On the Road Again . . .

Late September brought the annual Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology (ONTOP) conference held on the OSU campus in Stillwater. We again had a great turn out with many faculty members attending the conference. Talks included discussions of addressing student doubts about the study of human nature, using videos to enhance introductory courses, and creating a safe space when moderating classroom discussions of controversial topics.

In fact, faculty members were on the road a lot this semester attending conferences across Oklahoma and the country including the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Conference in Edmond at UCO; the Council on Undergraduate Research for the Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences held at the University of Delaware; Oklahoma School Psychological Association Conference held at the Moore-Norman Technology Center; and the OACTE/OATE/OCTP Fall Conference hosted by Northeastern University in Broken Arrow.

Attendance at conferences gives us all the opportunity to expand our knowledge base and to network with other like-minded individuals.

Two changes also marked the start of this semester. The first was the beginning of online enrollment. After a few minor road bumps, the switch over to the new enrollment procedures was well received by students and faculty alike.

Secondly, the Psychology Department Faculty, Staff, and Students would like to welcome a “new” instructor to the department. Ellen Harwell, who has been with us in an adjunct capacity has moved to an instructor position. She is currently completing her Doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

Have a great semester!

Judy Crabtree Memorial Scholarship

The Psychology Department is pleased to announce the creation of the Judy Crabtree Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to a junior, senior, or graduate student majoring in Psychology, and will be awarded based on academic excellence and other factors as determined by the Psychology Department and the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

The application for this scholarship can be obtained from the Psychology Department and is awarded yearly. April was the inaugural award, and students received $1000.00.

This year’s recipients included: Kevin Randall, Ashlie Simpson, & Michelle Stinnett

PSI Chi participates in the Halloween at the Agriplex, the ECU Fall Fair, and hosts the Psi Beta Club from Seminole State College at this year’s Graduate School Luncheon. See Page 2.

Faculty Members and Student Members of PSI CHI, SCEC, SOEA, HURES Club, & SRA participating in the ECU Homecoming Day Parade. Thanks to all students and faculty for their participation!
Thanks to all those who participated in Homecoming this year, including the “Helping Hands Across ECU” participants, SCEC, SOEA, HURES Club, SRA & PSI CHI. This collaboration of the helping disciplines on campus was a great way to show our Tiger Pride during homecoming and would not have been possible without the coordinating efforts of Dr. Jack Green (Dept. Chair of Education) and Michelle Stinnett (President of PSI CHI) along with many others.

Other events planned for the year include, Ada’s Halloween at the Agriplex, Seminole State College Psi Beta Visit and Sophomore Retention & Recruitment, and the Annual Graduate School Luncheon. Following from last year success, Psi Chi will once again be putting out donation boxes for their Coat Drive.

President: Michelle Stinnett, Vice President: Mark Robinson & Michael Northcutt, Treasurer: Justus Davenport

Meeting Times, 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 2:15 in EDUC 311.

Awards/Honors

Oklahoma Psychological Society Annual Conference, Spring 2012:
1st Place—OPS College Bowl: Cerina Crespo, Tyler Walker, Charlotte Willis, & Mark Robinson (Undergraduate Students)
2nd Place—Graduate Student Poster: Candise Story & Terri Walker for their poster “Examining the fear: Do parental safeguards regarding viewing violent media really protect children?”
3rd Place-Graduate Poster: Jamilla Morris for her poster “Investigating the levels of human dog attachment with the level of stress in humans”
3rd Place-Undergraduate Student poster: Cerina Crespo, Tyler Walker, Charlotte Willis, & Jessica Pearce, for their poster entitled: “A comparison of the perceptions and usage of condoms”
Judy Crabtree Memorial Scholarship: Kevin Randall, Michelle Stinnett, & Ashlie Simpson

Teaching Excellence Award & Tenure: Dr. Marc Klippenstine

“Self-belief does not necessarily ensure success, but self-disbelief assuredly spawns failure.”
Albert Bandura

Award Winners (above): Top - Charlotte Willis, Tyler Walker, & Cerina Crespo; Middle - Terri Walker & Candice Story; Bottom - Jamilla Morris

Below: Teaching Excellence Award Winners Dr. Robertson, Dr. Mixon, Dr. Klippenstine, & Dr. Bay.

The mission of the Department of Psychology is to generate, disseminate, and apply knowledge in the field of psychology. We foster an atmosphere in which scholarship, learning, and service to the community are supported and carried out by students and faculty.
Upcoming & Recent Events

October 6
Homecoming Day and Parade was a resounding success with a great turn out of students and faculty alike.

November 5 to 9
Pre-Enrollment Week

For Students: Get your classes picked early and enroll before classes close. Remember we are changing to online enrollment this semester

For Faculty: Remind your advisees & classes about their ability to enroll online, being sure to highlight that they need clearance from their advisors before they can enroll.

November 9th
Graduate School and Licensing Luncheon. Students were encouraged to attend this semester’s Psi Chi sponsored event and come learn about graduate school & being a professional in the field. This year the luncheon was attended by the Seminole State Psi Beta Students along with many of our own undergraduate students. Thanks goes to Dr. Harris-Young, Dr. Brigman, Dr. Putnam, Dr. Heitland, Dr. Fountain, & Dr. Klippenstine for their information and guidance to students.

December 10 to 14
Exam Week;

December 15
Graduation Day

Faculty and Student Research

Oklahoma Psychological Society Annual Conference

Undergraduate Research:


*Crespo, C., Walker, T., Willis, C., & Pearce, J. (2012). A comparison of the perceptions and usage of condoms. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20. (Note: won 3rd place in Undergraduate Poster Competition; Team won 1st place in Psychology Bowl)


Graduate Student Research


East, S.A., Powell, M.D., East Central University. Comparing and Contrasting the Prevalence of Cyber Bullying to Traditional Bullying. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20.

Meek, J., Stoinski, C., East Central University. Are there differences in the acceptance of electronic health information amongst different age and sex participants? Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20.

*Morris, J., East Central University. The Canine Companion: Investigating the Levels of Human-Dog Attachment with the Levels of Stress in Humans. Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20. (Note: won 3rd place in the Graduate Poster Competition)

Parsons, V.D., Cottrell, L.W., East Central University. Are Minorities Underrepresented on Death Row? Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20.


*Story, C.E., Walker, T.D., East Central University. Examining the Fear Factor: Do Parental Safeguards Regarding Viewing Violent Media Protect Children? Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20. (Note: won 2nd place in the Graduate Poster Competition)

Vaughn, B.L., Hearn, A.D., East Central University. Is It Worth It: Does Your Potential Income From A College Degree Justify Student Loan Debt? Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychology Society @ OC, April 20.

Honors Student Research Defended

Bailey, K. (Jan.2011-Dec.2011). Pre-trial publicity and expectations regarding the emotional reactions of sexual assault victims (Committee: Dr. John Burke; Dr. Jack Green; Defended November 11, 2011).