Department Members are Recognized

In thinking what I might say in this space at the end of another academic year, it seemed to me that an unusually large number of our faculty and students have been recognized in one way or another by both the university and external units as well. I thought I would mention some of the people who have been recognized in this way as one way of telling you something of what we are doing in Psychology. In any such effort, I am sure I have missed others.

Three of our faculty members have received university awards this past year. Marc Breedlove of our behavioral neuroscience faculty was recognized with the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award; Kelly Klump was granted the Teacher-Scholar Award, and NiCole Buchanan received the Excellence in Diversity Award from the Office of Inclusion and Intellectual Initiatives. All three are prestigious university awards that include a significant honorarium.

Externally, Becki Campbell received the 2006 Scientific Achievement Award from the International Association of Forensic Nurses for her work with sexual assault nurses. At the annual meeting of ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families, Hiram Fitzgerald was presented with the Dolley Madison Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Development and Well-being of Very Young Children and Their Families. Fred Leong was presented with the American Psychological Association’s Award for Distinguished Contributions to the
International Advancement of Psychology. Isis Settles received the Carolyn Payton Early Career Award from Section 1 of Division 35 (Psychology of Women) of the American Psychological Association. And Joel Nigg was recognized with the Mid-Career Research Contributions Award from Division 53 of the American Psychological Association.

A large number of our faculty continue to serve as Editors or Associate Editors of major journals in Psychology including Tom Carr (Perception and Psychophysics and Cognitive Psychology), Bill Davidson (American Journal of Community Psychology), Steve Kozlowski (Journal of Applied Psychology), Rich Lucas (Journal of Personality and Social Psychology), Robin Miller (American Journal of Evaluation), Ann Marie Ryan (Personnel Psychology), and Rose Zacks (Psychology and Aging). Three of our faculty members are President or President-elect of a division of the American Psychological Association: Anne Bogat (Society for Community Research and Action); Fred Leong (Society for Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues); and Neal Schmitt (Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics).

Our students also have received a great deal of recognition. Nine of this year’s applicants for admission to our graduate program received university fellowships, more than any other single department on campus. This was followed by a similar number of awards last year. One of our undergraduate majors, Monica Murkerjee, received one of 75 Truman Scholarship awarded nationwide. This award is given in recognition of exceptional leadership potential and commitment to public service. Monica plans to serve in the Peace Corps and then use her $30,000 award to attend graduate school in Public Policy.

We have also had another busy year recruiting new faculty members. I am happy to say that the following scholars will join our department next year: Mark Becker (now at Lewis and Clark; Ph.D. UC-San Diego), Brooke Ingersoll (now at Lewis and Clark; Ph.D. UC-San Diego), Taosheng Liu (now at New York University; Ph.D. Columbia), Carlos Navarrete (now at Harvard, Ph.D. UC-Los Angeles), Tim Pleskac (now at Indiana University; Ph.D. U. of Maryland), and Susan Ravizza (now at UC-Davis; Ph.D UC-Berkeley). In our newsletter next fall, we will feature these new additions to our faculty.

This has been a productive and busy year. During the summer, we take on different tasks and most of us get in a vacation or two. We wish you a similar productive and enjoyable summer.

Neal Schmitt, Ph.D.
Department Chair
Hi Fitzgerald Awarded
One Of The Most Prestigious Honors In
The Multidisciplinary Field Of Infancy
And Early Childhood

Hiram (Hi) Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement and University Distinguished Professor of Psychology, recently received one of the highest honors in the multidisciplinary field of infancy and early childhood.

Hi accepted the 2006 Dolley Madison Award for Outstanding Lifelong Contribution to the Development and Well-being of Very Young Children and Their Families on December 2 at the annual meeting of ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The award is named in honor of former First Lady Dolley Madison, who established the first federally funded child welfare program, a home for orphans of the War of 1812.

Previous recipients of the Madison Award include Anna Freud, the psychoanalyst and daughter of Sigmund Freud; Benjamin Spock, M.D., the world-famous pediatrician and author of Baby and Child Care; Urie Bronfenbrenner, Ph.D., one of the world’s leading theorists of developmental psychology; and Edward Zigler, Ph.D., the architect of the federal Head Start program.

ZERO TO THREE is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the healthy development and well-being of infants, toddlers, and their families. Founded in 1977 by top developmental experts, the organization disseminates key developmental information, trains providers, promotes model approaches and standards of practice, and works to increase public awareness about the significance of the first three years of life.
S. Marc Breedlove Awarded MSU’s Distinguished Faculty Award for 2006-2007

The Psychology Department is pleased to announce that Professor S. Marc Breedlove received the Distinguished Faculty Award for 2006-2007. Marc is an internationally recognized authority on gender differences in the nervous system, and currently holds the Barnett Rosenberg Endowed Chair in neuroscience, zoology and psychology. His research has been continuously federally funded for over 20 years, and is currently supported by grants from the National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke and the National Institute of Mental Health. His work is rigorous, pioneering, and provocative.

In more than 100 scholarly publications, Marc has made important contributions to an understanding of the influences of hormones and experience on brain structure, function, and behavior, particularly in regard to gender differentiation during development and in adulthood. Within the past year Marc’s work has been featured on 60 Minutes and Good Morning America, and he was also featured in an MSNBC news article. Science journals also view him as a “go-to” person when commentary and perspective on research findings are needed. His insights and engaging writing style have led to numerous invitations for commentaries in highly visible journals such as Nature Neuroscience, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, and Endocrinology.

As a teacher and mentor, Marc is recognized for his commitment to graduate research training and professional development, his undergraduate textbook on behavioral neuroscience, his efforts to recruit minorities to careers in research and his contributions to public education and awareness of science. Marc is the program director of a five year NIH Training Grant (Integrative Neurobiology of Social Processes), which was initially awarded in 2004. As program director, Marc has taken a leadership role in providing specialized research training and mentoring to MSU graduate students and post docs. He also conducts a successful grant-writing workshop for graduate students and postdocs and chairs the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Marc was one of only 10 MSU faculty members who the Distinguished Faculty Award this year.
It is with great appreciation and well-wishes that we say goodbye to our most recent retirees: Dan Ilgen, Gary Stollak, Jim Zacks, and Rose Zacks.

**Daniel Ilgen**

Dan joined MSU’s Psychology Department in 1983, as the John A. Hannah Professor of Psychology and Management. Dan has conducted research on team decision making, performance evaluation and feedback, work motivation and job satisfaction. This research has been funded by various agencies continuously while at MSU. He has published well over 100 research articles and authored or edited four books. He was editor of *Organizational Behavior and Human Performance* for six years and currently serves on four editorial boards. He has also served on several National Research Council committees and panels, and is a fellow of five national and international scientific organizations. He was president of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology and awarded its Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award as well as the Academy of Management Human Resource Division’s Career Achievement Award. Locally, he has served on many committees; perhaps most significant has been his more than 20 years on the University Committee on Research with Human Subjects. In the past ten years of his tenure, the Industrial and Organizational Psychology graduate program, of which he has been a central figure, has been recognized by various publications as the top program in the country.

Dan will remain as a half time appointment in the Psychology department indefinitely. His wife, Barbara, and he do plan to spend more time traveling and visiting children and grandchildren in Ohio and California.

**Gary Stollak**

Gary came to MSU in the fall of 1966, and became Full Professor of Psychology in 1976. He has written papers on a wide variety of topics, including child and family development, the etiology, assessment, treatment and prevention of child and family psychopathology, parent education, child custody disputes, and the choir as “family.” He has had over 70 articles published, including over 40 that were empirically-based, five books, and many book chapters, and presented papers and made speeches at over 125 local, state, regional, national, and international scientific and professional conferences. He was consulting editor of *Professional Psychology* for five years and has testified or provided expert advice in numerous court cases involving children and families.

For the immediate future, Gary plans to continue writing and teaching classes in Developmental Psychology and other areas of special interest to him. He also continues to be the most appreciative fan of the MSU Children’s Choirs which are conducted by his wife, Mary Alice.
James Zacks

In 1972, Jim came to MSU from the University of Pennsylvania as Associate Professor of Psychology. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1977. Jim's research focused on examining the mechanisms underlying visual perception in various species, including cats, deer, and humans. In the 1980s, he did a series of funded studies involving the perception of color in white-tailed deer in an effort to develop a means of producing a reflector system that would reduce deer-auto accidents.

Jim's passion and most significant contributions derived from his efforts to promote the quality of undergraduate education at MSU. He was a long time coordinator of the Psychology Honors program, receiving the Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students in 1999. He was a major contributor to the Core College Committee to Review Undergraduate Education in 1985-86 and chaired a similar committee in the College of Social Science. He served as Honors coordinator and Undergraduate Program Director in Psychology for much of the last two decades.

Jim and his wife, Rose, look forward to the increased flexibility that retirement will afford. Their children and grandchildren reside in St. Louis and Boston.

Rose Zacks

In 1972, Rose came to MSU from Temple University as Associate Professor of Psychology. Over the next decade, she worked part-time when her children were young and then full time beginning in 1985. She was promoted to Full Professor of Psychology in 1985. Rose’s research on aging and memory processes has been continuously funded by the National Institute on Aging since 1985, and the last two five year awards were MERIT awards. Her work is widely published in scientific journals and her papers on memory deficits that result from the aging process have become routine citations in this area of research. She has served as member and chair of the Governing Board of the Psychonomic Society and is current editor of Psychology and Aging and former Associate Editor of Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition. She is a Fellow of two divisions of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. Rose will continue her research on memory and aging and as Director of the Cognitive Science Program.

Rose and her husband, Jim, look forward to traveling and spending more time with their children and grandchildren.
Psych Student Awarded $30,000 Truman Scholarship

Monica Mukerjee, an international relations and psychology senior, was recently awarded a prestigious Truman Scholarship. Monica is one of only 75 students in the country to be named a Truman Scholar, and the 15th in MSU history. Scholars receive a $30,000 scholarship toward graduate study and participate in several policy and leadership activities organized by the foundation.

Monica is passionate about her plans to give voice to those who can’t make policies that affect or guide their lives. Her volunteer service as a sexual assault and crisis counselor at the Listening Ear Crisis Intervention Center in Lansing and as a medical advocate in the Sparrow Hospital’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, combined with her MSU studies and international research, helped her define her chosen path.

“I first came to MSU and the James Madison College to study international relations because I was interested in the topics of conflict and war,” she said. “I was shocked to learn in my first year about the sexual exploitation of refugees and women and what happens to them during war time.

“I also was interested in psychology. MSU faculty piqued my interests and helped me make connections between my divergent interests and connect the dots from a multidisciplinary perspective.”

Although gender is increasingly being addressed in international development, women continue to suffer devastating social inequalities that stem from violations of human rights, Mukerjee said.

Through the Ronald E. McNair Research and Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at MSU, she developed a typology, or systematic classification, as to how sexual violence is used as a weapon of war in international conflicts and applied it to her studies on the Sudan, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly known as Zaire.

“By labeling and characterizing various types of sexual violence, my method of rape categorization draws commonalities while distinguishing differences of rape in conflicts,” she said. She will use her research techniques in her studies of the psychological effects of rape and violence victims in surviving in Sri Lankan refugee camps and nongovernmental organization facilities while in India this summer.

Mukerjee plans to join the Peace Corps following college and pursue her master’s degree in public policy, concentrating on international, economic development and improvement of human rights for women. Her career objectives are to work with a nongovernmental organization to advance economic development and reduce gender based inequalities and violence.

Information taken from The State News and MSU News Release
Professor Neal Schmitt discusses the finer points with psychology honors student Katherine Morabito at our recent Psychology Honors Thesis Research Fair.

Psychology is the largest major in the College of Social Sciences with over 1500 majors and additional majors. The department continues to work on providing opportunities for students to become more involved in psychology beyond the taking of classes. For example, a number of students take advantage of our independent study option to work with faculty on various research projects. Thirty two students were undergraduate assistants in our lower level psychology courses this spring, helping the instructors make the classroom experience more meaningful. Many students have also taken advantage of our new Psychology 381 and 382 offering of a Human Service Internship program. Undergraduates examine a variety of social problems from an ecological perspective and secure an internship where they work over the summer for 18 to 36 hours a week on issues such as poverty, substance abuse, mental illness, aging, disabilities and more. In addition, we have over 150 students who have a major or additional major in psychology who are part of Michigan State University Honors Program. Honors students have the opportunity to take a number of low enrollment (30 or less) psychology honors classes and can conduct research leading to an honors thesis. This year 24 students have completed or are in the process of completing their honors theses. The students presented their impressive research at our recent Psychology Honors Thesis Research Fair and at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum on April 13, 2007. At MSU, learning about and applying psychology is more than just a classroom thing!

Kevin Ford, Ph.D.  
Undergraduate Program Director
**Recent Faculty Awards and Honors**

**Marc Breedlove** received MSU's 2007 Distinguished Faculty Award, given to faculty members in recognition of outstanding contributions to the intellectual development of the University.

**NiCole Buchanan** was awarded MSU's Excellence in Diversity, Emerging Progress award for the many and extensive ways she fosters diversity, multi-culturalism, and social justice.

**Kelly Klump** received MSU's 2007 Teacher-Scholar Award, given to faculty members who have shown exceptional early research productivity and teaching excellence.

**Kelly Klump** was recently named the President of the Academy for Eating Disorders.

**Fred Leong** received APA's Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology.

**Robin Miller** was recently appointed to the APA Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation.

**Recent Faculty External Grants**

**Joel Nigg** was awarded a five-year competitive renewal of his NIMH grant *Heterogeneity of Mechanism and Pathway in Child ADHD*.

**Cheryl Sisk** was awarded a five-year competitive renewal of her NIH Training Grant *Interdisciplinary Training Program in Neuroscience*. 
Recent Faculty Internal Grants

Michigan State University has a variety of mechanisms through which faculty can obtain small grants to fund projects likely to result in larger, externally funded projects. Psychology faculty have historically been highly successful in obtaining these grants. Some recent awards are:

**Rebecca Campbell** and Angie Kennedy received a Families and Communities Together (FACT) Coalition grant called *Adolescent Sexual Assault Victims’ Help Seeking Experiences*.

**Pennie Foster-Fishman**, Tim Tansey, and Chandra Donnell received a FACT grant entitled *Building Alliances for Disability Leadership*.

**Zaje Harrell** received an Intramural Research and Grants Program New Faculty Award, entitled *Racial/Ethnic Context And Psychological Predictors Of Alcohol Use: A Multi-Generational Study Of College Students*.

**Linda Jackson** received a grant from the Family Research Initiative Mini White Paper Program entitled *Children, Parents and Information Technology Use*.

**Steve Kozlowski** received a Faculty Research Initiative award to develop a measurement infrastructure to use an emergency medical simulation as a research platform to study team processes and effectiveness for emergency medical teams.

**Ann Marie Ryan** and Remus Ilies received a FACT grant called *Working Parent Expectations of Schools*.

**Ann Marie Ryan** and Remus Ilies also received a Family Research Initiative grant: *Teacher Experiences Of Work-Life Conflict*.

**Sharleen Sakai**, Kay Holekamp & Barbara Lundrigan received an IRGP grant called *Frontal Cortex And Social Complexity: A Comparative Study Using Computed Tomography*.

Sheryl Kubiak, **Cris Sullivan** and **Deb Bybee** received a FACT grant entitled *Assessing the Mental Health of Jailed Women*.

**Cris Sullivan**, **Rebecca Campbell** and **Deb Bybee** received a Health Behavior Research Initiative grant for the *Violence Against Women Research Initiative*. 
GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION

Graduate Student Appreciation Week, sponsored by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students, is designed to celebrate and raise awareness of the role of graduate and professional students within America’s colleges and universities. This year we continued our tradition of appreciating our outstanding graduate students with a Graduate Student Appreciation Lunch, this year held April 10th.

Many faculty turned out to appreciate our outstanding graduate students.
Recent Graduate Students’ Grants/Fellowships/Awards

Rodrigo Cárdenas and Shannon Kobes received Summer Support Fellowships from The Graduate School.

Nidal Karim was awarded a FLAS grant to study K’iche in Guatemala this summer.

Michelle Martel was awarded an NIMH Kirschstein National Research Service Award.

Jennifer Slane won the Academy for Eating Disorders (AED) Junior Investigator Travel Fellowship funded by the National Institute of Mental Health to attend the 2007 International Conference on Eating Disorders.

Laurie Carr, Zermarie Deacon, Erika DeJonghe and Christine Gockel were awarded MSU Dissertation Completion Awards.

Recent Graduate Student Publications


MSU Psychological Clinic Update

It is a pleasure for me to have an opportunity to write about the Psychological Clinic for the Psychology Department Newsletter. Faculty and alumni outside of the Clinical Interest Group may not be aware the Psychological Clinic has been training graduate students in our department for nearly sixty years. Over this time practicum training in the field of clinical psychology has changed considerably. Many clinical programs now ‘outsource’ their practicum training to a variety of off-site agencies, many with only tenuous connections to the university. In contrast to this trend, MSU continues to maintain a vibrant training center fully integrated into our Interest Group.

Amongst the strengths of clinical training here at MSU are the remarkable cadre of fully licensed psychologists - both faculty and community-based - providing careful supervision to our students. Our supervisors are a “deep bench” of highly experienced and talented clinicians. Community supervisors generously volunteer their time to work with our students. This faculty-community supervisory undertaking is a model of how psychologists working from inside and outside the academy can cooperate in advancing our field.

The training functions of the Psychological Clinic are tied to our commitment to service to the broader Lansing community. We provide a broad array of psychological treatment and assessment services to children, families, adults and the elderly. These services are available on a sliding-scale basis, and we are one of the few agencies in our community providing mental health service to the financially disadvantaged. As state-based services (especially Community Mental Health) experience devastating budget cuts, the low-fee services available through the Clinic remain an important example of the University’s commitment to the surrounding community.

I look forward to sharing more information about the Clinic’s training and treatment programs in future editions of the Newsletter.

Daniel Greenberg, Ph.D.
Clinic Director
Ice Cream Social A Success

On May 3rd we honored our graduating seniors with an ice cream party.

Not surprisingly, it was a great success!
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