Illinois School Psychology Internship Consortium (ISPIC): Celebrates 10th Anniversary  By Brenda Huber

In these tumultuous economic times, sustaining a collaborative venture on soft money over the course of 10 years is an enormous accomplishment. ISPIC, an APA-accredited internship program sponsored by Illinois State University, Loyola University Chicago, Northern Illinois University, and National Louis University, was developed in 2002 with an initial cohort of two interns. This year (2011–2012), there are 20 school psychology interns within schools, hospitals, and agencies across Central and Northern Illinois. On June 15, 2012, all 135 former ISPIC interns, their supervisors, and faculty from their home universities will be invited to an event that is part continuing education, part reunion, and part celebration. The ISPIC learning community wishes to express appreciation for the many contributions of time, resources, expertise, and funds from Illinois State University, alumni, and all those who have supported this work.

The Marzolf Center supports innovation and research in rural mental health  By Brenda Huber

The Psychological Services Center (PSC), officially the The Stanley S. Marzolf Center for the Psychological Assessment & Treatment of Children and Adolescents, provides clinical training opportunities for more than 30 students in the Department of Psychology each year. Operating funds for the PSC come from fees collected for assessment, intervention, and consultation services provided on-site, as well as through external contracts. After two years of planning with leaders in Livingston County, a new and exciting opportunity for faculty and students has been secured. A grant of $2 million from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation’s Building Systems of Care, Community by Community will enable the community to revolutionize its system of care for children’s mental health so that all children 0–18 and their families will have access to universal prevention efforts and screening for developmental, social-emotional, and mental health difficulties. Professionals from the medical and public health; probation, legal, and court services; mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence; early childhood intervention and developmental disabilities; and educational sectors are partnering together to organize three increasingly intense levels of intervention for children identified as at-risk and their families. In addition to PSC involvement in the implementation of the initiative, Adena Meyers and Renee Tobin and their team of research assistants are evaluating the outcomes of the community’s efforts, which will provide data to support acquiring additional external funds for the community.

News from the chair

Esteemed Alumni:

On behalf of faculty, staff, and students, let me say it is our distinct pleasure to keep in touch with you via the latest edition of Psy News.

As my first academic year as department chair comes to a close, I am delighted to report that our faculty continued to garner university acclaim: Karla Doepke received the Outstanding College Service Award, Mark Swerdlik was named a College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecturer, and Dawn McBride and Val Farmer-Dougan were both promoted to full professor. On another note, David Barone is retiring this year. He served as department chair from 1999–2007, and as a faculty member from 2007 through the present. We appreciate the incredible leadership he provided the department during his tenure as chair, and Associate Chair Cooper Cutting, and I thank him personally for the guidance he has provided us as we have attempted to maintain the high standards he fostered. Finally, on a more somber note, Gary C Ramseyer passed on March 27. He was a member of the department faculty from 1965 through 1998. Many alumni have commented on their deep appreciation of his student-oriented approach to teaching statistics. Many members of the department attended his memorial service. We remember him fondly.

In closing, if you happen to be in town at some point, feel free to stop by, walk around the fourth floor of DeGarmo, and soak up the ambience of a dedicated faculty and staff. And if you see someone you remember, feel free to say “hello”. I’m sure it will make their day.

Best,
J. Scott Jordan, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Psychology
Alumna of the Year—Lifetime Career Award

Nancy Metzler Peterson, M.A. ’76, school psychology, was named this year’s Lifetime Career Award Honoree at our Alumni Day celebration held Homecoming week in October 2011. Peterson’s distinguished career is characterized by service, innovation, and relationships. Her work as a school psychologist in Chicago-area school districts/special education cooperatives spans more than 30 years. Her contributions to the field are too numerous to count. She has left a lasting impression on school psychology through her leadership roles in organizations, by supervising and educating interns, and mentoring future leaders in school psychology. Peterson was instrumental in founding the Illinois School Psychologist Association (ISPA) and has served as president of that organization as well as chair of numerous committees. For her efforts, she has been recognized by ISPA with their Presidential Award. On a national level, Peterson twice has been recognized with the National Association of School Psychologist’s prestigious Presidential Award. Professionally, colleagues have characterized Peterson as “dedicated to the profession,” “a talented leader,” and “irreplaceable.” Peterson has retired and enjoys traveling with her husband Rich.

Alumna of the Year—Early Career Award

Ana Bridges, M.S. ’01, clinical psychology, was named this year’s Early Career Award Honoree during our Alumni Day celebration on October 14, 2011. Bridges is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Arkansas. She earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2007 from the University of Rhode Island. According to her faculty page at the University of Arkansas, her research interests comprise three broad areas: pornography’s effects on relationship satisfaction, Latino mental health and service utilization, and improved clinical decision-making through improved assessment methodology.

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October 5, 2012

For more information about Alumni Day events, visit Psychology.IllinoisState.edu/Alumni. We hope to see you there!
Two ways to stay connected

Program continues to draw new students

We have 28 students in the program, and we continue to receive applications from strong individuals with diverse experiences and backgrounds. The 12 students admitted for fall 2011 join us from a variety of undergraduate institutions: Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, University of Illinois at Chicago, Bradley University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Augustana College, and Missouri State University. Welcome to our newest cohort!

Among the 12 students admitted for fall 2011 is Mary Beth Ryan, who received one of the very competitive ISU Foundation Fellowship awards offered each year to top first-year graduate students. Ryan completed her B.A. in psychology at Illinois State University in December 2010. While earning her bachelor’s degree, she was selected as a 2010–2011 Bone Scholar, which is the highest honor that an Illinois State University undergraduate student can receive. We are pleased to announce that Nora Bunford’s thesis project was selected as the Department of Psychology nominee for the James L. Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award. Bunford’s thesis, “Suicide: An Impossible Worlds Perspective,” was supervised by Ray Bergner and Karen Pfost. Bunford completed her M.S. in clinical-counseling psychology in 2010 and is a doctoral student in the clinical child psychology program at Ohio University.

New graduates

Congratulations to our most recent graduates! This past year saw many students reaching their goals of finishing their master’s degrees. Erica Behrens, Arin Brewer, Natalie Chase, Sara Duffy, Megan Moran, Leah Reuschel, Diana Saccomanno, Navdeep (Neeva) Sandhu, and Nicole Vega earned their degrees in May 2011; Kristen Braun, John Hinrichs, Sarah Kendall, and Mary Lee completed their degrees in August 2011; and Jamie Sikorski and Teresa Young earned their degrees in December 2011. We welcome them to our growing list of clinical-counseling alums, and we wish them success as they continue their professional pursuits.

Two ways to stay connected

To date we have had 117 individuals graduate from the clinical-counseling psychology program! We are proud of all of our alumni. We have established two new ways for program graduates to keep in touch. We have been updating our alumni page on the clinical-counseling program website. So far we have posted the names of our graduates over the years, and we are in the process of adding information about our most recent graduates—employment or further education after graduation, and titles of thesis or clinical competency projects. You can see these postings by following the Alumni link at Psychology.IllinoisState.edu/CC. If you are a clinical-counseling alum from any year, we would welcome hearing from you and having updates added to this page.

Thanks to Jef Kahn, we now have a Clinical-Counseling Psychology at Illinois State University Facebook page. We are excited about this new opportunity for alumni to keep in touch. Read about what is happening in our program, and let us know about any updates in your lives. This also provides a great way for alums and current students to network and interact with one another.
Faculty accomplishments

These past two years have been record setting for school psychology faculty securing external research grants. Six school psychology faculty have secured a total of more than $1 million in external funding including the following: Gary Cates, $600,000, to evaluate Response to Intervention implementation throughout Illinois; Karla Doepeke, $206,610, as part of The Autism Program of Illinois to develop a statewide network of services and trainings; Adena Meyers and Renee Tobin, $126,000, to evaluate the implementation of mental health services in Livingston County with the principal investigator on this grant ISU alumna Brenda Huber; Adena Meyers and Kathy Hoff, $72,500, for evaluation of JumpStart early literacy Chicago area program; and Mark Swerdlik and Adena Meyers, $65,000, to fund research on Illinois National Guard soldiers returning from combat.

Karla Doepeke was inducted into the ISU Million Dollar Club, which honors faculty members who have secured at least $1 million dollars in grants for research and other projects.

Steven Landau was appointed chair of the NASP Research Committee.

APA Self-Study

Our doctoral program in school psychology is currently undergoing our seven-year APA reaccreditation review. We are awaiting feedback on our self-study with the next step being to set up our site visit. Thanks to all alumni who completed surveys that were conducted in conjunction with this self-study.

Passages

Congratulations to our newest alumni—Anna Hickey and Dan Ebbert, graduates of our Ph.D. program and Kristy Bell, Lauren Carlson, Nicole Cajindos, and Amir Jacob who earned their specialist degrees in school psychology this past summer.

Sara Harris ’10 won the university-wide competition for the prestigious Sorenson Outstanding Dissertation Award presented by the ISU Graduate School. The title of her dissertation was “Early Intervention for Poverty Stricken Children: A Study of Preschoolers Receiving JumpStart” The chair of her dissertation was Distinguished Professor Laura Berk.

Julie Herbstrieth ’10 received the APA Division 16 Dissertation of the Year award. Her chairperson was Renee Tobin.

Kate Gioia ’10 was the recipient of the 2010–2011 Department of Psychology Charter Department Graduate Student Excellence Award.

Nancy Metzler Peterson ’76 retired after a 35-year career as a school psychologist in the Western Chicago suburbs.

Ninth Audrey J. Grupe Fellow in school psychology selected

Sara Rubin was named the ninth recipient of the Audrey J. Grupe fellowship in School Psychology. Rubin is a first-year student in the specialist program. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Northwestern University. After graduation, Rubin spent three years as a Teach for America Corp member, teaching first grade at an urban Las Vegas elementary school where 85 percent of her students were English language learners. During her work with Teach for America, Rubin earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. Past Grupe Fellows have included Amir Jacob, Brian Spicer, Jennifer Wierzbicki, Clair Delahunt, Rebecca Skupien, Kristin Miller, Alison Tomchik, and Allison Hanna. The Department of Psychology would like to thank Audrey Grupe and Cofounder Mary Jane McCarthy for funding the fellowship and contributing to the future generations of school psychology students.

Alumni return for Homecoming event-conversations with school psychology alumni

Several returned to campus during Homecoming 2011 to talk with current specialist and doctoral students. This distinguished group of alumni spanned more than 30 years of the history of our school psychology program, represented both our doctors of philosophy, specialist, and master’s degree programs, and represent career paths that include working in a variety of settings such as independent practice, administration, and school-based practice. These alumni included Brian Apollo, Joe Gentry, Dave Saxe, Joe Bauter, Nancy Metzler Peterson, Michelle Van Albade, Pecho, and Joan Jaderholm Larsen. We appreciate alumni sharing their "career paths" and perceptions of the present and future directions of our specialty of school psychology with our students. If any alumni are interested in returning to campus to speak to students during Alumni Day 2012 scheduled for October 5, 2012, contact Mark Swerdlik at mswerd@IllinoisState.edu.
Numerous presentations given abroad

The developmental sequence has had a very active travel year. Our faculty and students presented research at numerous national and international conferences, including the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development in Montréal, Canada; the British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual Conference in Southampton, UK; and the Association for Institutional Research forum in Toronto, Canada. Travel within the United States included the Jean Piaget Society Meeting in Berkeley, the Conference on Emerging Adulthood in Providence, the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society in Philadelphia, the Cognitive Science Society conference in Boston, the National Association of School Psychology in San Francisco, and the American Psychological Association meeting in Washington. Our faculty also presented at regional conferences, including a workshop hosted at Illinois State University, “Getting Ahead in Cognitive Science: The Forward-looking Nature of Perception, Action, and Cognition” and the Illinois Data Conference held in Carbondale.

We were pleased to be able to include both undergraduate and graduate student coauthors on many of these presentations. Presentations at conferences provide our students with experiences necessary to be admitted into doctoral programs. Just this past year, Ryan Field finished his master’s degree at Illinois State and is working toward a doctorate at the University of Arizona. We are grateful for financial contributions from the department and university, which make student travel possible. Anyone interested in contributing to the Developmental Student Travel Fund to help us continue these engaging visits can contact Patty Foltz at pfoltz@IllinoisState.edu.

Ročío Rivadeneyra and Greg Braswell also presented at the SACNAS conference in San Jose, California. SACNAS is devoted to advancing Hispanics, Chicanos, and Native Americans in science. Rivadeneyra organized a symposium, “Culture and Context in Developmental Psychology.” SACNAS is a mentoring conference for up-and-coming underrepresented students in the STEM disciplines. As such, Braswell and Rivadeneyra were part of a Discussion with the Scientists workshop and helped to judge student presentations while enjoying mariachi music and a Pow Wow.

Course redesigns

Some of our developmental faculty spent summer 2011 redesigning their courses to fit with the objectives of the Urban Teacher Preparation Program. Marla Reese-Weber redesigned her PSY 215 Educational Psychology course and Ročío Rivadeneyra redesigned her PSY 302 Adolescent Development course. These courses now include content related to underserviced schools and offer students a bus trip to observe in the Chicago Public Schools and visit the Little Village or Auburn Gresham communities.

Patricia Jarvis and Gary Creasey, who is the assistant director of the project, previously redesigned their PSY 302 courses to include more emphasis on the urban context. Their students gain field experiences that require school and community observations in high-need Chicago neighborhoods.

CONNECT

Gary Creasey started the mentorship program, CONNECT (Civic Opportunities to Network Needs for Educational and Community Transformation). In this program, ISU students are paired with middle-school students from high-need communities. The mentors and mentees meet three times and maintain relationships for nine months via Skype. The program culminates in a mutual community enhancement project. For more information, look for the CONNECT Program in the Current Initiative section at AmericanDemocracy.IllinoisState.edu/Teacher-Education.
Speakers share expertise with CBS students

The CBS sequence continues its history of hosting a wide range of interesting speakers. In Spring 2011, visitors included Mike Richardson from the University of Cincinnati and Brad Morris from Grand Valley State University. Past CBS alums Kona Taylor from the University of Illinois–Champaign-Urbana and Chris Wahlheim from Washington University were also part of our speaker series in the spring. In fall 2011, Shaun Vecera of the University of Iowa, Dave Gallo of the University of Chicago, and Jay Holden of the University of Cincinnati presented their research in invited talks. Matthew Hunsinger, a CBS alum, from Mary Baldwin College also presented to the CBS group. These presentations provide wonderful intellectual engagement for both faculty and students and allow students to meet possible future Ph.D. advisors and network with other researchers. To view the speakers and topics for the CBS sequence go to Psychology.IllinoisState.edu/CBS and follow the Pro Seminar link. We are grateful for financial contributions from the department, college, and university, which make these visits possible. If you are interested in contributing to the CBS speaker fund to help us continue these engaging visits, contact Patty Foltz at pafoltz@IllinoisState.edu.

Awards and promotions

We are happy to congratulate Tom Critchfield on receiving ABA International’s Don Hake Translational Research Award for 2010. According to the American Psychological Association Division 25 website, The Don Hake Translational Research Award recognizes individuals whose work spans basic and applied research and represents the cross-fertilization of the two areas. Critchfield’s scholarly interests have focused on the expression of basic behavioral principles in face-valid everyday behaviors (e.g., verbal self-reports, bill-passing by Congress, play selection in football).

In 2011, Dawn McBride and Valerie Farmer-Dougan were both promoted from associate professor in psychology to full professor. Congratulations!

In memory of Gary C. Ramseyer

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Gary C. Ramseyer. He passed away in Normal on March 27. Ramseyer taught statistics from 1965 until his retirement in 1988. He will be greatly missed.
I/O-S alumni and faculty news

John Pryor presented his Distinguished Professor lecture (Scientific Studies of Social Stigma) to the University community on November 30, 2011! Congratulations on your accomplishment.

**Congratulations to the following I/O-S alumni on their successful thesis defenses in the past year:**

Amy Mast (November 2010; Chair—John Pryor), “Coping Strategies to Reduce Sexual Harassment at Work”

Dusty McEwen (November 2010; Chair—John Binning), “An Investigation of Big Five Factor and Facet-Level Personality Correlates of Job Performance Dimensions for Business Management Consultants”

Elizabeth Allen (November 2010; Chair—Kim Schneider), “Occupational Stress in Small Business Owners: Sources Differences Based on Ownership Type and Gender”

Michelle Toelle Austin (February 2011; Chair—Margaret Nauta), “Relations Among Entrepreneurial Self-Efficacy, the Impact of Entrepreneurial Role Models, and Entrepreneurial Intentions”

Stan Treger (April 2011; Chair—Susan Sprecher), “Did He Make You Laugh? The Effect of Humor on Interpersonal Attraction”

Kris Ariyabuddhiphongs (April 2011; Chair—Glenn Reeder), “Entrainment and Mindreading: Effects of Mimicry and Synchrony on Projection and Stereotyping”

Josh Wondra (April 2011; Chair—Glenn Reeder), “I Know How You Feel: The Relationship Between Perceived Similar Experiences and Felt Understanding”

**Welcome to the new I/O-S master’s candidates**

This year we welcomed an incoming class with five students: Phil Drazewski, University of Michigan; Austin Glinski, Illinois State University; Mike Hoffman, Illinois State University; Joseph Morrison, Drake University; and Josh Rohlfs, Illinois State University. Four second-year I/O students are also continuing in the program: Mackenzie Harmon, Ashley Niemczyk, Kandace Waddy, and Kelly Whalen.

**Conference presentations by faculty and graduate students**


**I/O Reunion at the Annual SIOP Conference**

Approximately 25 I/O alumni attended our annual reunion at the SIOP conference in April 2011 in Chicago. It was a great chance for alumni to catch up with colleagues and old friends, network, and meet our current students. Thanks to Danita Eisenbise, we now have an ISU I/O-Social Facebook group; we have added many alumni already, but please email Kim Schneider if you would like to join the Facebook group. We use it to post job opportunities as they appear in our inboxes and to simply keep up to date on what everyone is doing.

David Barone retires

Esteemed professor, former department chair, and teacher of statistics and history and systems psychology, David Barone, said goodbye to the department in May 2012. David started at Illinois State as the department chair in 1999 and stepped down in 2007. He and wife Deborah, plan to retire to Ft. Collins, Colorado, to spend more time with daughter, Justine and family. He will be greatly missed. We wish him and Deborah, all the best.

The department is accepting contributions in appreciation of Barone’s service. If you’d like to donate in honor of Barone, please visit Advancement.IllinoisState.edu and click on the Ways To Give tab, or use the form provided in this newsletter. Designate your contribution directly to the Psychology Retired Faculty and Staff Fund. Contributions received support graduate students’ and junior faculty’s research and travel.
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