



# East Central UNIVERSITY

Department of Psychology Newsletter: Fall 2008

## SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

- PTSD panel discussion tentatively set for December 3.
- Sophomore Retention Key—Career Talk hosted by PSI CHI.
- Research Day—Broken Bow (November 14)

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## 100 Years and Counting!!!!

This is first installment of the Psychology Departments twice yearly newsletter and, as with everything, it is a work in progress. So please, don't hesitate to send me your story ideas, or something that you have written up, to be included in the newsletter. Particularly, I would like to start a "Faculty Spotlight" section in which we highlight the accomplishments of our esteemed faculty.

For me personally, the approaching centennial is exciting and I am pleased to be apart of this accomplishment. While my first steps on the ECU campus came only 18 months ago, when I interviewed for and received an assistant professor position, I already feel connected on many levels to ECU history. The day of my interview I was incredibly nervous and excited but the surroundings and the people put me at ease. And that feeling of connectedness and family continues until this

day.

We have one of the most beautiful, friendly, and encouraging campuses that I have ever been on, and am proud to be a member of this great institution.

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As you walk around campus you can hardly tell ECU is approaching it's hundredth year. That is, until you start to delve into the rich history that makes ECU unique.

### Did you know that . . .

Five of ECU's alumni were elected to the position of Governor.

They are:

- 1) former Oklahoma Governor Robert S. Kerr;
- 2) former Oklahoma Governor George Nigh;

- 3) former Arizona Governor Ernest McFarland;
- 4) Governor Bill Anoatubby; and
- 5) Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

Original Horace Mann (1920): Housed the teacher training school and in 1925 became an accredited four-year high school in addition to the junior high and elementary divi-



## Psi Chi Turns 30 & First Event of the Year.

Recognized the world over as the premiere Psychology Student Organization, and a staple of Psychology Departments around the country, the **ECU PSI CHI Honors Society** is proudly celebrating its **30th Anniversary**.

The ECU PSI CHI chapter was officially recognized on **May 2, 1978**. Dr. Roy Maxwell (former Department Chair) was the first advisor for the chapter. Upon his retirement, and for the past 18 years, Dr. Joanna Harris (current Department Chair) has been the advisor. Dr. Harris actively engages students within the chapter to take part in research opportunities and to be-

come active members of the psychological community.

The ECU Chapter has, over the years, incorporated attendance at research conferences, provided opportunities for advancement outside the classroom, and has organized a number of interesting and well attended panel discussions (including an upcoming discussion on PTSD).

The **first event** of the 2008-2009 academic calendar, "Career Choices" was an overwhelming success as a number of students at various stages of their degree's attended the talk by Dr. Jerry Duncan and Dr. Fred Patrizi. Snacks were generously pro-

vided by PSI CHI.

The discussion covered such topics as choices in graduate schools, applying to programs that fit students plans, and the choices that need to be made early in a student's career. The talk was well received by students, and helped clarify a number of questions that they had.

Students in their 2nd and 3rd year are approaching one of the most difficult choices they will have to make, and the Career Talk provided them with useful information and guidance.

## PSI CHI Corner by James Hartsfield

As president of Psi Chi, it is my privilege and honor to help facilitate the organization's activities and projects, such as the recent community service project involving teaching Stranger Awareness to children at a local elementary school.

I feel that as an Honorary Academic Fraternity, Psi Chi has a duty to go above and beyond the normal community activities. To

this end, Psi Chi made an arrangement with an elementary school to go into three separate classrooms of 5th and 6th graders to educate them about the dangers of talking to strangers, both in real life and on the Internet.

The activity was a huge success, and both the elementary and college students enjoyed it immensely. It is opportunities such as this, and the upcoming PTSD

panel discussion, that make Psi Chi and challenging and rewarding experience. An experience that I feel will help its members realize their full potential both in their collegiate careers and in their careers after college.



Dr. Burke is awarded Psychology Professor of the Year Award .

## Upcoming Events

### October 22

**Career Talk** by Dr. Patrizi and Dr. Duncan. To help guide students through the difficult challenge of choosing a career path, our esteemed panel will discuss the choices you need to make now and the road you need to take to accomplish your goals.

### November 14

**Research Day in Broken Bow.** Join PSI CHI as we attend the Research Day at Broken Bow. Register with PSI CHI now to save your seat on the bus.

### November 3 to 7

**Pre-Enrollment Week.** Enroll early and avoid the last minute rush to get into classes.

### December 3

Join us for our **Panel Discussion on PTSD**, jointly hosted by PSI CHI and Veterans Affairs.

PSI CHI at the Determinism vs. Freewill Panel Discussion.



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