
PSYTATIONS

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Dr. Warren Street Scholarship Deadline Fast Approaching

Collectively, Drs. Warren and Elizabeth “Libby” Street served at Central Washington University for more than 75 years. The Streets acknowledge that the interactions they had and the relationships they built with CWU’s students are among their most treasured moments. To honor their distinguished achievements and careers, the Drs. Warren and Elizabeth Street Endowment was created. This fund supports students who study in the Department of Psychology. One component of the endowment includes the Dr. Warren Street Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to support a junior- or senior-level psychology major.

Eligibility: The 2014-2015 Dr. Warren Street Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1500 to one junior- or senior-level psychology major who demonstrates a strong record of scholarship, backed by excellent references from the faculty.

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 16	Presidents Day/No classes
March 13	Last Day of Classes
March 16-19th	Final Exams
March 24	Grades due to the Registrar

Online Program Receives National Accolades

Central Washington University was ranked as having one of the top 30 online psychology bachelor’s degree programs in the nation for 2015. The study, by Affordable Colleges Foundation (ACF), a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information, published its new ranking of 2015’s Top Online Psychology Degrees at www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/psychology-programs/.

“We’re very pleased with the ranking,” said Stephanie Stein, professor and chair of CWU’s psychology department. “We have worked hard to develop a rigorous, fully accredited online program that gives our students the best preparation for their career path.”

According to Stein, “Our success is largely due to our outstanding online program director, Dr. Sara Bender. Dr. Bender not only oversees the online program and curriculum, she personally serves as the academic advisor for all of the online psychology majors. Our online majors receive individualized and quick, responsive support, a feature that sets the CWU program apart from many other online programs.”

Psychology is the second most popular college major. Students with a degree in the field have extensive career options in areas such as education, research, public health, politics and more.

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Warren Street Scholarship (cont.)

To qualify for this scholarship, one must retain at least a 3.2 GPA.

Application Process: Any student interested in applying for the Dr. Warren Street Scholarship should complete the application accessible on the Department of Psychology's website. . Further, he or she should also provide a minimum of two reference letters by faculty members in support of the application.

All applications and supporting materials are due by the submission date, **February 27, 2015**. No late applications will be considered. Please submit application materials by email to Dr. Sara Bender at benders@cwu.edu.

Des Moines Psychology Club

Faculty sponsor Dr. Liane Pereira recently re-launched the Westside Psychology Club, located at the Des Moines campus. This club provides a supportive academic and social environment with networking opportunities for psychology students. Topics under current discussion, include: Choosing graduate schools, constructing a curriculum vitae and conference selection for this spring.

The Des Moines Psychology club is open to all students engaged in the psychology program, including those taking classes online. If you are interested in attending an in- person meeting, the next one will occur on Monday, February 23rd at 6PM in Room 106. Students who live too far away to attend the meeting in-person may contact Ms. Savannah Hall if interested in participating remotely. Ms Hall may be reached via email at hallsav@cwu.edu.



Online Accolades (cont)

"To find the best schools offering the highest quality online education for psychology students, we looked beyond the sheer number of programs available and the total cost of a degree," said Dan Schuessler, founder and CEO of Affordable Colleges Foundation. "Our data team spent months researching hundreds of available psychology degree programs to find out which schools truly make a difference with stand-out academics, resources and student support services." For more information about ACF, go to www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/psychology-programs/.

To create the list, ACF data analysts and higher education experts developed a proprietary scoring system to rank colleges using various cost and quality criteria and metrics, including:

- Must be not-for-profit institution
- Student-faculty ratio
- Six-year graduation rate
- Job placement for graduates
- AC Online Peer-Based Value (A proprietary metric that compares quality metrics of colleges with similar costs, and the costs of colleges with similar quality metrics)

The Bachelor of Arts in psychology at CWU can be earned entirely online and requires a minimum of 180 quarter credits, including no more than 135 transfer credits. Program admission is offered in the spring, fall, and winter quarters. During the online program, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better, create an electronic portfolio, participate in 10 hours of service learning (or work as a research assistant), and complete all end-of-major assessment evaluations. There is also a foreign language requirement for all aspiring graduates. For more information about the program, go to www.cwu.edu/psychology/.

Outside of the Classroom

Faculty members and students alike experienced a number of successes outside of the classroom over the past few months, including:

- In November, Dr. Jeff Penick presented at the Washington Counseling Association. His presentation, *Cultural Broaching: Moving Cultural Sensitivity from Just a Keen Idea to Effective Integration in Practice*, highlighted cultural training techniques used in practicum training in the Mental Health Counseling Program at CWU. The presentation provided participants with methods of cultural broaching and assessment techniques based on a continuum of broaching behavior.
- Dr. Suzanne Little, Dr. Heath Marrs, and Dr. Heidi Bogue recently collaborated on a project that had presentations accepted at the conferences of the National Association for School Psychologists and the Washington State Association of School Psychologists. Their poster presentation entitled *Stages of Concern in RTI Implementation* will be presented this month. Their WSASP presentation was entitled *Washington School Psychologists' Stages of Concern with RTI Implementation* and was presented in October.
- Dr. Liane Pereira and her co-authors gave a presentation entitled *School trajectories of students in alternate programs: the role of stress and coping* at the annual Quality Health Research Conference in Victoria BC. She also presented her research at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association conference in New Orleans where she gave a presentation called, "*At-risk*" labels: an educational construct of early social inclusion for children living in disadvantaged environmental contexts. Dr. Pereira also co-authored a paper called Understanding health development in children and youth: Themes of resilience, which was published in *Children, Youth, and Family News*.
- Dr. Liane Pereira and Dr. Sara Bender collaborated with Jennifer Lavoie on a poster called *Examining the impact of type and severity of difficulties on access to youth mental health care*, which was presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in August.
- Dr. Sara Bender completed a poster presentation regarding the teaching of qualitative research in an online environment at the Ethnographic and Qualitative Conference in February. She will make presentations regarding her other research at the annual meetings of the Western Psychological Association, Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, American Psychological Association and the Association for the Psychological Sciences later this year.
- Dr. Wendy Williams will present two papers at the Western Psychological Association meeting later this Spring. Her presentations include:
 - Williams, W. A. & Ortega, D. (April 2015). Transforming lifelong support for adults with autism spectrum disorders. *Paper accepted to the 95th Western Psychological Association Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV.
 - Williams, W. A., Gulseth, J. & Pearsall, C. (April 2015). Moving toward punishment free toilet training for children with autism. *Paper accepted to the 95th Western Psychological Association Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV.

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Outside of the Classroom

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- Dr. Ralf Greenwald was recently interviewed in the *Daily Record*. His interview, which was printed on January 17, 2015, is all about the psychology of being a fan. Dr. Greenwald also served as the keynote speaker at the Washington Association for the Education of Young Children Conference where he gave a conference talk entitled, *Brain Plasticity: How Experience Shapes the Brain*.
- Colleen Falconer, MS EXP PSY masters student, received a Master's Research or Creative Activity Fellowship from the School of Graduate Studies and Research for her thesis work, "Domestic Dog Play Pant and Its Relation to Play".
- Karlie Hill, MS EXP PSY masters student, presented her research regarding sexual decision making and subsequent behaviors at the American Association of Behavioral and Science conference. She is also due to present additional work at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, and the annual convention of the American Psychological Association later this year.

Interested in serving as a participant in student or faculty research?

Get involved via the Sona System!

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Ongoing Business/Department Announcements

- ✓ Student must now include a copy of their completed Human Subjects Review Certificate in their final major portfolios (to be submitted in PSY489). This certificate is typically earned in the context of PSY300: Research Methods, but may also be completed on an independent basis via the HSRC website.
- ✓ In an effort to keep student costs low and increase accessibility, the Major Field Test was replaced with by the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT). This end-of-the major assessment is completed in PSY489. This test does not replace the Psychology Major Test or the Technology Assessment. Both of those assessments must still also be completed as one's major requirements and are also completed during PSY489.
- ✓ Commencement is quickly approaching. Ceremonies will occur on:
 - Saturday, June 13, 9:30 a.m., Tomlinson Stadium (1610 N. Walnut St., Ellensburg), for graduates in the College of Arts and Humanities, College of the Sciences, and interdisciplinary and individual study majors.
 - Sunday, June 14, 1:00 p.m., ShoWare Center (625 W. James St., Kent) for graduates of CWU programs at Des Moines, Pierce, Lynnwood, and Everett.
 - You are eligible to participate in a CWU commencement ceremony if you have completed a degree in summer or fall 2014, winter 2015, or have applied to graduate spring or summer quarter of 2015. To participate in commencement you need to [register](#). Registration will be open March 9 through May 25.