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Greetings

The end of the spring semester is in sight, and I want to draw your attention to some important events:

May 1, 9:00 - 4:00: Department Retreat at the Visitors Center of the at Mission Trails Park. Please make sure to let Maureen know when your study group meets in April.

Psychology Awards Ceremony, May 2, 2:00-5:00, Montezuma Hall: Our students would like us to attend. Please let PsiChi/ Psychology Club (LS-114; meli.schuricht@gmail.com) know ASAP that you will join them.

May 15, 10:00-4:00: Honors Thesis presentations, BioScience Center.

May 21, 8:00: Commencement Rehearsal, Cox Arena.

May 24, 1:00-3:00: College of Sciences Commencement, in Cox Arena

May 24, 3:15ish: Psychology Commencement Reception. Location TBA

Cheers,
Jörg

Department

Early Registration for Escort Volunteers Denied

The Academic Policy & Planning (AP&P) Committee of the SDSU Senate denied our request to designate "Escort volunteers" as a group of students receiving early registration. The committee members thought that "early registration" is the wrong tool to address the safety issue."

Fred Hornbeck, on behalf of the Department Safety Task Force, and I expressed our deep dissatisfaction with this outcome and will ask the committee to reconsider this important Department safety issue. Please check your in-box for a copy of the e-mail thread about AP&P Committee decision.

Department Colloquium

April 10: Jean Twenge (10:45-11:45)
The Narcissism Epidemic: Evidence from the Culture and Individuals.

If I am not mistaken, we will get a preview of Jean's new book entitled: "The Narcissism Epidemic: Living in the Age of Entitlement". The co-author of this

book is Keith Campbell who earned his MA in Psychology at SDSU in 1991. The book will appear in print on April 21.

May 8: Stephen K. Reed (11:00-11:50)
Transfer as a Mapping across Situations.

Colloquia take place in Gold Auditorium located in the BioScience Center (Life Sciences North Addition).

Please encourage your undergraduate and graduate students to attend our Department Colloquium series.

Faculty Meeting

Our third faculty meeting this semester is on Friday, April 10, at Noon. The agenda includes (1) Presentation by the Office of International Students on opportunities for students and faculty. (2) Department fundraising list and priorities for CoS. (3) Change in university policies for lecturer review. (4) Department Budget update.

Department Retreat: Friday, May 1

Just in case you skipped the intro ... Our Department retreat will take place on Friday May 1 at the visitor center of the Mission Trails Regional Park. There will be great discussion, gorgeous

scenery, and excellent food and drink. If you have not been at Mission Trails Park recently, take a look at http://www.mtrp.org/visitor_center.asp.

Study Groups

Please don't forget to ask Maureen to post meeting schedules on the Department calendar. Maureen can also show you how to subscribe to our Department Google calendar. The latest updates can be found at: <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/new-web/>

Budget Updates

On March 23, Stephen Weber shared his budget update to the University Senate with us via e-mail:

http://advancement.sdsu.edu/budgetcentral/emails/bc_032309.html

His message details just how tentative our budget situation is:

- the sale of the state lottery, contingent on voter approval.
- \$50 mill reduction to CSU budget if CA receives less than \$10 bill from the federal stimulus package.
- 10% fee increase, contingent on CSU Board of Trustees approval.
- uncertain admission yield in the middle of a recession.

These budget uncertainties will last for a few more months, most likely into June. In the meantime, we are preparing tentative teaching assignments for the tentative fall schedule, contingent on the tentative best guesstimate of a 5% reduction.

Undergraduate

Commencement 2009 Dates

Important information for Psychology students and faculty about commencement can be found at <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/new-web/news/Commencement2009.htm>

Commencement Rehearsal: Thursday, May 21 @ 8:00 AM in Cox Arena.

College of Sciences Commencement: Sunday, May 24 @ 1 PM in Cox Arena.

Main Ceremony: 5/24 @ 1 PM

This ceremony will remain the same as last year. It will take about 45 minutes, and the President's platform party will attend.

Name Reading Ceremony: 5/24 @ 2 PM.

Names will be read for the Masters and Bachelor graduates. Professional name-readers will be present to announce the graduates. This ceremony is expected to take about 75 min.

Psychology Reception: 5/24 @ 3:15ish PM.

The University will sponsor an informal reception for Departments immediately following the Name Reading Ceremony. Specific details for the informal reception will be announced soon.

Honors Thesis Presentations

Honors thesis presentations are on May 15th in the BioSciences Center from 10 to 4:30.

10:00-10:30: Geoffrey Wetherell, Healthcare policy title and support. Dr. Melody Sadler

10:30-11:00: Brent Jensen, Increased eye-blink rate in autism spectrum disorder may reflect dopaminergic abnormalities. Dr. Axel Mueller

11:00-11:30: Shea Gluhm, Emotional Enhancement of Memory. Dr. Paul Gilbert, Dr. Terry Cronan

11:30-12:00: Alicia Gallegos, Perceived racism and health outcomes in Hispanic American Women. Dr. Vanessa Malcarne, Dr. Scott Roesch

12:00-12:30: Tamara Headley, Two-year olds' ability to parse dynamic human action. Dr. Margaret Friend, Dr. Sara Unsworth

12:30-1:00: Lizeth Camacho, HIV medication adherence. Dr. Mariana Cherner, Dr. David Moore

1:00-1:30: Norma Castro, Micro-structural Analysis of Ethanol and Sweeteners Ingestion in Adolescent and Adult Rats. Dr. Susan Brassler, Dr. Terry Cronan

1:30-2:00: Ryan Robinson. Dr. Melody Sadler Dr. Cronan

2:00-2:30: Kim Nguyen. Dr. Vanessa Malcarne

2:30-3:00: Alexandra Jashinsky, Predictors of family therapy technique use in community mental health. Dr. V. Robin Weersing, Dr. Richard Graf

3:00-3:30: My Le, Attitudes about Optimism among Vietnamese American Bilinguals: Evidence from a Cultural Frame Switching Experiment. Dr. David Armor

3:30-4:00: Lacy Olson, Brain Pathway Activation in Reactive Aggressive Male Youth in Response to Emotional Stimuli. Dr. Guido Frank, Dr. Paul Gilbert

4:00-4:30: Ellesse Akre, Relationship conflict and potential mediators for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Dr. Emilio Ulloa, Dr. Audrey Hokoda

Psi Chi/ Psychology Club

Psi Chi-Sponsored Awards Ceremony

Please RSVP for the awards ceremony ASAP (meli.schuricht@gmail.com) and encourage seniors to participate. Please make announcements in your classes, and talk to your graduating seniors.

For the first time ever, SDSU's Psi Chi Chapter, the national honors society in psychology, is sponsoring a Psychology Awards Ceremony on May 2 from 2-5 PM. The ceremony is open to all graduating psychology majors and their families. Seating is limited, and there is a maximum of 4 guest tickets for each graduating senior. Seats will be granted on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in the Psi Chi office, LS 114. Faculty attend for free. Every student at the event, including graduating seniors, will need a ticket for entry.

Other Spring 09 Events:

Saturday, April 11: Psi Chi Spring Initiation Ceremony

Saturday, April 18 7:30 AM: NAMI Walk in Balboa. More info TBA

Friday, April 24: Padres Game VS PIT. More info TBA

Saturday, May 2: Psi Chi sponsored Graduation Ceremony. More info TBA

Wednesday, May 6 1-2: Scripps Cottage end of the semester party.

Saturday, May 9: End of the year Bonfire

Graduate

MA/MS/JDP

... still waiting for responses from applicants to whom we offered admission. We'll know by April 15 who will join us next AY.

Faculty

Oscar Kaplan Postdoctoral Fellowship

The search for the 2009-2011 Oscar Kaplan Postdoctoral Fellow in Developmental Issues continues. The application deadline is **May 15, 2009**.

Announcement, policies and procedures, and bios of former and the recurrent fellows are available at: <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/Kaplan/kap-main.htm>

This fellowships is the result of a \$750,000 endowment by the Kaplan family. Read more about Oscar Kaplan's legacy at: <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/Kaplan/kap-legacy.htm>

In the News ... Hot Off the Press ...

Don't forget to forward your news and in-print publications for the Department website.

To be listed in the "Hot Off the Press" section, publications must be "in print" and have a complete reference. Please submit to Lorah Bodie (with cc to me):

- (1) a complete reference (APA format) of your hot-off-the-press work
 - (2) a URL to the abstract, the full-manuscript, a newspaper coverage, a press release, etc.
 - (3) In the Subject line of your e-mail, please write: hot off the press.
- You may send all or just a few of your publications, you are the judge. But please, do send them!

Traveling?

Don't forget to submit your **T-2 form** before traveling to conferences, study sections, workshop, TV appearances, etc. The form can be found at: <http://bfa.sdsu.edu/ap/travelmanual/travelmanual.htm> Look for section 5.05.0.

Staff

Sharp MX-7000N

If you like our new Sharp department copy machine, please thank Kendrea. In addition to copying and stapling, our new machine can scan and e-mail documents as pdf files. It can also three-hole punch. And, it will probably save as a few thousand dollars as well.

Emeritus

Lunches?

Please contact Al Hillix if you would like to join the emeritus lunch group (ahillix@cox.net).

Alumni

Reunion 2010

The alumni association is starting to plan for the 2010 Reunion in conjunction with APA's Annual Meeting in San Diego. We could use the help of faculty to join the planning committee. Please contact Lynn Gagne, the President of the Psychology Chapter of the SDSU Alumni Association (lynn.gagne@yahoo.com)

Miscellaneous

Lectures

Sue Patterson:
Sunday, April 15, 3 PM

Sue Patterson, a distinguished retired foreign service officer and founder of Wings, will speak at the Faculty-Staff Center on Sunday, April 5, at 3:00. Wings was named the best non-governmental organization in Guatemala for 2008. Students and faculty who are interested in population control or the possibility of volunteering in Guatemala to improve their knowledge of Spanish or population control issues should find her speech most interesting. Light refreshments will be served, and a reception will follow the talk. Those who want additional information can contact Hunt Kooiker, M.D., at huntkooiker@yahoo.com, or at (619)741-1579. More information about Wings is available at www.wingsguate.org.

Meredith Small:
Thursday, April 16, 7 PM

Meredith Small is an SDSU alumna (Anthropology) and Professor at Cornell. Her talk is entitled "The natural history of babies: How biology and culture shape the way we parent." Dessert Reception/Book Signing immediately following.

Tomato Fundraiser

Check your in-box for the announcement from our Psi Chi/ Psychology Club. Twelve different heirloom varieties are available for a small adoption fee, including the following:

Green Zebra



Cherokee Chocolate



Black Cherry



Birdathon 2009

This year's Birdathon yielded 97 bird species, including a Great Horned Owl, Clapper Rail, and Calliope Humming-bird (see front page).

Please contact Vanessa Malcarne for a complete list of fall birds and instructions for making a donation to the San Diego Chapter of the Audubon Society.

Solution to the March Puzzle

Question: What exactly is Lorah holding, and what did she dispose of soon thereafter?

Answer: The last hard copies of decades of mass testing/ research screeners.

