

NEWSLETTER

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GRADUATE STUDENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Graduate School Information Forum

On March 24, 2011, the GSCC and Psi Chi co-sponsored a Graduate School Information Forum. The forum consisted of a presentation by Brent Fonville (created by Brent, Sarah Irby, Adrienne Sanders, and Divya Vargheese) along with an open question and answer time with a group of graduate representatives from each program. The event was open to all students, and they were bribed with free pizza to attend. Attendance was outstanding with almost 50 students showing up. Along with the presentation and Q&A, handouts were created that included tips, links, and helpful information

regarding the amount of work it takes in applying and preparing for graduate school. Hopefully, some students left feeling not only overwhelmed and scared, but also enlightened and excited. A special thanks to the members of the panel: Jonathan Burlison, Kristy DiSabatino, Monica Riordan, Katie Lang, Bert Bouldin, Sarah Irby, and Ann Gravley from Counseling. Also, a thanks to Dr. Zachry and Laura Simpson for helping us with the pizza.



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Service Projects During the 2010-2011 Year

Big Scoop Ice Cream Festival Sunday, September 25, 2010

Volunteers from the department, including Dr. Andrasik and his wife, attended the Big Scoop Ice Cream Festival, which benefitted the Ronald McDonald House, which is a home for families who are in Memphis while their children are receiving treatment for cancer and other illnesses at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. All families stay at the Ronald McDonald House free of charge. The attendees helped scoop ice cream and sell hot dogs at this annual fundraiser.

Salvation Army Angel Tree

During the holiday season the GSCC had the Second Annual Salvation Army Angel Tree, which helped to make Christmas brighter for two angels. With the

help of your donations we raised \$108, which assisted us in purchasing everything on their wish-lists. These gifts were delivered to one child and one elderly person as their Christmas presents. We helped to make our angels' holiday extra special this year. Thank you to all who helped out!

BackPack Program Saturday, January 29, 2011

Volunteers from the department attended the Backpack Program at the Mid-South Food Bank. We filled bags with nutritious food that would later be packed into backpacks. We packed over 2,500 bags that were distributed to children throughout the community. We would like to thank both GSCC and Psi Chi members who were present for this event.



Great Places to Go!

- ▶ National Civil Rights Museum
450 Mulberry Street
(901) 521-9699
cdyson@civilrightsmuseum.org

Free Mondays

- ▶ Ghost River Brewing
827 S. Main Street
(901) 278-0087
info@ghostriverbrewing.com

Free tours every Saturday at 1 p.m. (must call that week for reservation)

- ▶ The Memphis Zoo
2000 Prentiss Place
(901) 333-6500
zooinfo@memphiszoo.org

Free general admission to TN residents on Tuesday after 2 p.m.

- ▶ The Pink Palace Museum
3050 Central Avenue
(901) 320-6320

Admission is free Tuesdays from 1-5 p.m.

- ▶ Sun Studio
706 Union Avenue
(901) 521-0664
jrs@sunstudio.com

This is where Elvis recorded his first song, "My Happiness," and you can even touch the first microphone he used! Adult \$12; Child \$Free

- ▶ Memphis Brooks Museum of Art
1934 Poplar Avenue
(901) 544-6200

Adult \$7; Student \$3; Youth 7-17 \$3;
Children under 6 Free

- ▶ Mud Island
125 North Front Street

Free General admission and Skybridge Access; Roundtrip Monorail Ride Only - \$4.00 per person; Paddleboat Rentals: \$5.00 per person

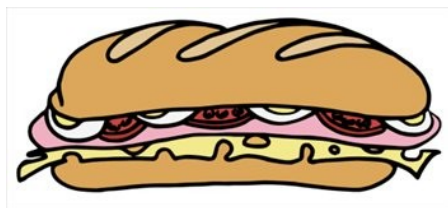
- ▶ Shelby Farms
500 North Pine Lake Drive
(901) 767-PARK
info@shelbyfarmspark.org

Hydro bike, canoe, and kayak rentals \$12-\$18/hour Trail Rides (\$25, 1 hour) and Pony Rides (\$5, for kids under 8). Don't forget to check out the Greater Memphis Greenline!

Great Places to Eat!

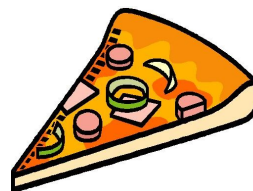
(discounted rates for students indicated below)

Perkins: 10% (Poplar & Highland location only)



Lenny's Subs: 10% (S. Highland location only)

Garibaldi's: \$2 off 12", 14", 16" pizza



McAlister's Deli: 10% on Wednesdays
(Poplar Plaza location only)

Great Things to Do!

Trivia Nights around town (ask about prizes!)

- ◆ The Hi-Tone: Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ The P & H Café: Tuesdays @ 8 p.m.
- ◆ The Cove: Tuesdays @ 9:30 p.m.
- ◆ Blue Monkey: Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.
- ◆ Flying Saucer (Cordova & Downtown): Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.
- ◆ Young Ave. Deli: Thursdays @ 8 p.m.

Live at the Garden, Memphis Botanic Garden

Table seating is available for \$68 and up, while lawn seating tickets start at \$44 per person. Picnics are permitted; however, there will be food vendors and a cash bar on the grounds.

2011 Schedule:

- ◆ June 4—ZZ Top
- ◆ June 25—Steve Miller Band
- ◆ July 8—Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs
- ◆ July 22—Huey Lewis and the News
- ◆ August 12—Goo Goo Dolls and Michelle Branch

Mud Island Amphitheater Summer Concert Series

Ticket prices and show times vary
Box Office: (901) 576-7241

TN Funfest at the Agricenter

June 17-20

This annual event features rides, games, barbecue, live music, and other entertainment for the whole family and is one of the region's largest BBQ competitions and community festivals with proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association of the Mid South.

Memphis Farmers Market

The Memphis Farmers Market is a weekly non-profit market located at the Central Station downtown. In addition to fruits and vegetables, you can also find fresh flowers, farm-fresh meat, eggs, and dairy products, and homemade cheeses, breads, and other treats.
Address: South Front Street at G.E. Patterson
Dates: Mid-April through October
Times: Saturdays, 7 a.m.—1 p.m.

Memphis Italian Festival, Marquette Park

June 2-4, 2011

Hours: The festivities begin at 5 p.m. on June 3 with an Italian Mass at Holy Rosary Church. There will then be a procession to Marquette Park. On June 4 and 5, gates will open at 11 a.m.

Admission: \$7 on Thursday, \$10 on Friday (all day) and Saturday (until 4:00), \$13 on Saturday after 4:00. Children 12 and under are free. Parking is also free.

Levitt Shell Concert series

May 19—June 19

Concerts will run each weekend from Thursday through Sunday. There are a variety of genres represented in the schedule including rock, soul, world sounds, and more.

Memphis Redbirds Baseball Game, Redbirds Stadium
April through September
\$5—\$18 (for advance tickets)

Orpheum Theatre Summer Movie Series

Orpheum box office: (901) 525-3000
Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors and children 12 and under. Showtime is Friday's at 7:15 p.m.

Pick Your Own Fruit

Agricenter: Pick your own strawberries. Located at the Agricenter, the berries are grown by the folks from Jones Orchard.

Cedar Hill Farm: Pick your own blackberries. They also have pumpkin and gourd patches in the fall. Address: 8 Love Road, Hernando, MS. 38632, (662) 429-2540
Harris Farms: Pick your own blueberries. Address: 7521 Sledge Road Millington, TN 38053, (901) 872-0696

Jones Orchard: Pick your own strawberries, plums, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, nectarines, pears, and apples. They also sell pre-picked produce at their roadside stands and at area farmers markets. Address: 6824 Big Creek Church, Millington, TN, (901)872-2923

Student Accomplishments!

Awards

- Ashley Hum was awarded the Morton Thesis Award
- Jenna Nelms and Melissa Ward won second place in the Graduate Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the 2011 Student Research Forum held April 4

Internship Matches

- Jennifer Maynard, Louisiana School Psychology Internship Consortium, New Orleans

Ed.S. Internships

- Hannah Gibert, Memphis City Schools
- Leigh Nevill, Shelby County Schools
- Abbie Richardson, Memphis City Schools

Graduations

- Sarah Petschonek is earning her MBA this May from the University of Memphis
- Heather Gamble accepted a 2-year clinical investigator fellowship with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Ed.S. degree recipients in May and August 2011

- Carolyn Curry
- Kelly Davidson
- Angie Dolosic
- Christine Hingle
- Olivia King
- Kelly Smithson

Thesis Defenses

- Brent Fonville defended his thesis "Illusory Feeling of Knowing in Self-Action Perception"
- Brent Morgan defended his thesis "Individual Differences and Strategy Shifting: Who Shifts and Why?"
- Courtney Peasant defended her thesis "Compensatory and Risk Factors for Substance Use in African American Youth"
- Crystal Godwin defended her thesis "Irony, Sarcasm, and Credibility"
- Elizabeth Piazza-Bonin defended her thesis "Wisdom Based Approaches to Therapy: Challenging the Dominant Psychotherapy Culture"
- Janelle Williams defended her thesis "Parental Emotion Invalidation, Emotion Inhibition, and Rumination in Relation to Adolescent Depression"
- Katianna Howard defended her thesis "Supporting the Expression of Sadness: A Moderator in the Association between Parents' Discouragement of Sadness and Youth Internalizing Symptoms"

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Student Accomplishments, continued

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- Matt Roberts defended his thesis “The Effectiveness of Treatments for Trauma: A Quantitative Review”
- Tera Traylor defended her thesis "Miscue Analysis: Toward a Parsimonious Approach to Assessment of Oral Reading Errors in the Classroom."

Second Milestone Defenses

- Courtney Keim defended her MAP “Antecedents of Job Insecurity: A Meta-Analytic Review”
- Lisa Jobe-Shields defended her second milestone “The Interactive Process of Family Socialization of Emotion: A Daily Diary Study of Adolescents' Reactions to Maternal Responsiveness”
- Rachel Peterman passed her doctoral comprehensive exam in spring, 2011
- Shira Olson defended her second milestone "Do all Traumas Produce the Same Psychological Sequelae? A Comparison across Trauma Types”

Dissertation Defenses

- Amy Johnson defended her dissertation “Integration Scaffolding in Hypermedia Learning”
- Joanna Buscemi defended her dissertation “A Randomized Clinical Trial of a Brief Motivational Intervention for Obesity in College Students”
- Joe Egli defended his dissertation “The Psychosocial Effects of Being Rejected/Being Aggressive/Being Respected”
- Kyle Dempsey defended his dissertation “The Effect of Games on Performance and Engagement in Intelligent Tutoring Systems”
- Monica Riordan defended her dissertation “The Use of Verbal and Nonverbal Cues in Computer-Mediated Communication: When and Why?”
- Rebecca West defended her dissertation “The Effect of Non-Parent Family Gambling and Family Functioning on the Gambling Behavior of African-American Adolescents”

Publications and Published Conference Proceedings

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Changes in the Department

New IIS Positions:

Dr. Phil Pavlik (from Carnegie Mellon 2005): Psychology Department

Dr. Bonny Banerjee (from Ohio State 2007): Department of Electrical Computer Engineering

New Clinical Position:

Dr. Kristoffer Berlin (from University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee 2007)

New Incoming Ph.D. Students:

14 New Students—6 Experimental, 6 Clinical, and 2 School students

Other Changes

New options (including an empirical paper submitted for publication) are available for Experimental Doctoral Students completing their Mid-Point projects.

The leave of absence policy for students has been revised.

Please refer to the Graduate Student Handbook (http://www.memphis.edu/psychology/graduate/Links/psyc_grad_handbook.pdf) to review the options for doctoral students completing their Mid-Point projects and for the revised leave of absence policy.

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