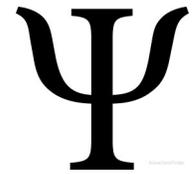


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Central Washington University

Department of Psychology

June 2018

Psychology @ S.O.U.R.C.E.

The Psychology Department once again held a major presence at this year's Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression (S.O.U.R.C.E.). Over 35 psychology majors presented research conducted and supervised by over 13 mentors from the psychology faculty. Psychology graduate students and faculty also contributed as judges for the oral and poster presentation awards. Additionally, Anna Krzemieniecki, a former undergraduate psychology major here at Central, gave the Keynote Address. Great work everyone!

Incoming & Retiring Faculty

Starting in the Fall, **Maribeth F. Jorgensen, PhD, NCC, LMHC** will be joining the psychology department and mental health counseling program as an Assistant Professor. She has six years of experience as an assistant professor and has worked as a licensed professional counselor since 2006. Her clinical work is primarily with athletes and those experiencing grief and loss. She researches, publishes, and presents on topics such as researcher identity development, research mentorship, gatekeeping and ethics, and suicide prevention. During her downtime, Maribeth likes to spend time exercising, being outdoors, reading, and being with friends and family.

It is with some sadness that the Psychology Department is bidding farewell to **Dr. Elizabeth Haviland**. Liz returned to CWU in 2010 to join the Mental Health Counseling program as a lecturer. She received both her undergraduate and graduate master's degrees from CWU before going on to pursue her doctorate at WSU then working in Wyoming as a counselor at University of Wyoming. Since her return Liz has been an integral part of the counseling program, first as a member of the team, and later as the program director. As a mentor, she works tirelessly to support both students and her junior colleagues while administrating and facilitating some of the wonderful changes in the counseling program over the last few years. Liz has been an inspiration to students and colleagues alike. We will miss her greatly and wish her a wonderful retirement!!!



Important Dates

June 9:

Commencement

June 12:

Spring grades due by 10pm

June 18:

Summer classes begin

June 20:

Add/Drop period ends

July 4:

Independence Day

July 27:

6-week session ends

August 1:

Open enrollment for Fall quarter

August 17:

9-week session ends

September 19:

Fall classes begin

S.O.U.R.C.E. Award Winners!

The Psychology Department also had a major presence at the Annual S.O.U.R.C.E. Awards. Dr. Marte Fallshore, Dr. Kara Gabriel, Dr. Liane Pereira, and Dr. Fred Washburn were all nominated for Mentor of the Year. In addition, several posters and presentations from both undergraduate and graduate psychology students received awards:

Outstanding Oral Presentations:

Exam marking: Affording student success on computer-administered tests.

Erik Ekberg | Mentor(s): Tonya Buchanan

Outstanding Poster Presentations:

Male or Female, Cis or Trans: Facial configuration effects on gender-based identification

Amanda Ankrom | Mentor(s): Wendy Williams

Angelic Smile or Sinister Scowl: Facial Expression and Halo and Horn Effects

Adam Green, Athena Mae De Leon Guerrero | Mentor(s): Mary Radeke, Anthony Stahelski

Impacts to Self-Efficacy on School Psychologists' Provisions of Mental Health Services

Ashley Jantzer | Mentor(s): Richard Marsicano, Stephanie Stein, Fred Washburn

Facial Inferences in Response to Threat

Maxie Reavis | Mentor(s): Anthony Stahelski, Mary Radeke

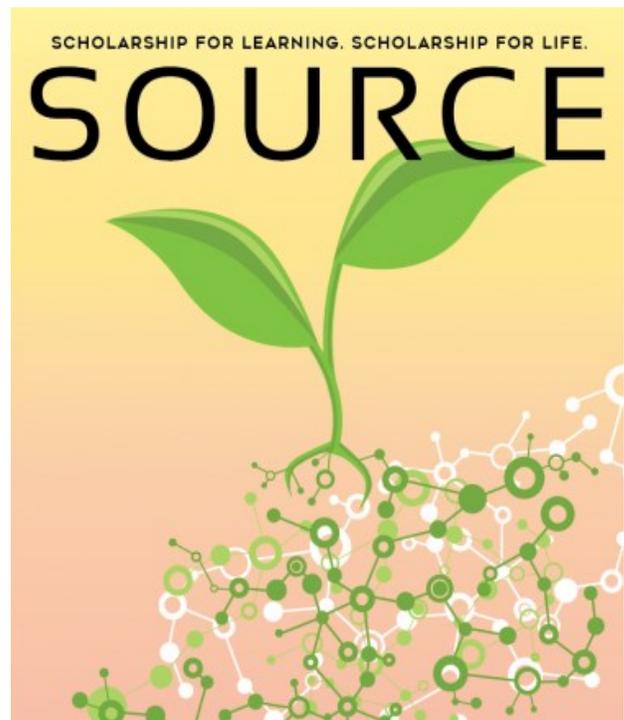
Identity Formation and Recovery for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Women

Nicole Sam | Mentor(s): Liane Pereira

People's Choice Poster Presentations:

Prison Bars and (Minecraft) Blocks: The Influence of Viewed Videogame Play on Cooperation and Aggression

Larissa Escamilla-Ocanas, Jazmine Martinez, Elijah Mulu | Mentor(s): Tonya Buchanan, Josh Buchanan



Program Review

Last year, the Psychology Department was visited by Dr. R. Eric Landrum from Boise State University as part of a regular review of the program. Over several days, Dr. Landrum met with faculty, administrators, graduate students, and undergraduate students both inside and outside of the classroom to assess the department's effectiveness.

Overall, Dr. Landrum reported that the Psychology department is in very good shape and on the cusp of being great; especially emphasizing the dedication and effectiveness of the chair and faculty, and the opportunities that undergraduate students have to get involved in research and interact with faculty members. We are taking Dr. Landrum's recommendations into consideration, and look forward to continuing to make the department as good as it can be!

Also, you can thank Dr. Landrum for the wall clocks that now adorn the classrooms in the Psychology Building!

Graduate Student Spotlight

This quarter, we interviewed Briana Bratcher, a graduate student in the experimental psychology program about her experiences with graduate school:

When/how did you decide to go to Grad School?

I knew I wanted to study Psychology since high school. It was made clear in my high school psych class that I had to go to grad school if I wanted to do anything with a psych degree. After taking AP Biology in high school, I began to realize that I enjoyed behavioral neuroscience. As an undergraduate I majored in psychology and took a bunch of biology classes.

Who did you ask for recommendation letters from?

I chose professors I created bonds with, whose classes I enjoyed & whose office hours I attended. I chose two professors associated with the research I was involved in, and then an art history professor. I felt I had a nice mix that demonstrated that I was well-rounded.

How was the grad school application process?

I searched for professors based on their research. I focused on behavioral neuroscience, even though that was very different than the research I did in undergrad. I was ambitious and applied to 8 schools my senior year. I didn't get in anywhere, and decided to take a gap year (working, staying in contact with professors & involved in research). I retook the GRE and scored better. I then applied to 4 schools, got accepted into 2, and ended up deciding on CWU!

How has grad school been so far?

Easier than expected. In undergrad, you had to be proactive to get involved in research. Now, everything is more relaxed. As long as you do what you are supposed to, you'll be fine. Undergrad & grad settings are very different worlds, different levels of stress.

Any advice?

Grad school can be stressful, but you should always take care of yourself. Also, it's ok if you don't get in to grad school the first time around.

Psychology Club Update

The CWU Psychology Club has had an exceptionally full year! Over the past few months, the club has continued to engage with the Psychology department faculty and the broader CWU community through meetings and campus activities. The club hosted a number of faculty talks from professors in Winter and Spring Quarters: Dr. Nolte, for example, spoke about Seasonal Affective Disorder, Dr. Trumpy provided the club with useful Interview tips, Dr. Greenwald gave a fascinating talk on Artificial Intelligence, and Dr. Radeke presented her current research. In May, the club organized a student-faculty lunch to further facilitate strong relationships between students and their professors; the club hopes to continue to hold these luncheons next year. In addition to holding a Valentine's Day Speed-Dating event, Psych Club raised money through a fundraiser at Cornerstone Pie and participated in Rock against Rape on campus. The club recently attended the Western Psychological Association (WPA) Conference in Portland, Oregon, where seventeen club members had the opportunity to network with students, professors, and school representatives from other universities. Funding for the conference was awarded through S&A and SAS and students presented on the most interesting speakers, posters, and presentations to other students upon returning to campus.

Elections for next-year's officers have already taken place, but students interested in joining the club for next year can contact the 2018-2019 Psychology Club President, **Madison Martin** (Madison.Martin@cwu.edu) and like the "CWU Psychology Club" on Facebook!

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, or any suggestions for material in future editions of Psytations, please contact me, **Dr. Joshua Buchanan**, via email (Joshua.Buchanan@cwu.edu)!