Psychology Department Gets A New Chairperson!

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Mary Camac will become the new chairperson for the Department of Psychology, effective this summer. She will be assuming her new responsibilities from her husband, Dr. Curt Camac, who will return to full-time teaching after serving as chair for the last eight years.

Dr. Camac received her Ph.D. from Princeton University in Cognitive Psychology in 1985. Her dissertation advisor at Princeton was Dr. George Miller, who is an internationally recognized figure in our field. Dr. Camac has been a professor at Roanoke for the last twenty years, and she also taught previously at James Madison University and Gettysburg College. Her research interests include Judgment, Decision Making and Memory.

Our current chair, Dr. Curt Camac, has led the department through numerous changes over the years. Under his leadership, the department has seen a significant growth in majors and new programs. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of all of us in ways too numerous to elaborate here, and all of his efforts have earned him our deepest appreciation and gratitude.

Faculty Promotion

Congratulations are also in order for Dr. Denise Adkins. Dr. Adkins has been promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology and granted tenure. Dr. Adkins came to Roanoke College in the fall of 2007 and has been a very active member of both the department and the wider campus community. She currently teaches courses in child development, research methods, and introductory psychology, and also created a new course for the INQ program. In
addition, Dr. Adkins has worked closely with many students on research projects and as a sponsor of student organizations.

Psychology Department Awards for 2011-2012

The following students were recognized at this year’s spring awards banquet: A. Paige Arrington and Michael J. Bankert received the Karl Beck Memorial Prize; Kelly Paton is our Senior Scholar; Julie E. Brown was recognized as the Outstanding Student in the Human Development concentration; Amanda N. Newman received the department’s Psi Chi Achievement Award; and A. Paige Arrington was also recognized as our Outstanding Student in the Neuroscience concentration.

Psychology Major Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

We are delighted to announce that one of our psychology majors is to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa this year. Amy Markol was formally inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in the May ceremony. Phi Beta Kappa is the most prestigious of all the academic honor societies, and election to the society represents an exceptional achievement.

Internships -2011-2012

The following students participated in internships through the psychology department over this academic year:

Fall 2011
Amber Arrington--Patient Care Advocate, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital;
Michael Bankert--Carilion Behavioral Health
Holly Conner--Enterprize
Samantha Gliniecki--West End Center
Ashley Guerrera--Richfield Recovery & Care Center
Korie Philpott--Roanoke City Social Services
Lyndsay Rakes--Professional Therapies of Roanoke.

Spring 2012
Julie Brown--Blue Ridge Autism Center
Anna Biser--East Mental Health
Ashley Dameron--Planned Parenthood
Clarissa Dulaney--Betheny Hall
Leigh Joyce--East Mental Health
Katie Muhvich--Drop In Center, Council of Community Services
Courtney Smith--Conflict Resolution Center
Lauren Stinespring--Bradley Free Clinic
Rita Yoe--West End Center

New Psi Chi Members

Psi Chi is psychology's national honorary society. The following students have been inducted into Psi Chi this academic year:
Fall 2011 Initiates
Anne Watson
Breanna Wright
Yuki Yamazaki
Virginia Keith
Victoria Long
Megan McKnight
Amanda Newman
Michael Hudson
Erica Nielsen
Kelsey Collett
Meghann Eisner
Cortlandt Halsey

Spring 2012 Initiates
Kati Hurt
Lauren Kennedy
Rakim Marsh
Shannon McCarthy
Carolyn Miesen
James Mincy
Ashley Rigdon
Emily Roach
Kiel VanNess

Vice President ....................... Yuki Yamazaki
Secretary .......................... Cynthia Cook
Treasurer ............................. Julia Boudrye
Historian ............................ Andrew Nesbit
Faculty Advisor .................. Dr. Denise Adkins

Neuroscience Concentration
Completes its First Year

Dr. David Nichols reports that this year we have five graduates completing our new interdisciplinary Neuroscience Concentration. They are: Paige Arrington (Psychology), Nikita Dennis (Health and Exercise Science), Sarah DeWitt (Health and Exercise Science), Karin Lanz (Psychology), and Molly Southard (Biology). Also, there were ten students who completed NEUR 410 – Research Seminar in Neuroscience, including two students from HHP, one Biology major, and seven Psych majors. There were two groups that completed research projects using our new EEG equipment. The titles of these group projects were: “Brain Responses to Attractive and Unattractive Faces” and “Parts of Speech: An EEG Study on Brain Responses to Nouns and Verbs”.

Graduate School Acceptances
The students listed below (including recent Roanoke graduates) have been accepted into graduate programs. Please let us know if you have also been accepted.

Holly Conner
Liberty University
Family and Marriage Counseling (MA)

Nicole Donohue
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Forensic Psychology (PhD)

Gregory Morgan
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Physical Therapy (PhD)
Kelly Paton  
Hamline University (MA)  
Nonprofit Management

Amy Roberts  
University of Virginia  
Educational Psychology and Applied Developmental Science (PhD)  
Virginia Education Science Training Fellowship

Psychology Students Present Posters—Fall 2011
Psychology Students Present Posters—Spring 2012
Student-Faculty Research Activities

Conference Presentations


Godwin, V., Henley, C., & Nichols, D. (2012, March) Examining flash suppression time course. Travel award presentation at SYNAPSE (Symposium for Young Neuroscientists and Professors of the Southeast), Columbia, SC.


Publications


Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

Research Experience

Julia Boudrye - Virginia Tech
Amy Markol - Dr. Denise Adkins
Sebastian Pena - Dr. Chris Buchholz

Summer Scholars

Chava Urecki - Dr. Chris Buchholz
Sarah Dorrance - Dr. Denise Adkins
Yuki Yamazaki - Dr. Ed Whitson
Nicole Hurless - Dr. Ed Whitson

Independent Study

Mike Bankert - Dr. Chris Buchholz
Gabrielle Reid - Dr. Ed Whitson
Julia Boudrye - Dr. Denise Adkins
Sarah Dorrance - Dr. Denise Adkins
Kacy Dillon - Dr. Denise Adkins
Nicole Hurless - Dr. Ed Whitson
Amanda Newman - Dr. Denise Adkins
Gabrielle Reid - Dr. Ed Whitson

Research Practicum

Research Work-Study Assistant

Julie Brown - Dr. Denise Adkins
Hazel Smitson - Dr. Ed Whitson
Lizzie Hord - Dr. Chris Buchholz
Breanna Wright - Dr. Denise Adkins
Jessica Gladfelter - Dr. Denise Adkins
Nicole Donohue - Dr. Ed Whitson
Steven Huffman - Dr. Denise Adkins
Victoria Rosendahl - Dr. Ed Whitson
Katy Hurst - Dr. Chris Buchholz

Undergraduate Research Assistant Program

Kiel VanNess - Dr. Chris Buchholz
Virginia Keith - Dr. Chris Buchholz

Research Assistants

Amy Markol - Dr. Denise Adkins
Nicole Donohue - Dr. Ed Whitson

Lizzie Hord - Dr. Chris Buchholz
Breanna Wright - Dr. Denise Adkins

Yuki Yamazaki - Dr. Ed Whitson
Victoria Rosendahl - Dr. Ed Whitson
INTERNSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Do You Want To:

- Learn about career opportunities
- Discover practical applications for course work
- Gain practical experience
- Learn skills
- Make contacts
- Gain practical experience

If you are a Junior/Senior declared psychology major with a 2.0 overall GPA & and 2.5 psychology GPA, then you may qualify for a psychology internship! For further information on internships, see Dr. Jan Lynch in LS 509F.

Opportunities are Available in Exciting Places:

- Roanoke Montessori School
- Carilion Hospital Behavioral Health
- Boys & Girls Club
- Goodwill Industries
- Blue Ridge Autism Center
- East Mental Health
- Turing Point
- Robertson Marketing
- Thompson's Brain Rehabilitation
- Catawba Hospital
- Virginia Baptist Children's Home
- Planned Parenthood
- Head Start
- Conflict Resolution Center
- Snyder Nursing Home

CONCENTRATION IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The concentration in Human Development provides a program of course work in human development, with an internship option for those who meet the internship requirements. The concentration:

1) provides focused coursework for students who plan to pursue a post-graduate degree in counseling psychology or school psychology, and
2) prepares students for entry-level positions in a variety of careers that involve designing and/or implementing programs for children, adolescents, and/or the aged.

The concentration requires seven courses, at least three of which are not used to satisfy the student's major requirements. Courses for the Concentration:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Research Methods
- Child Development
- Adolescent Development
- Adult Development & Aging
- Plus two additional courses from:
- Tests & Measurements
- Personality
- Internship
- Social Psychology
- Cognition

For additional information or applications, see Dr. Jan Lynch, Coordinator of the Human Development Concentration, in Life Science 509F.

MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

A minor in psychology requires a total of six courses in psychology and includes:

1) Two required courses: Psyc 101 (Introductory Psychology) and Psyc 205 (Research Methods). Note: Sociology majors may substitute Soci 250, and Criminal Justice, Political Science, or International Relations majors may likewise substitute Cjus/Poli/I.R 340 for the Psyc 200.

2) Four additional psychology courses with these qualifications: Two of the four courses must be at the 300 level or higher; Psyc 316/317 (Internship), Psyc 318/319 (practicum), and Psyc 405/406/407 (Independent Study) are all excluded from the minor; and finally, only one Psyc 240 (Special topics) may be applied to the minor. For further information, contact Dr. Mary Camac in LS 509H.
CONCENTRATION IN NEUROSCIENCE

A concentration in neuroscience is also offered at Roanoke College. Students in any major may complete the concentration.

Course List

Required (4 credits):
- Principles of Neuroscience (NEUR 210) - new course
- Principles of Biology (BIOL 120) or Bio 105 (HHP Majors)
- General Chemistry I (CHEM 111)
- Research Seminar in Neuroscience (NEUR 410) - new course
- OR Independent Study in Neuroscience (NEUR 405, 406, 407)

Electives (2 of 10):
- Topics in Neuroscience (NEUR 340) - new course
- Motor Behavior (HHP 306)
- Drugs and Behavior (PSYC 270)
- Physiological Psychology (PSYC 330)
- Sensation and Perception (PSYC 350)
- Cell Biology (BIOL 210)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 260)
- Principles of Physiology (BIOL 305)
- Developmental Biology (BIOL 420)
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry (CHEM 340)
- Bio Chem I (CHEM 341)

For more information, or to sign up right away, see Dr. David Nichols, Neuroscience Concentration Coordinator, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Life Science Building 531B, 375-5251, d nichols@roanoke.edu