



Psychology Department

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Newsletter



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This has been an exciting time for the Psychology Department. For the first time in the department's history, we have embarked upon a dual diploma program. And, for the first time in SUNY's history, the system has seen a dual diploma program in Psychology with a university in Turkey. The dual diploma offering will allow students who enroll at one university to attend that university for two years, and then complete their program by attending classes at the sister university for their remaining two years. At the completion of the program, they will be awarded diplomas from both universities. The specific program, which is being implemented over the next two years, is a collaboration with Izmir University of Economics (IUE) in Izmir, Turkey. Historically known as Smyrna, Izmir is a modern city with a population of about 1 million on the semi-tropical Aegean coast of Turkey. The third largest city in Turkey, Izmir is known for its fine restaurants, active nightlife, and rich history.

Last fall a delegation from IUE came to Fredonia and met with our administration and the psychology faculty. This summer I visited IUE with Mary Sasso (Director of International Education at Fredonia) and Khalid Siddiqui (Professor of Computer Science at Fredonia). Working with the chair of psychology at IUE, Hakan Ceitinkaya, and with our curriculum committee we developed a program culminating in the BS degree. Ten students have begun at IUE this fall, taking all courses there in English as they prepare to transfer here for the second half of their program. Because all IUE courses are delivered in English, Fredonia students have the option to complete the dual diploma program by spending 2 years at IUE and 2 years at Fredonia. At present, we have initiated the program solely with Turkish students beginning at IUE.

Psi Chi Inductees & Activities

Congratulations to our Psi Chi inductees for 2009-2010! Psi Chi is the Honor society for Psychology. Students inducted this year were **Stacey Asel, Corinne Aviles, Natalie Ball, Angela Barney, Elizabeth Campbell, Megan Carroll, Ryan Carter, Rachel Foltz, Leanna Greenberg, Julie Giambra, Kayla Griewisch, Brian Hall, Alesia Harris, Angelia Jaeger, Kara Jeziorski, Theresa Richir, Jessica Triana, Bonnie Ventura, and Ashley Wagner.** At the Psi Chi initiation ceremony, held on April 11, senior **Jonell Belcher** was honored with the Virginia Sexton Medallion, for her exceptional work in research and service in the field of Psychology.

A key project this Spring for Psi Chi was co-sponsorship of a Homelessness Awareness Week in March. The week included presentations by individuals in the community who work with individuals who are homeless, or at risk for homelessness; a clothing drive for Rural Ministry of Chautauqua County; and a showing of the movie, *The Pursuit for Happiness*. There was great campus support for the clothing drive, with over 65 bags of clothing and related items donated to Rural Ministry.

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- **Dr. Gee**

- **Gee, N. R., Crist, E. N., & Carr, D. N. (2010).** Preschool children require fewer instructional prompts to perform a memory task in the presence of a dog. *Anthrozoös, 23*, 178-184.
- **Gee, N. R., & Harris, S. L., (2010).** Homographs: An alternative approach to determining meaning dominance. *Behavior Research Methods.*
- **Gee, N. R., Church, M. T., & Altobelli, C. L. (2010).** Preschoolers make fewer errors on an object categorization task in the presence of a dog. *Anthrozoös, 23*, 223-230.
- **Gee, N. R., Sherlock, T. R., Bennett, E. A., & Harris, S. L. (2009).** Preschoolers' adherence to instructions as a function of the presence of a dog, and motor skills task. *Anthrozoös, 22*, 267-276.

- **Dr. Johnston-Robledo**

- Named Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Stubbs, M.L. & Johnston-Robledo, I. (in press). Kiddy thongs and menstrual pads: The sexualization of girls and early menstrual life. In Zurbriggen, E.L. & Roberts, T-A. (Eds.). *The sexualization of girls and girlhood.* Oxford University Press.
- Johnston-Robledo, I., Boyles, C. J., & Shephard, L. M., Erchull, M. J. (2010, August). *Whose orgasm is it anyway? Faux orgasms and women's sexual subjectivity.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.

- **Dr. Klonsky**

- Recipient (May 17, 2010) of \$750 from Fredonia State Convocation Committee for "Faces in the Crowd" (Walawender) workshop portion of upcoming "Peacemaking and Peacekeeping" Healing Arts V Program.
- Respondent (with Jack Croxton) for Psychology of Public Service Presentations and Panel discussion, Fredonia State, February 22, 2010.

- **Dr. McKinney**

- Recipient of Dreschler Pre-Tenure Sabbatical Fall 2010.

- **Dr. Sutha**

- Recipient of Dreschler Pre-Tenure Sabbatical Fall 2010.

- **Dr. Zevenbergen**

- Haman, E., **Zevenbergen, A.**, Andrus, M., & Chmielewska, M. (2009). Coining compounds and derivations: A crosslinguistic elicitation study of word-formation abilities of preschool children and adults in Polish and English. *Polish Psychological Bulletin, 40*, 21 – 37.
- **Zevenbergen, A.**, & Betrus, A. K. (2010, June). *Academic performance – SUNYAC student-athletes (2005-2009).* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the State University of New York Athletic Conference, Syracuse, NY.

Faculty Awards

Dr. **Johnston-Robledo** was awarded the Hagan Young Scholar/Artist Award.

Dr. **Croxton** received the Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service.

Dr. **Zevenbergen** was selected by the NCAA as a Division III Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Fellow in May, 2010. The FAR Fellow program, which is in its first year, is aimed at increasing the role of FARs in college athletics. As a FAR Fellow, she attended the FAR Institute in Indianapolis in October, 2010, representing the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC).

From Russia With Dr. Croxton

Dr. Croxton received a Fulbright Scholar Follow-On Award that funded his return to Russia in early June where he continued the work that he began there as a Fulbright Scholar in 2007. He delivered a series of lectures at St. Petersburg State University and at Nizhni Novgorod State University. He is also arranging student semester exchanges between our universities.

In July Dr. Croxton hosted a group of Russian students from St. Petersburg State University for two weeks. During their stay here they took a Positive Psychology course from Dr. Croxton along with a group of SUNY Fredonia students.



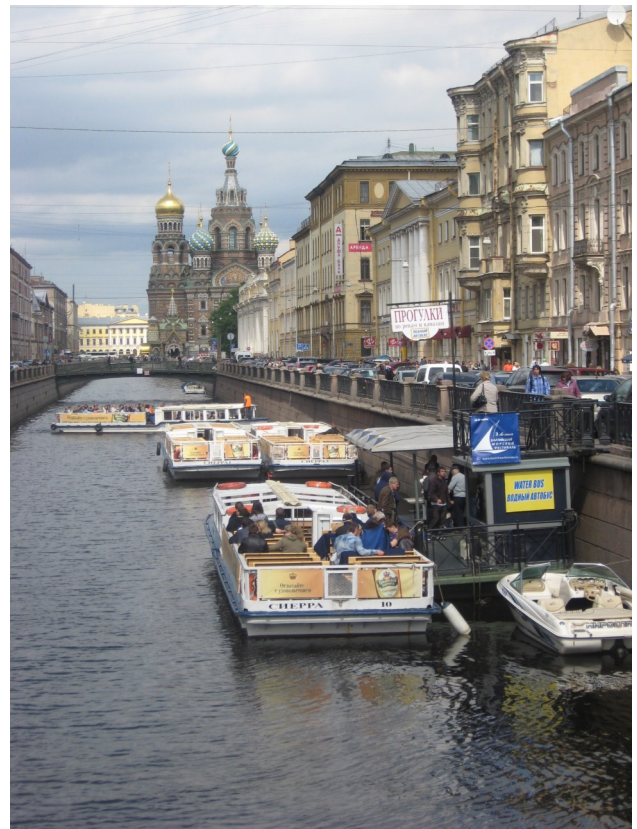
Dr. Croxton in Pavlov's Apartment in St. Petersburg (note the dog in the glass case above the bookshelf).



Dr. Croxton spends time in a Russian prison.

Canal scene in St. Petersburg

Catherine's Palace outside of St. Petersburg.



Student Research Presentations at the Student Expo May 2010

Corrine Aviles, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Aeropostale*

Angela Barney, Mentor Dr. Guy Boysen, *Teachers' responses to stereotypes in the classroom*

Anne Barone, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Wegman's*

Elizabeth Bauza, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective analysis of Sullivan's Charbroil*

Molly Bojanek, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of People, Inc*

Claire Boyles, Mentor Dr. Ingrid Johnston-Robledo, *Whose Orgasm is it? Faux Orgasms and Women's Sexual Subjectivity*

Erich Brunner, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of J.C. Penney*

Amanda Caldwell, Mentor Dr. Jack Coxton, *Flow and Motivation During Leisure and Work Activities*

Katie Christian, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Wegman's*

Brent Davis, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Unity Health Systems Total Sports Experience*

Michael DeJesus, Mentor Dr. Guy Boysen, *Mental Health Stereotypes about Gay Men*

Ian Evans, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of the National Sports Academy*

Joseph Fisher, Mentor Dr. Dani McKinney, *Using a book club to increase reading scores at a federal correctional facility*

Rachel Foltz, Mentor Dr. Jennifer Dyck, *Is This a Date or Not? Lesbian Expectations of Dating Relationships*

Chip Francoforte, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Olympia Sports*

Kong Gao, Mentor Dr Andrea Zevenbergen, *Factors Predicting Second Grade Children's Decoding Skills*

Nick Gentile, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Fredonia Men's Club Volleyball*

Jared Gould & Daniel Schantz, Mentor Dr. Bruce Klonsky, *NFL Fan Attribution Patterns*

Jared Gould & Ashley Wagner, Mentor Dr. Nancy Gee, *Preschoolers Categorize Animate Objects Better in the Presence of a Dog*

Jennifer Grabski & Jonell Belcher, Mentor Dr. Nancy Gee, *Effect of therapy dog on memory task performance*

Leanna Greenberg & Rachel McMahon, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *Forgiveness as a Function of Mood and Transgression*

Brian Hall, Mentor Dr. Andrea Zevenbergen, *Required Parenting Education in Secondary Schools: An Investigation of Current National Statistics and Reasons to Mandate It*

Nicholas Hellmer, Mentor Dr. Dani McKinney, *Interest In and Use of Podcasts in Classes of Various Disciplines*

Jessica Henry, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Fredonia Place*

Chris Huber, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of The Rochester Rhinos*

Doug Keller, Mentor Dr jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Bazil's Restaurant*

Julie Knupfer, Mentor Dr Guy Boysen, *Causes of Stigmatized Behavior*

Kathleen Larkin, Mentor Dr. Guy Boysen, *Innuendo and Denial effect on Implicit and Explicit Attitudes*

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Student Research Presentations at the Student Expo May 2010 (continued from p.4)

Laura MacLeod, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Sigma Gamma Phi Sorority*

Erin Mansfield, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Ellicottville Brewing Company*

Peter Martinez, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Wegman's*

Rachel McMahon, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of The Registrar's Office*

Chelsey Merrill, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Brooks Memorial Hospital Admissions Department*

Kyle Mitchell, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective analysis of The Fredonia Men's Basketball Team*

John Pape, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A retrospective Analysis of A High School Football Team*

Samuel Planck, Mentor Dr. Guy Boysen, *Video Clips and Attitudes*

Samuel Plank, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *Differences in Psychological Strengths Between Social Classes*

Catherine Salisbury-Ruf, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Charlotte Russe*

Christopher Scott, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of the Family Foundation School*

Christopher Scott, Mentor Dr Dani McKinney, *Problem Based Learning*

Caitlin Shea, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Wal-Mart*

Amy Simon, Mentor Dr jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of Fredonia State Women's Lacrosse*

Mark Tarkett, Mentor Dr Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of John G. Ryan Distributing*

Julianna Taylor, Mentor, Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of SPX Lightnin Mixers*

Clara Wright, Mentor Dr. Jack Croxton, *A Retrospective Analysis of TJ Maxx*

**Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference
Slippery Rock, PA - April 17, 2010
Student Presenters**

- Jonell Belcher
- Claire Boyles
- Ashlee Feldman
- Joseph M. Fisher
- Rachel Foltz
- Kong Gao
- Jessica Goodell
- Jared Gould
- Jennifer Grabski
- Leanna Greenberg
- Alesia Harris
- Nicholas Hellmer
- Julie Knupfer
- Kathleen Larkin
- Melissa Marra
- Rachel McMahon
- Samuel Planck
- Theresa Richir
- Daniel Schantz
- Christopher M. Scott
- Lesley Shephard
- Devin Sonner
- Chad Swanson
- Nicole Tate
- Ashley Wagner

Jared Gould wins the Krawczyk Award—May, 2010



This annual award is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Krawczyk on behalf of their son Dan, who graduated from Fredonia in 1998. Although Dan was very involved in many campus activities, including serving as President of the Psychology Club, both he and his parents believe it was his involvement with Independent Study that made a substantial difference in his future. For that reason they provide a special award for students who have had significant Independent Study experiences.

Dan received a fellowship to UCLA, and completed his Ph.D. in 2003. While there he worked with Dr. Keith Holyoak and pursued research on frontal lobe information processing and the emergence of coherence in decision making. Subsequently, he did a PostDoc at UC Berkeley with Dr. Mark D'Esposito focusing on neuro-imaging. Presently Dan is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at the Dallas School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences where he runs his own lab.

The 2010 recipient, Jared Gould, has an impressive list of accomplishments. Together with his research advisor (Dr. Gee) and lab partners (Chad Swanson and Ashley Wagner) Jared was involved in Animal Assisted Interventions with the children in Youngerman Preschool and the Wheelock School. He designed and conducted three experiments and began the development of a motor skills program. The results of these experiments were significant and were presented at the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Conference in Pittsburgh, PA and Slippery Rock, PA as well as here on campus at the Student Expo. The manuscript detailing these experiments has been submitted to the multi-disciplinary journal *Anthrozoös*. Jared and another member of Dr. Gee's lab (Jonell Belcher) traveled to Boston, MA to present the results of their research at the Association for Psychological Sciences Conference.

In addition to the independent study with Dr. Gee, Jared also did an independent study with Dr. Klonsky on NFL fan attributions. Jared also presented the results of that project at the Western PA conference and the Student Expo. Jared managed to conduct a massive volume of research while maintaining a high GPA and involvement in many other activities.

In recognition of Jared's impressive accomplishments in undergraduate research he received a certificate and a check in the amount of \$200.00 at a special celebratory luncheon at the White Inn sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Krawczyk. Additionally, his name now appears on a plaque in the Psychology Department office.

Psychology Club President's Report by Rachel Foltz

Psychology Club involves a mix of club meetings and club events. At club meetings, members informally explore aspects of psychology. This fall semester, we have taken and analyzed the Multiple Intelligences assessment to compliment the lecture from this year's convocation speaker, Howard Gardner. We also made and analyzed our own "Rorschach" inkblot cards.

Last spring, Psychology Club sponsored 25 independent study students to attend the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Research Conference at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. Students presented their faculty mentored research at the conference, which was attended by over 200 people.

This semester, Psychology Club will also present a number of annual events. Recently, the club sponsored the Out of the Darkness Walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention on campus. This event was attended by over 400 walkers and has already collected over \$4,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Around Halloween, the club will host a pumpkin carving event for students campus-wide. To wrap up the fall semester, students will be invited to join Psychology Club in playing bingo with residents of St. Vincent's Home, a local adult care facility.

This has been an exciting year with regard to student internships, with students breaking ground at new sites, as well as gaining experience at some locations which have longstanding relationships with the Psychology Department. Our most recent interns include:

Natalie Ball, Roswell Park, Health Psychology
Claire Boyles, Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Clinical Psychology
Katie Burns, WNY Child Psychiatric Center, Clinical Psychology
Abigail Busch, Gowanda Elementary School, School Counseling
Sarah Carl, Randolph Children's Home, Counseling
Stephanie Cook, Sherman Central School, School Counseling
Bethany Dragert, Westfield Academy and Central School, School Psychology
Shannon Englund, Job Corps, Counseling
Joseph Fisher, Lake Shore Middle School, School Counseling
Nicholas Gentile, Buffalo City Hall, Human Resources
Julie Giambra, WCA Hospital, Clinical Psychology
Leanna Greenberg, Gateways Day Treatment Program, Clinical Psychology
Kayla Griewisch, Pine Valley Central School, School Psychology/Counseling
Cassandra Heyl, Lakeview Correctional Facility, Counseling and Community Re-entry
Ashley Holmes, Ripley Central School, School Psychology
Jeremy Hunt, Lakeview Correctional Facility, Counseling and Community Re-entry
Jessica Juel, Lakeview Correctional Facility, Counseling and Community Re-entry
Kyla Kommeth, Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Counseling
Julie Knupfer, Lake Shore Middle School, School Counseling
Samantha Mann, Lakeview Correctional Facility, Counseling and Community Re-entry
Melissa Marra, Samaritan Medical Center, Clinical Psychology
Jessica Martinen, WCA Hospital, Clinical Psychology
Andrew Mattiucci, Starlight Studio and Art Gallery, Expressive Arts
Rachel McMahan, Cortland County Community Action Program, Family Development
Alicia Morley, Fine Arts Day Habilitation Program, Expressive Arts
Laura Myers, Gustavus Adolphus Child and Family Services, Youth Counseling
Elisha Pylman, Dunkirk High School, School Counseling
Jacqueline Rabent, Baker Hall School, School Counseling
Theresa Richir, Brocton Central School, School Social Work
Whitney Riley, WCA Hospital, Clinical Psychology
Gabrielle Scally, Southern Tier Environments for Living (STEL), Clinical Psychology
Christina Self, Lakeview Correctional Facility, Counseling and Community Re-entry
Lesley Shephard, Hornell Area Concern for Youth Counseling Center, Youth Counseling
Chengcen Su, Campus and Community Children's Center, Child Development
Rebecca Szustakowski, Gustavus Adolphus Child and Family Services, Youth Counseling
Chelsey Walker, Gustavus Adolphus Child and Family Services, Youth Counseling
Ashley Wagner, LoGuidice Alternative Education Program, School Counseling
Allison Westphal, Lakeview Correctional Facility, Counseling and Community Re-entry
Brittany White, WCA Hospital, Clinical Psychology
Kristen Zolnoske, Family Services of Jamestown, School Counseling