DEPARTMENT NEWS

WINTER 2016 DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

Wednesday March 16, 3:30 pm, AD 247
Speaker: Rob Sutherland, PhD, University of Lethbridge
Title: TBA

Wednesday, April 20, 3:30 pm, AD 247
Speaker: Jeff Temple, PhD, University of Texas Medical Branch
Title: Teen sexting, cyberbullying, and emerging trends in social media

CONGRATULATIONS!

Melanie Noel was awarded the 2016 Canadian Psychological Association President's New Researcher Award. This award recognizes exceptional quality of Dr. Noel's work as a new researcher in psychology in Canada.

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR TIER II IN ADULT CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY JOB TALK

Dr. Brandon Gavett
“Longitudinal Neuropsychology: Toward Optimal Monitoring of Cognitive Aging Trajectories”

Wednesday March 9
9:00-10:30 am
PF 120

EVENTS

IHI INAUGURAL CONFERENCE 2016 CONTEMPORARY INSIGHTS FOR OPTIMIZING HEALTH

Save the Date: MAY 13, 2016

When: Friday, May 13, 2016
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Bernard Snell Hall
Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre
8440 - 112 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta

Registration: FREE

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2016

See more at: https://uofa.ualberta.ca/integrative-health-institute/ihi-conference-2016#sthash.TRrl4eK9.dpuf
AGRI CONFERENCE

The Alberta Gambling Research Institute and the University of Calgary are co-sponsoring the fifteenth in a series of special interest conferences in the area of gambling studies. The 2016 conference theme is “Understanding Gambling: Mechanisms & Predictors.”

Please join us at The Banff Centre Thursday, April 7, 2016 (Pre-conference workshop & opening reception) and Friday, April 8 & Saturday, April 9, 2016 (Conference)

Presentation themes will range from updates on the latest research on neurobiological and cognitive mechanisms that underlie gambling and problem gambling to presentations on how different treatment and self-help interventions work. Speakers include Dr. Kate Bedford (U of Kent), Dr. John Cunningham (CAMH), Dr. Nerilee Hing (Southern Cross U), Mr. Andrew Kim (U of Calgary), Dr. Marc Lewis (Radboud U), Dr. Barry Scholnick (U of Alberta), Dr. Will Shead (Mount Saint Vincent U), and Dr. Rob Williams (U of Lethbridge).

The Canadian Consortium on Gambling Research annual research methods workshop engages researchers, policy-makers and other experts to share their knowledge, perspectives and experience on key issues in gambling research. The workshop, “Digital Engagement: How the web changes recruitment, data collection, and user feedback,” will explore frameworks, methods, and ethical issues related to online recruitment and data collection, analyzing large collections of online data, and the effectiveness of real time feedback on player behaviour.

The conference will take place at The Banff Centre -- a relaxing and intimate setting in the majestic Canadian Rockies.

Information about the conference, including the preliminary program and the registration and accommodation form, is available from the Institute website: www.abgamblinginstitute.ualberta.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at the Alberta Gambling Research Institute’s 15th Annual Alberta Conference on Gambling Research in Banff, Alberta!

29TH ANNUAL PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The University of Saskatchewan's Department of Psychology is pleased to host the 29th Annual Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Saskatchewan on Friday, April 8th, 2016. Senior undergraduates from throughout Western Canada, including the Universities of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Brandon, Red Deer, Lethbridge, King's University, Alberta, Calgary, Regina and Saskatchewan, have attended this conference in previous years. We believe that students need the opportunity to present their research results in a conference setting and we view this event as a key academic experience for students interested in pursuing graduate training. The conference represents an important step in the continuation of a research career.

Conference proceedings will include paper and poster presentation sessions, a keynote address, as well as a lunch. Lunch will be provided free of charge to conference participants. If requested, we will do our best to arrange billeting for out of town students. Participants wishing to make use of billeting may indicate this when they submit their abstracts. (They can add a note within the abstract field of the online submission or send one of us a note.)

We request that abstracts (maximum 150 words) be submitted by March 25th online via the submission link on the conference website http://artsandsscience.usask.ca/psychology/undergraduates/conference.php which will then take you to the EasyChair conference submission website to upload the formal submission: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=psychoufs2016. Presenters will need to create a user name and password to log into the site and submit the title and abstract for their presentation as well as the following information: (1) the type of presentation they will be making - spoken paper or poster - this can be specified in parentheses following the title and (2) presenter contact information.

50TH MACKID SYMPOSIUM PRIMARY CARE - A COMING OF AGE FOR FAMILY MEDICINE APRIL 14 - 15, 2016

Winsport Calgary - Markin MacPhail Centre

Thursday, April 14th: Keynote speaker - Dr. Michael Evans Dr. Michael Evans is the creator of the worldwide YouTube sensation “23½Hours,” which has been viewed by over four million people, drastically outpacing any other health-based messaging in history.

Friday, April 15th

Full day conference program with topics such as: Transitioning Refugees into the Community, Chronic Pain, Geriatric Assessment and Goal Setting, Physician Assisted Death, Building Resilience with Stress Management.

Registration is now open! Early bird rates available until February 29th www.calgaryfamilymedicine.ca/Mackid
Registering with the College of Alberta Psychologists

Presented by Dr. Richard Spelliscy, PhD, R. Psych (AB)

March 8, 2016
12:00-1:00 pm
EDC 370A

Dr. Spelliscy is the Complaints Director, Privacy Officer and former Director of Professional Guidance for the College of Alberta Psychologists, and an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta. He is a registered psychologist in three Canadian jurisdictions and has maintained a private practice offering consultative services to education, health, social service, and public/occupational safety organizations for over two decades, and currently serves on the board of the Legal Assist Society.

During the lunch hour, you will have an opportunity to explore the process of registration to the College of Alberta Psychologists. Dr. Spelliscy will entertain any questions you may have about this important step in your professional career.

Light Refreshments will be provided.
Youth Mental Health Day
Monday, March 7, 2016; HSC: Theatre 4

Dr. Francis Lee
Cornell University

“The impact of common polymorphisms on the neuro-development of fear regulation”

Dr. Albert Wong
University of Toronto

“Animal models for psychiatric disorders”

Dr. Jon-Kar Zubiesta
University of Utah

“Treatment non-specific factors in recovery from illness: genetic variation”

Dr. Thalia Elay
King’s College

“Therapygenetics: Taking gene-environment interactions into the clinic”

Featuring talks by Mathison Centre Trainees:
Dr. Maria Morena, Dr. Darren Clark, Dr. Lisa Buchy and Ms. Manu Schuetze

Please RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-mental-health-day-a-research-symposium-tickets-21064887646?aff=affiliate1
RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

PARTICIPANTS FOR RESEARCH PROJECT NEEDED

A team of researchers in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary are conducting a research project regarding walkability in Calgary and are looking for participants. Participation will be rewarded with a $25 Google Play gift certificate.

What is it? The research team is searching for individuals who are in possession of smartphones running android software (i.e. Google Nexus, Samsung Galaxy, etc.). This study aims to use automatically recorded GPS location data from individual smartphones to determine the area of walkability around an individual's work and home residence (walkshed).

What Is The Purpose Of The Study & What Will You Be Required To Do If You Take Part? The purpose of this study is to use GPS location information from your Android smartphone in order to understand how specific and localized aspects of urban form restrict or facilitate pedestrian mobility. You will be required to meet with a member of the research team where you will be walked through all of the necessary steps needed to extract your smartphone’s location data. We will also record a number of basic demographic details such as gender, year of birth, etc. That being said, all personal identifiers will be removed from both the digital and physical data that will be collected to ensure anonymity for all participants.

How Much Time Will You Need To Dedicate? Completion shouldn’t take more than 30-45 minutes in total and individuals are free to withdraw at any time.

If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about the project contact the research team at: walkability@ucalgary.ca Or Visit our informative website at: http://walkability.ucalgary.ca

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR GAMBLING AND SMOKING STUDY

Dr. Daniel McGrath’s research laboratory in the Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary is conducting a research study examining how smoking may affect performance of different computer tasks and gambling behaviour in people who smoke. The study consists of 2 tests sessions with each taking approximately 2 hours to complete.

Who can participate?
• 18 years of age or older
• Daily smokers who play slot machines or video lottery terminals (VLTs)
• Have played VLTs or slot machines for money at least once a month for the past 3 months
• Must not have sought treatment for a gambling problem
• Are a daily smoker

What will I have to do?
• Complete a brief phone interview to see if you are eligible
• Take part in 2 sessions, each lasting 2 hours long, in the Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary
• For 1 session, you will be asked not to smoke for 12 hours prior to attending
• Complete several computer tasks and gamble on a VLT machine.
• Your VLT play will be video recorded but your face will not be. It is not possible for you to participate in this study without being video recorded.
• Answer questions about your smoking and gambling behaviour
• Participation will remain strictly confidential

You may be eligible to participate in the study. All participants will be compensated with a $30 gift card for each session.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please call at 403-210-7741 or email: gamblingstudy@ucalgary.ca to learn more. Replies to this Ad and participation in the study will be strictly confidential. The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this research study."
EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR “BABY SIBS PROJECT” AUTISM STUDY

We are looking for dedicated research assistants to help with testing of participants and data coding starting mid-March 2016. Our research participants are infants aged 6 months to 3 years, some of whom are at risk for being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. These positions will require a minimum of 5 hours per week of work in the Speech Development Lab at the University of Calgary, which will include attendance to team meetings. These hours can generally be completed at any time during the week, including evenings and weekends. Come summer 2016, we will be looking to fill paid Research Assistant positions with this project and will strongly consider excellent applicants for these.

If you are planning on doing an honours degree or applying to graduate school, this is a great opportunity to round out your CV, and gain a deeper understanding of how research is conducted in psychology.

Our ideal candidates will have completed PSYC 312, be a psychology major in their 3rd or 4th year, and can commit to this position for at least 1 year or more of work in the lab.

Experience with babies/toddlers and their parents, and/or experience with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder is a asset. See our website for more information about our Autism research: http://psychology.ucalgary.ca/speechlab/

To apply, please email your CV (including current GPA) and cover letter to Jennifer Ference at jdferenc@ucalgary.ca

ACADIA UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OR LECTURER POSITION

The Department of Psychology seeks to fill a 9.5-month contractually limited position at the rank of Assistant Professor or Lecturer (depending on qualifications), effective August 1, 2016. A Ph.D. in Psychology is preferred; however a Master's in Psychology, or a Ph.D. in a related discipline, and suitable teaching experience, will be considered.

Applicants must be able to teach undergraduate courses in: (a) Sensory Processes at the 2nd year level, (b) Introduction to Cognition at the 2nd year level; and (c) Sensation and Perception with a lab at the 3rd year level. Applicants will also be expected to contribute to the research and service activities of the department, and may have the opportunity to supervise directed research or honours students, if desired.

Applications must include a letter of application describing teaching and research experience, any evidence of teaching effectiveness, and an up-to-date curriculum vitae including the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three people who will provide letters of reference. Potential candidates shall send the application package and arrange to have three letters of reference sent to:

Dr. Sonya Major, Department Head c/o Ms. Heather Turner Department of Psychology Acadia University Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6 Phone: (902) 585-1301 Facsimile: (902) 585-1078 e-mail: sonya.major@acadiau.ca

Closing Date: March 4, 2016
SIOBHAN ISABELLA REID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are presented annually to a full-time student attending an Alberta University or College. This $1000 scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in a program which will lead to that individual being able to assist children and adults with learning disabilities. The student may be enrolled in any faculty of any university or college in Alberta that will lead to achievement of a degree.

The Awards Committee will consider the following in selecting a Recipient of the Reid Scholarship:

- Contribution to community life or campus
- Academic achievement/record
- Perception potential of applicant to contribute to support or research of people living with learning disabilities or ADHD
- Perceived need for proposed program of study
- Overall consideration of quality of applicant

Details and Award Applications at: LDAlberta.ca
Put your knowledge of medical research or science to work this summer!

- Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions’ Media Fellowship Program gives undergraduate or graduate university students the opportunity to help CBC Radio communicate science and health news to the public.
- We are looking for students with a strong health science background.
- Excellent writing, communication, and interpersonal skills are a must for this challenging 12-week summer internship.

For more information and application forms:
- aihealthsolutions.ca
  or call 1-877-423-5727
- Application deadline: Friday March 4, 2016
RESEARCH NOTES AND ACTIVITIES

Grants awarded:

Alberta Innovates Health Solutions Graduate Studentship in Patient Oriented Research ($30,000) – Awarded to Amanda Deacon (Tom O'Neill's PhD student) for the undertaking of health-related research with a patient-oriented approach entitled "Family Presence During Resuscitation on Increased Error in Medical Teams".


Research published:


Do you have something you would like to include in the Monday Memo newsletter? Please send it to k.macklon@ucalgary.ca before Friday at noon.