committee
<http://sites.google.com/site/gscmemphis/>

The U of M Bookstore
<http://tiny.cc/qRjO7>

The U of M Psychology Subject Pool
http://www.memphis.edu/psychology/subject_pool/index.php

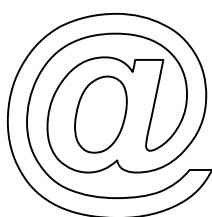
Psychology Student Handbook
<http://tinyurl.com/27ln84p>

The U of M Library Information
<http://exlibris.memphis.edu/>

City of Memphis Public Library
<http://www.memphislibrary.org/>

Corrie Schoffstall

YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT



All departmental e-mail will be sent to your memphis.edu <<http://ummail.memphis.edu>> account. It is your responsibility to either check this e-mail account frequently or have the memphis.edu messages forwarded to your preferred address by changing your forwarding address at <<http://iam.memphis.edu>> .

TRAVEL FUNDING: WHERE'S THE MONEY AND HOW DO I GET SOME?

As a graduate student, you are expected to participate and contribute to your field of expertise as often as possible. Conferences and meetings are an easily accessible way to complete this task, but attending such events can eat up quite a bit of cash (e.g., registration fees, travel, lodging, food, etc.). Luckily, it is possible to lighten the monetary burden of acquiring vita line items and professional acclaim—University Travel Funds. The University provides three primary sources of travel funding for graduate students: Donovan Travel Enrichment Funds, Student Government Association (SGA) Travel Funding, and GSCC Travel Funds.

Before filling out any of these applications, you should always check with your major professor first. Sometimes professors will have funds set aside for student travel via lab or grant funding. It would be silly to miss out on potential funding because you didn't think to ask or because your professor didn't know you wanted to attend a professional event.

Once you've completed this first step, you should then look into the Donovan Travel Enrichment Funds, which are made possible by the College of Arts and Sciences. The application requirements are a bit different than other sources (e.g., "intent and purpose" written statement and a letter of endorsement from your professor), but you are not required to be presenting at the conference to receive funds.

The next steps should include applying for SGA and GSCC travel funding. I list these together because each of these applications requires you to list "other sources" of funding you've solicited. So you will almost always apply to both of these sources (provided that you haven't been awarded travel money for the year already).

The deadline to apply for SGA funds (for travel within the U.S.) is 15 days before your departure date, although it is recommended that you allow more time if possible, particularly if the travel dates fall near a holiday or university break. The

only expenses covered under SGA funds are transportation, registration, and lodging expenses. You may only apply for this funding once in a fiscal year (from July 1 through June 30).

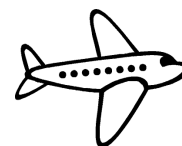
Eligibility requirements for GSCC travel funds stipulate that 1) you must be presenting at the conference/meeting for which you are requesting funds, 2) provide proof of soliciting other sources of funding (all sources mentioned in this article are acceptable), and 3) be a full-time student. There are three deadlines for these applications, one for each eligible semester. The fall deadline is September 15, spring deadline is February 1, and the summer deadline is May 2. You may only receive GSCC funding once per semester. Everyone should consider taking advantage of these funds because this money is already allocated for travel by our department each year.

Each of these applications is fairly straightforward, but there are a few additional points I cannot stress enough:

- Read all application forms carefully and thoroughly,
- Save all receipts, programs, and any other information that could be used to prove your attendance, presentation, or travel to an event, and
- Make copies of everything you submit.

The information presented in this article as well as additional information (e.g., guidelines, requirements, links to application forms, etc.) is available on the GSCC website at http://www.memphis.edu/psychology/graduate/GSCC/travel_funds.php. As your current GSCC treasurer, I look forward to seeing your applications (on time of course)!

Adriane M. Sanders
GSCC Treasurer
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STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: GREAT WORK!!!

We would appreciate it immensely if you would let us know about the accomplishments that you or your colleagues are achieving throughout the year so we can extend a well deserved congratulations. The only way we can keep up to date is with your active involvement. So, we encourage you to brag about your colleagues by posting comments on the blog at (<http://achievements.psyc.memphis.edu/>) or dropping a slip of paper into the GSCC mailbox. Please write legibly and provide the person's name, accomplishment, and/or publication title. For publications, please follow APA format when sending us the information.

Katianne Howard

Defended Theses: Kat Bracken, Price Dickson, Ashley Pederson, Adam Renner, Divya Vargheese, and Joah Williams

Defended Second Milestones: Kelly Bucholdt, George Mitzner, Chris Monahan, Jessica Skidmore, and Andrea Watson

Defended Dissertations: Chantay Dudley, David Earnest, and Julianne Pierce

Publications:

Coleman, R. A. & Neimeyer, R. A. (2010). Measuring meaning: Searching for and making sense of spousal loss in late-life. *Death Studies*, in press.

Cornell, P. T., **Riordan, M. A.**, & Herrin, D. (in press). Transforming nursing workflow part II: The impact of technology on nurse activities. *Journal of Nursing Administration*.

Kreuz, R. J., & **Riordan, M. A.** (in press). The transcription of face-to-face interaction. In W. Bublitz & N. Norrick (Eds.), *Foundations of Pragmatics*. Mouton de Gruyter Publishers.

Neimeyer, R. A., **Burke, L. A.**, Mackay, M. M. & van Dyke-Stringer, J. G. (2010). Grief therapy and the reconstruction of meaning: From principles to practice. *Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy*, in press

Riordan, M. A., & Kreuz, R. J. (in press). Cues in online conversation: A corpus analysis. *Computers in Human Behavior*.

Riordan, M. A., & Kreuz, R. J. (in press). A survey of emotion expression in CMC: Reasons for channel choice. *Computers in Human Behavior*.

Roche, J., Dale, R., **Caucci, G.** (in press). Doubling up on double meanings: pragmatic alignment. *Language and Cognitive Processes*.

Placements:

Nikki Begg was placed on internship at LAS*PIC-Louisiana School Psychology Internship Consortium

Awards:

Ashley Pederson was awarded the Morton Thesis Award.

The TBR Student Presidents Council has nominated James Olsen to Governor Bredesen to serve for a two year position as Student Member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.