

PSYCHOBABBLE

Dominican University of California

Welcome from Dr. LeeAnn Bartolini
Psychology Department Co-Chair

On behalf of all the faculty in the psychology department, I want to welcome students back to another wonderful year in the undergraduate psychology department at Dominican University of California.

If you are a first year student or an incoming transfer please stop by the department and introduce yourself to all of us.

We are located on the 2nd floor of Bertrand Hall. If you stop by in two weeks we will have full life size figures of Piaget, Freud, Skinner and Pavlov, and Watson prowling the wall of the Psychology Department. These are produced by a psychology professor at Los Angeles City College who also manufactures other fun psychology related items. Check out the online store at: <http://www.thepsychstore.com/>.

We also sell great sweatshirts with our departmental logo– Chilly on the Couch

Let Claire know what size you need as we will be placing a new order soon.



WHAT'S NEW FOR FALL?

The Psychology department welcomes 17 new incoming Freshman and 7 day transfer students along with 14 new Pathways Psychology Majors.

If you are a new major and have not filled out a Declaration of Major form, please do so now.

Dr. LeeAnn Bartolini and Bill Phillips will be co-chairing the department for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. Their contact information is:

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“follow that will and that way which experience confirms to be your own.”

Carl Jung 1875-1961

Psychiatrist and Founder of/

Analytic Psychology Institute

NEWSLETTER TITLE

FULL-TIME FACULTY SPOTLIGHT—DR. MATT DAVIS

Professor Matt Davis presented a paper entitled “Community disaster preparedness training: The psychological impact on participants” at the 91st Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association in May 2011. His co-authors on this paper were former DUC Psychology students Judd Rubinstein and Stephanie Lemp.

Dr. Davis is currently featured on the Discovery Channel series Curiosity in an episode entitled “Alien Invasion: Are We Ready?” The brief clips of him in the documentary were taken from an interview in Washington DC in March 2011.

On Thursday, September 1 Dr. Davis will be the

first speaker in a series of lectures sponsored by the Petaluma Historical Museum called End of Days, December 21, 2012. He will speak about his work on psychological reactions to the threat of natural Disasters.

Dr. Davis will also be speaking at the Association of Contingency Planners in Boston, Massachusetts October 12. His lecture topic is: Disaster Psychology: Why Do We Live in Dangerous Places?

Full-time Faculty Spotlight—Dr. LeeAnn Bartolini

Dr. LeeAnn Bartolini currently sits on the Board of Directors at the Center for Domestic Peace (Home of Marin Abused Women’s Services). Dr. Bartolini has held this post for the past 9 years. She will be conducting ethics training for the Bay Area Resources, another local non-profit organization on September 16th.

FULL-TIME FACULTY SPOTLIGHT— DR. AFSHIN GHARIB AND WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Professors Afshin Gharib and William Phillips attended the International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 2011 and presented a joint paper entitled “Differences Between Exam Types.” Professor Gharib will be heading to Leicester University, England in November to present a paper.

Adjunct Faculty Spotlight—Bette Hollis , MS, MFT.

Adjunct Professor Bette Hollis attended one of the Summer Institutes for college teachers sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Summer Institute was entitled, Material Culture of the Nineteenth Century New York.

Attending this Institute enabled Professor Hollis to learn the interactions of Psychology and Material Culture in preparation to teach a class called “The Psychology of Everyday Objects.” This class will be included in the Spring 2012 schedule.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Three Psychology Majors, Sandivel Torres, Geraldo Gonzalez, and Vernisha Tavares completed the summer program at the Institute for LeaderShape Studies. The Leadershape Program was a transformative experience for the three students who attended.

“At LeaderShape 2011, not only did I meet amazing fellow students, I also learned the importance of integrity and vulnerability. My whole life I learned to be a strong person who does not break down easily, and it took only one day at LeaderShape for me to accept that vulnerability is not always a negative. Now I know that sharing my ignorance, weakness and worries makes me a stronger person. LeaderShape added the word “integrity” to my vocabulary; and now I am comfortable with my own way of leading. With integrity, I will be sharing my values, and learning to work with others.

Sandivel Torres,
Summer 2011

Other Psychology Majors who have attended past LeaderShape Institutes are:

Nicholas Parrish

Jahaila Canton

Erica Wilson

Veronica Chinchilla

Blake Robins

Gabriel Galdamez

“Attending LeaderShape 2011 helped me realize my true potential of becoming a leader and it also increased my communication towards others. Before LeaderShape, I would let people get in front of me for discussion ideas because of my low level of self-confidence and assertiveness. LeaderShape taught me that if one believes in something it only takes one voice and others will follow you—the Power of One.”

Geraldo Gonzalez
Summer 2011

“Going to LeaderShape was an eye-opening experience, one unlike any workshop I have attended. LeaderShape teaches the importance of integrity, and the power of unity and cohesiveness. It helped me build strong bonds with my peers and other campus leaders.”

Nick Parrish,
Summer 2010

“LeaderShape helped me realize that true friendships are not determined by how long you know a person, but how much vulnerability, trust and love are shared between two people. It also helped me to realize how close my dreams are to my reality and it gave me a stepping stone toward achieving them.”

Vernisha Tavares
Summer 2011

Student Research

Full-time faculty members Drs. LeeAnn Bartolini, Matt Davis, Afshin Gharib, Gail Matthews, and William Phillips attended the Annual Western Psychology Association conference in Los Angeles in April, along with 14 Psychology Majors. Students whose research is selected are invited to attend the annual conference. These conferences are an avenue for students to showcase their research, get feedback from fellow students and develop confidence in their work.

Psychology Majors who attended WPA:

Katie Blackstone

Krista DiGrazia

Tita Godinez-Rodriguez

Karen Hadley

Mercy Higgwe

Kristine Javier

Jennifer Lopez

Kelly Miura

Mike McGraw

Terra McGrue

Julia Stevenson

Sandivel Torres

Zoe Walp

Students who attended NCUR , April 2011

Tessa McGrue

Julia Stevenson



Dr. Matt Davis and Dr. Elliot Aronson at Psi Chi Spring 2011

Honor Society: Psi Chi is the International Honor Society for Psychology Majors.

Psychology majors who meet the requirements are invited into Psi Chi at the beginning of the Spring Semester. Students are inducted publicly into Psi Chi during the department's annual Psi Chi event. As part of this annual event a well-known Psychologist is invited to give a talk to the new members, and past Psi Chi members.

Our guest speaker Spring 2011 was eminent Social Psychologist Dr. Elliot Aronson. He spoke about his latest book *Not by Chance Alone: My Life as a Social Psychologist*. Dr. Aronson captivated an audience of 150 students, alumni, and faculty. Also, in the audience were 10 sight impaired acquaintances of Dr. Aronson and their guide dogs—a wonderful addition to our audience.

"One of the best and most entertaining speakers I have heard in a long while," commented an audience member

Spring 2011 Graduating Psychology Major's Senior Thesis Titles

Kelly Aldana	The Influence of Spirituality and Religiosity on Happiness and General Well-Being
Elizabeth Bandy	Alcohol Consumption and Its Impact on Attitudes Toward Alcoholics
Clifford Bartolome	The Relationship Between Exercise, Academics, and Self-Esteem
Katie Blackstone	Religion or Psychosis: Perceptions of Religious Beliefs, Religious Orientation and the Conflict between Religion and Science
Shawna Bryant	Self-efficacy and Severe Sports Related Injury Differences in Male and Female Athletes
Ashley Burley	The Effects of Self-Esteem on Sexual Behavior
Raquel Carter	The Effects of Music on Mood and Anxiety Levels
Angela Cooper	The Influence of Female Attachment Styles on Trust in Romantic Relationships
Krista DiGrazia	Gender Differences in Deliberate Misrepresentations on Online Dating Websites
Linda Dolan	Gender Differences in the Use of Alternative Therapies for Treatment of Chronic Pain
Susan Grelock	Effects of Meditation on State Self-Esteem and Mood
Mercy Higgwe	Unintentional Prejudice in White Jurors: The Role of Ethnicity and Race-Salience in Attribution of Guilt
Kristine Javier	Facebook: Where Narcissism is Revealed
Brigitte Macias	Social Networking and Text Messaging: How it Influences the Unwillingness to Communicate in Person
Hillary Martinez	The Influence of Friendship Attachment Styles on Trust and Self-Disclosure
Kelly Miura	Effects of Teacher's Warmth on Student Satisfaction and Evaluations of the Teacher
Kristina Mohler	The Effects of Romantic Relationships on Levels of Self-Efficacy
Michael McGraw	Exploring the Relationship between Spirituality, Locus of Control and Well-Being
Tessa McGrue	Battered Women Who Kill: The Influence of Defendant Characteristics on Verdict Outcomes
Melanie Palarca	Fading Tattoos' Taboos in Professional Setting
Julie Stevenson	Religion or Psychosis: Perceptions of Religious Beliefs, Religious Beliefs, Religious Orientation and the Conflict Between Religion and Science
Zoe Walp	The Effects of Self-Esteem on Procrastination in an Academic Setting

Alumni Spotlight

Linda Dolan, Class of 2011

Recent Psychology graduate Lind Dolan is currently working as a volunteer with San Quentin inmates through the San Quentin T.R.U.S.T. Organization. The goal of T.R.U.S.T is to educate, organize and assist incarcerated men in their positive restoration of self which ultimately creates positive changes in their relationships to their families.

Linda was inspired to get involved with the program after reading an article about Kathleen Jackson, a longtime San Quentin T.R.U.S.T. volunteer in the November 2010 issue of Marin Magazine. Despite some initial nervousness about being involved with a prison program, Linda has been going to San Quentin for several weeks now and spends two and a half hours each week with men who are part of the program. Linda is putting her Psychology background to good use and will be a facilitator of a workshop that will start in October. The topic of the workshop is Sex, Gender, and Relationships

“I am glad that I followed my instincts and got involved in this program. It is proving to be a very positive experience for both me and for the men with whom I am involved. Additionally, I am learning that I have a lot to offer the members of the program and they in turn are proving to be wonderful teachers for me as well.”

Linda Dolan

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

Two Getting into Graduate School Workshops will be offered by the full-time Psychology faculty:

Tuesday, September 27th, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

with Professors LeeAnn Bartolini and Afshin Gharib

Wednesday, September 28th, 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

with Professors Bill Phillips, Gail Matthews, and Matt Davis

Both workshops will be held in the Psychology Resource Room, Bertrand Hall, 2nd Floor

October 17th through November 11th—Academic Advising for Spring and Summer 2012 begins. Peer Advisors will be available in the Psychology Department to go over your preliminary schedules before you meet with your academic advisor. An email will be sent out to all students from Claire Cumings with more detailed information before advising begins.

Field Placement

A sampling below of some of the sites where Psychology Majors have completed their field placement requirement.

More extensive lists of field placements sites are available in the Field Placement binders which are located in the Psychology Resource Room.

Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center

Integrated Community Services

Hamilton Family Center, SF

Casa Allegra

Marin Suicide Prevention

Halleck Greek

Creativity Explored

Drawbridge

St. Vincent's Home for Boys

Contra Costa Health Services

Marin Youth Center (MYC)

Marin Advocates for Children

CASA

Novato Children's Center

Santa Clara Supreme Court

Women's Initiative

West Valley Community Services,

Cupertino

Helen Vine Detox

Marin Juvenile Probation

Marin City Youth Court

YMCA

Marin AIDS Project

Social/Fun Stuff

The Psych Club is an informal meeting of Psychology majors/minors and fulltime faculty members. This semester the Psych Club welcomes returning members and several new members. The next two semesters we plan on having some fun events like BBQs, bowling, movie nights—indoors and outdoors. Also planned are events that will create awareness about subjects like alcohol and drug dependence, mental illness and suicide. The goal of the Psych Club is to make our club stronger, to get to know students well, and build lasting relationships. The Psych Club meets about once a month. Non-Psychology majors and friends of Psychology Majors are invited to attend. We are enthusiastic about our club plans for this coming semester and you are invited to join us on **FACEBOOK at DUC Psychclub** for Club updates and postings.