

## The Shrink Wrap

### The Official Newsletter of the Psychology Graduate Student Coordinating Committee (GSCC)



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## Permits, Permits, Permits

Summer Thompson hasn't heard from very many of you about permits, please don't wait until January to ask for them.. If you are in need of permits for 7301, 7302, or 7303, let her know as soon as you can. Here is how the registration for these courses work: Priority is first given to the doctoral students in Psyc and then to the Master students in Psyc. Once you let Summer know which course you need, she will put you down on a list (no matter your status). Permits are entered at a later date. Don't worry, the course is closed on tigerweb, which means there is no chance that someone will get your seat once registration opens. If you don't reserve your seat in advance with Summer, you may lose out. The courses

have only a certain amount of seats available and if everyone has beat you to the reservation, you will be out of luck. There will not be any exception made by the professor to let extra students in.. Also, Summer WILL notify you that the permit has been entered (has she let you down yet?). So don't panic about these three courses. Just let Summer know once you have worked your schedule out. If a course requires instructor permission, you must notify the instructor of your wishes. The professor will then notify Summer. Please don't come to Summer and say, "I talked with Dr. Seuss and he said I could register for his class." Furthermore, she cannot enter permits based on that. (don't take it personally).

Also, she cannot enter permits for other departments even if it is a required course for your program. The department that the course is offered through should be contacted.

#### *New students*

Summer has only had a few of you request a permit for the 2nd semester of the required 1st yr colloquium (Psyc 7621). Please not that this course requires a permit to register for it.

#### *Diagnostic Statistics Test*

If you took the diagnostic Stats test and were told that you needed a refresher or review, Summer will be sending you a separate email later with options on how to get the refresher or review you might need before the start of Advanced Stats I.

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#### Special points of interest:

- Jason Luellen and Lisa Schum have recently been awarded grants. They will join the ranks of the few and the proud who have any hope of landing great jobs after grad school, as it looks really good on your Curriculum Vitae if you show that you are capable of obtaining external support.
- Congratulations to Dan Williams. His family now includes a beautiful baby girl.
- Dr. Randy Floyd has started a School Psychology Association chapter here at the UofM. The president is Jayme Sayroo McIntyer, and the Secretary/Treasurer is Tricia Hughes.

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## Save the date!

Thirteen candidates for four faculty positions have all been scheduled for their visits, which will take place over the next few months on Mondays and Tuesdays. **The lunches for graduate students will be on Tuesdays at 12:00-1:00 for each candidate's visit followed by their colloquiums from 1:00-2:30 in room 206.**

Check the Psychology Departments Website for the schedule of these visits and keep your eyes open for signs posted around the building announcing the Student Lunches and Job Talks.

For more information on the Faculty Search, see page three of this newsletter.

## Happy Birthday To Our Fellow Graduate Students!!

September		October		November	
2	Tammy McClure	1	Emily Johnson	3	Patrick Jeuniaux
3	Jason Holland	4	Corina Castellano	7	Michele Atkins
6	Kathy Russell	14	Pamela Mezzasalma	9	Renee Bergeron
13	Courtney Bell	15	Beth Autry	14	Mollie Cleveland-Anderson
14	Sebnem Ozkan	19	Joshua Cotton	21	Irafat Pathan
16	Will Dalton		Kimberly Waxman		Natasha Reeves
20	Adrienne Williamson	21	Jeremiah Sullins	22	Tim Flanigan
21	Richard Hansen	30	Caroline Stanley	23	Divya Kannan
23	Jessica Hall			25	Jonathan Dunning
	Amanda Herche			26	Allison Margulies
	Andrea Wheeler			28	Miriam Hancock
25	Lisa Ahn				
28	Eric Mathews				
30	Kelly Buckholdt				



## Funding Graduate Student Travel

*Submitted by Hubert Chen*

An update on the recent changes within the Student Government Association (SGA): As of Sept. 22nd, 2005, all international travel fund requests will need to submit the applications **eleven (11) weeks** rather than nine (9) weeks prior to the travel date. Keep in mind that individuals/groups can only request for travel funds during the same semester as the trip. As we all know, there are only fourteen (14) weeks of classes each semester. So, if you are planning to

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travel internationally this year, please feel free to contact me so we can find a way to get you funded. Otherwise,

please let me know if you have any other questions concerning SGA travel fund requests. Thanks, Hubert T. Chen  
SGA Finance Committee Chairman

Another source of funding for travel is the Donovan Travel Enrichment Award and the GSCC website has more information <http://www.psvc.memphis.edu/GSCC/gsc.html>.

## Multiple Aspects of Discourse (MAD) Lab Updates

The MAD Research lab is directed by [Dr. Max Louwerse](#) and currently consists of [several graduate and undergraduate students](#). The lab is located in the [FedEx Institute of Technology](#) and is part of [the Institute for Intelligent Systems](#), a multidisciplinary research center related to [the departments of psychology](#) and computer science at the University of Memphis.

Patrick Geuniaux updates the Multiple Aspects of Discourse (MAD) lab daily: <http://www.iismemphis.org/madlab>. If interested in learning more information about this the web-lab, check out site.



## Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to the students who have successfully proposed dissertations and/or are applying for internships (if you are not included please complain to Ally): Diana Oliver, Miriam Hancock, Dan Williams, Emerson Wickwire III, Kristen Stone, Heather Hardison, Leslie Rodrigues, Caroline Stanley, Ze'ev Frankel, Lisa Schum and Ally McCormack.

## Fourth Floor Renovations

The fourth floor renovation is proceeding quite nicely and will soon be completed, though over-budget and 3 months late. It is funny that, with the new airflow system, the fourth floor animal facility smells fresher and less like animals than anywhere else in the building. However all does not smell of roses on the second floor and in the stairwells. There was also a note of concern over the brand new and state of the art incinerator. It seems that it cannot fit into the elevator because of its size and weight. It cannot go up the stairs because the stairs would collapse. It cannot go through the roof because the building's roof is structur-

ally unsound, and no one knows why it has stayed up for as long as it has anyway. At one time, engineers planned to go through the outside wall on the fourth floor, but we had to wait and admire our new incinerator in its nice plastic wrapping as it sat in the resident parking lot west of the building. After all the commotion, our orphaned incinerator has been adopted by a loving family—the biology department across campus—where we hope it will be loved and cared for appropriately.



Fourth Floor renovations are proceeding nicely AND are expected to be completed soon!!

## Faculty Searches

Faculty searches are well underway for the hiring of new faculty members in the areas of Adult Psychotherapy, Behavioral Medicine, Cognitive Psychology, and Industrial-Organizational Psychology.

All graduate students are encouraged to participate in this process and everyone is strongly encouraged to fill out the questionnaires for new hires. This information is important for the search committees in that it will help find the best candidates that meet your needs.

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All four search committees have received many applicants for their job openings and most are now considering which of these applicants will continue in the selection process by coming here to give a job talk. Every search committee includes student representatives that were selected by faculty members. They are: Katherine Veazy-Morris

(Behavioral Medicine), Dan Williams (Adult Psychotherapy), Chantay Dudely (I-O), and Mike Rowe (Cognitive). For more information about the candidates, please contact these student representatives.

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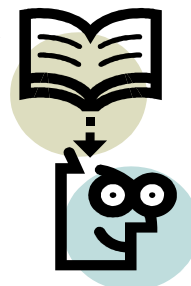
## Recruiting Prospective Graduate Students

Do you know of outstanding undergraduates at your undergrad institution who would be perfect fits with The University of Memphis?

Did you have a favorite undergraduate professor in who you would like to contact concerning all the great things that are going on in our research programs to spread the word to future graduate students?

Because word of mouth is an effective recruitment tool, Dr. Cohen would like assistance from you in recruiting highly qualified students from your alma mater.

Dr. Cohen is asking students to write a



letter to a professor of their undergraduate psychology program introducing our programs.

If you need suggestions or help with the letter, please let him know. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Spread the word! Share with your former professors all the great things that are happening at the U of Memphis Psychology Department

# Students Helping Students

Helpful hints for the new clinical students. Read your PSC manual. Aside from being a total riot, it has important info that you feel stupid asking your supervisor about when he/she says "Did you read your manual because it's in there?"

Mollie Anderson-Cleveland's family does Auto-Glass repair. If you have any chips or cracks please contact her [molanderson@earthlink.net](mailto:molanderson@earthlink.net).



## With a Grain of NaCl

- With the introduction of refrigeration approx a century ago it was no longer necessary to salt meat [protein diet]. As a result of this drastic reduction of salting meat, many of us may now be well below our previous and hereditary physiological salt levels. It seems that many of us are therefore 'craving' for salt particularly when thirsty or hypertensive. Now any salt intake results in potentially dangerous increases of BP etc. and a very unhealthy craving for salted "junk" food. This same craving was the reason "SALT made the world go round" in earlier civilizations, because salt was scarce, thereby creating monopolies, autocracies, and dictatorships.
- Ally McCormack has a deep-seeded crush on Kirk Herbstreit. The

GSCC is considering taking her college game day watching privileges away. She has the audacity to wake up early on a Saturday morning not to come into work, but to drool over her Kirk-seypoo

- The research is just in: all those who spent all that money prepping for and taking the GRE – there is no relationship between the GRE and success as a grad student. But Dr. McMurray's lab has discovered the recipe for success based on all demographics of past success stories. A successful grad student has all of the following: nice hair, a 3.4 gGPA, 17-28 on HS ACT, have taken Psych 3007 (or equivalent) during their undergrad junior and senior years, won the graduate student of the month at least twice



and have not dated anyone in the department.

- The cognitive department is leaving to occupy their suite in the FIT, and the new surgical lab with electroshock implantation protocols is almost ready.



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