

Psychology Department News
Wake Forest University: Fall 2009

Special Alumni Awards

- ❖ Parissa Jahromi, M.A. '08, is currently completed a 10-month overseas appointment at Utrecht University in the Netherlands sponsored by the Fulbright program. She is investigating identity development in Dutch adolescents. Jahromi credits some of her success to her time in the psychology department, "I was lucky to have wonderful mentors and peers in the Wake Forest psychology department who challenged me and helped me to find the questions I want to ask and the vision to try to answer them." She also noted support from Dr. Tom Phillips, the director of scholarships at WFU, who helped her navigate through the process of applying for the Fulbright.. Parissa and Dr. Buchanan presented two posters this April based on research completed at Wake Forest, at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development.

- ❖ Erika Carlson, M.A., '08, won the 2007-2008 Gordon Melson Award for the Outstanding Masters Student here at Wake Forest. Carlson is currently working on her PhD in the social/personality program at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Carlson also won the "Best Poster Award" for research that she presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association for Research in Personality. In addition, she has several recent and upcoming publications and presentations. She is a co-author with Dr. Kiang and Dr. Terry Blumenthal, Professor of Psychology, on a paper titled "Physiological responses to racial rejection images among African American youth" in the Journal of Youth and Adolescence. Carlson also has a paper at Psychological Science with Dr. Furr titled "Evidence of differential meta-accuracy: People understand the different impressions they make." She and Dr. Furr also presented a poster titled "Differential meta-accuracy: People are aware of the differential impressions they make on others" at the upcoming meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Tampa, FL.

- ❖ Two of our alumni received awards for their research presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychologists in Tampa, FL, Feb, 2009: Erika Carlson-1st (Washington U.) and Alexander Schoemann-HM (U. of Kansas)

Current Student awards

Three of the current graduate students have received awards to travel and present their research at conferences. Molly Hensler and Jessica Wortman each received a travel grant to attend Association for Research in Personality in July 09. Elizabeth Glenn also received a travel grant to travel to Chicago, IL in October 09 to attend Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Juliette McNamara's poster took first prize in the WFU Graduate Student Research Day, Social Sciences.

Faculty & Alumni Awards

Dr. Christy M. Buchanan, Professor of Psychology, received a cross-campus collaboration grant with Dr. Joseph G. Grzywacz for the project “Parents’ beliefs about adolescents and parenting of adolescents.”

Dr. Eric R. Stone, Associate Professor of Psychology, has received funding with NSF for his grant “Graphical versus Numerical Presentation of Quantitative Environmental Risk Information About Unexploded Ordnance.” Dr. Stone will serve as co-project investigator with Jackie MacDonald and Wandu Bruine de Bruin.

Dr. R. Michael Furr, Associate Professor of Psychology, was awarded the Wake Forest University McCulloch Faculty Fellowship for 2009-2012.

Dr. Catherine Seta, Professor of Psychology, was elected as a Fellow of The Society of Experimental Social Psychology.

Dr. Andrew P. Irwin-Smiler, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, was elected president of the Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity (APA D51) in 2009 and his tenure as president will begin in 2011.

Faculty & Student Publications: July 2008 – July 2009

This is a list of the publications that our MA students have co-authored with our faculty from July 2008 to Sept 2009. These include papers that appeared in journals only – not “in press” papers.

Buchanan, C. M., & Jahromi, P. L. (2008). A psychological perspective on shared custody arrangements. *Wake Forest University Law Review*, 2, 419-439.

Carlson, E. N., & Furr, R. M. (2009). Evidence of differential meta-accuracy: People understand the different impressions they make. *Psychological Science*, 20, 1033-1039.

- Franklin, J. C., Bowker, K. B., & Blumenthal, T. D. (2009). Anxiety and prepulses inhibition of acoustic startle in a normative sample: The importance of signal-to-noise ratio. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 46, 369-373.
- Gauthier, K. J., Furr, R. M., Mathias, C. W., Marsh, D. M., & Dougherty, D. M (2009). Differentiating impulsive and premeditated aggression: Self and informant perspectives among adolescents with personality pathology. *Journal of Personality Disorders*, 23, 74-82.
- Jackson-Newsom, J., Buchanan, C. M., & McDonald, R. (2008). Parenting and perceived maternal warmth in European American and African American adolescents. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 70, 62-75.
- Kiang, L., Blumenthal, T., Carlson, E. N., Lawson, Y. N., & Snell, J. C. (2009). Physiological responses to racial rejection images among African American youth. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 38, 164-174.
- Seta, C. E., Seta, J. J., McElroy, T., & Hatz, J. (2008). Regret: The roles of consistency and counterfactual salience. *Social Cognition*, 26(6), 700-719.
- Pratt, W. E., Blackstone, K., Connolly, M., & Skelly, M. J. (2009). Selective serotonin receptor stimulation of the medial nucleus accumbens causes differential effects on food intake and locomotion. *Behavioral Neuroscience*, 123(5),1046-57.

Additionally, 4 publications are in press by Wake Forest Psychology Department professors and graduate students from July 2008 to Nov 2009.

- Carlson, E. N., Furr, R. M., & Vazire, S. (In press). Do we know the first impressions we make? Evidence for idiographic meta-accuracy and calibration of first impressions. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Franklin, J. C., Heilbron, N., Guerry, J. D., Bowker, K. B., & Blumenthal, T. D. (2009). Antisocial and borderline personality disorder symptomatologies are associated with decreased prepulse inhibition: The importance of optimal experimental parameters. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 47, 439-443.

Petrocelli, J. V., & Dowd, K. (in press). Ease of counterfactual thought generation moderates the relationship between need for cognition and punitive responses to crime. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Powell, W. R., & Schirillo, J. A. (in press). Asymmetrical facial expressions in portraits and hemispheric. *Laterality: A literature review. Laterality: Asymmetries of Body, Brain, and Cognition*.

Conference Presentations

Below is a list of the numerous graduate students who have made presentations at professional meetings from July 2008 to July 2009.

Archer, D., Dagenbach, D., & Jennings, J. M. (2008, November). Individual differences in selective attention: Effects of distractibility and working memory span. Paper presented at the meetings of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.

Blackstone, K., Skelly, M. J., Connolly, M. E., & Pratt, W. E. (2008, November). Selective serotonin receptor stimulation of the nucleus accumbens shell modulates hunger-driven food intake in the rat. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

Caccavale, L., Buchanan, C. M., Wegman, H. L., Bryant, V. E., Kennedy, S. P., & Gilbert, D. (2009, April). Adolescents' civic attitudes as related to high school service requirements. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

Carlson, E. N., & Furr, R. M. (2009, February). Differential meta-accuracy: People are aware of the differential impressions they make on others.

Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.

Carlson, E. N., Furr, R. M., & Vazire, S. (July, 2009). Differential meta-accuracy: People are aware of the relative impressions they make. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Personality, Evanston, IL.

Chapin, E. A., Peterson, J. L., & Kiang, L. (2009, April). School identity and positive adjustment in Asian American adolescents. Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

Clark, B. A., & Stone, E. R. (2008, November). Do as I say not as I do: Factors influencing moral hypocrisy. Paper presented at the meetings of Judgment and Decision Making, Chicago, IL.

Dowd, K. W., & Petrocelli, J. V. (2009, February). Similarity of self-generated and experiment-provided anchors predicts adjustment: A metacognitive perspective of the anchoring heuristic. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.

Franklin, J. C., Bowker, K. B., & Blumenthal, T. D. (2008, November). Anxiety and prepulse inhibition of startle in a normative sample: The importance of signal-to-noise ratio. Paper presented at the meetings of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

Jahromi, P. L., Buchanan, C. M., & Wood, D. O. (2009, April). Civic engagement activities in late adolescence: Politically active, active volunteers, or both? Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

Jahromi, P. L., Wegman, H. L., Buchanan, C. M., & Phillips, L. A. (2009, April). Community service type as a predictor of adolescents' civic attitudes and goals. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

- Leary, K., & Seta, C. E. (2009, February). Give and take: Compensatory processes in relationships. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.
- McCabe, K., & Fleeson, W. W. (2008, October). Using goals to predict extraversion: An investigation of the function of traits. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.
- Miller, E., Thompson, T. L., Collett, A., & Kiang, L. (2009, April). Adolescent ethnic dating preferences: Do parental involvement and ethnic identity matter? Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Motsinger, H. M., & Dagenbach, D. (2008, November). Working memory loads do not disrupt selective attention in visual search when arrays contain an attention capturing singleton. Paper presented at the meetings of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.
- Parnitzke, C., Furr, R. M., & *Carlson, E. N. (July, 2009). Behavioral manifestation of sub-clinical personality pathology in brief social interactions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Personality, Evanston, IL.
- Polanco, S., Mesquita, B., Sills, M., & Buchanan, C. M. (2009, February). Emotional experiences in European American and Mexican American adolescents. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.
- Polite, C. B., Skelly, M. J., Howlett, A. C., & Pratt, W. E. (2008, August). CBI receptors in the nucleus accumbens: Effects of agonists and antagonists on palatable food intake in non-food restricted rats. Paper presented at the meetings of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Washington, DC.
- Polite, C. B., Skelly, M. J., Howlett, A. C., & Pratt, W. E. (2008, October). CBI receptors in the nucleus accumbens: Effects of agonists and antagonists on palatable food intake in non-food restricted rats. Paper presented at the Summer Research Opportunity Program, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical center, Winston-Salem, NC.

- Polite, C. B., Skelly, M. J., Howlett, A. C., & Pratt, W. E. (2008, November). CBI receptors in the nucleus accumbens: Effects of agonists and antagonists on palatable food intake in non-food restricted rats. Paper presented at the meetings of the Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, ASM Educational Department, Orlando, FL.
- Stark, S., Wood, D. O., & Fleeson, W. W. (2009, February). Personality traits and the perception of others. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.
- Thompson, T. L., & Kiang, L. (2009, April). The model minority stereotype of Asian American adolescents: Experiences and links with adjustment. Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Thompson, T. L., McNamara, J., Jackson-Newsom, J., & Buchanan, C. M. (2009, April). The relation between parenting efficacy and parenting practices among parents of adolescents. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Wegman, H. L., & Buchanan, C. M. (2009, April). Development of the relation between parenting and perceived maternal warmth among European and African-American adolescents. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.