DEPARTMENT NEWS

2016 STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary is now conducting its annual survey of student satisfaction. All psychology majors in the Class of 2016 are being invited to complete the survey. If you are graduating this June you should have received an email with a link to the survey (if not, contact sears@ucalgary.ca for the link).

The Student Satisfaction Committee (Chris Sears, Melissa Boyce, Susan Boon, Vina Goghari, and Mike Boyes) created the survey to learn about the experiences of psychology majors and to use this information to improve the psychology program. The survey asks a variety of questions about your experiences in the psychology program and your satisfaction with those experiences (e.g., course scheduling, class sizes, quality of teaching in lectures, academic challenge, opportunities research experience, etc.). There is also an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on how to improve the psychology program.

The survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. Responses are completely confidential and no personal identifying information will be shared with anyone. The aggregated responses will be used to evaluate the psychology program and may be used for research purposes if the analyses reveal common themes that may be of interest to other psychology departments. Students who complete the survey before May 15 will be entered into a draw for one of three $50 gift cards from the University of Calgary Bookstore.

Please check your inbox for an email invitation to take part in the 2016 Student Satisfaction Survey!

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT TALK

(All are welcome to attend)

Wednesday May 25, 2016, 3:00-4:00 pm
AD 247

Exploring measures of recollection and familiarity: When the butchers aren't on the bus, where are they?

Dr. Helen Williams
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Keele University, Keele, UK

Abstract
Dual-process theories posit that recognition can be achieved through two separable processes – recollection of specific contextual information or evaluation of familiarity. I will describe a series of completed and planned studies investigating the reliability of various conceptualizations and measures of the subjective recognition states that accompany recognition. My research visit to Dr. Bodner’s Memory & Cognition Lab at the University of Calgary is part of an ESRC-funded grant to compare these methodologies in younger adults, older adults, and older adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Andrea Bombak, an Eyes High Post Doc co-supervised by Kristin Von Ranson, Shelly Russell-Mayhew, and Lindsay McLaren, has accepted a faculty position at Central Michigan University. Congratulations on behalf of the department of psychology!
Megan R. Gunnar is a Regents Professor and Distinguished McKnight University Professor at the University of Minnesota. She received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at Stanford University and then completed a post-doctoral fellowship in stress neurobiology at Stanford Medical School. In 1979 she came to the University of Minnesota as an Assistant Professor moving through the ranks to Full Professor by 1990. Professor Gunnar has spent her career studying how stress affects human brain and behavioral development and the processes that help children regulate stress. She is the Associate Director of Center for Neurobehavioral Development and the Director of the Institute of Child Development. She is the recipient of lifetime achievement awards from the American Psychological Association, Division 7 Developmental Psychology, and the Society for Research in Child Development and a lifetime mentor award from the Association for Psychological Science.
SHRUNK

Crime and Disorders of the Mind
Lorene Shyba PhD and J. Thomas Dalby PhD, Editors
Foreword by forensic psychiatrist Lisa Ramsay MD DPhil FRCPsych

SHRUNK: Crime and Disorders of the Mind is a collection of powerful chapters by eminent Canadian and international forensic psychologists and psychiatrists who write about mental health issues they face and what they are doing about it. Unlike any other book within the genre of True Crime, SHRUNK is the first book that delves deeply into the disturbed human psyche to help build a solution to the problem of understanding mental illness within the criminal justice system. We asked our forensics experts to tell stories about cases that still haunt them. Among the stories in the book are: Dr. Joel Watts on Luka Magnotta; Dr. J. Thomas Dalby on serial killer Clifford Olson; Dr. Jeffrey Waldman on Vinci Li and the Greyhound Bus tragedy; Mr. Justice Richard D. Schneider on a typical day in Mental Health Court; Dr. Sven A. Christianson on a Swedish case of psychopathic personality and media manipulation; Dr. Jack White on the most notorious Australian serial killing of all time; Dr. Louise Olivier on a case of dissociative fugue in South Africa; Dr. Donald Dutton on an American case of mind-control and false accusation; Dr. Stephen Porter and Tianna Dilley on brain damage and extreme amnesia; Dr. Barry Cooper and Jacqueline Kanipayur on malnutrition; Dr. Marc Nesca on catastrophic murder and necrophilia; Dr. Patrick Baillie on David Milgaard’s wrongful conviction; Dr. Lawrence Ellery on deviant sex rehabilitation; and Dr. David Dawson’s find moments of warmth in a shared humanity with psychiatric patients. Criminal defence lawyer William Trudell writes about working with forensic experts and their contributions in the defence of those suffering from mental disorders.

SHRUNK is scheduled for release on May 5, 2016. Pre-order from durvineville.com or at indigo.ca. Excerpts are available on request. Partial proceeds of the book go to the Schizophrenia Society of Canada.

YOU ARE INVITED — BOOK LAUNCH RECEPTIONS

CALGARY, Exquisite Canadian Release Party, May 5, 2016, 5:00 to 8:00 pm | Chapters Books, 9631 Macleod Trail S.W.

WINNIPEG, June 14, 2016, 5:00 - 8:00 pm | Chapters Polo Festival, 695 Empress Street

TORONTO, June 16, 2016, 5:00 - 8:00 pm | Simcoe Chambers, 116 Simcoe Street, Suite 100

June 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Signing Event: Bay & Bloor Indigo Books
EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE: ASSISTANT FOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

LOCATION: Halifax, Nova Scotia
EMPLOYER: Dr. Simon B. Sherry, Registered Psychologist

The successful candidate will be an employee of Dr. Sherry (not Dalhousie University). This job is not funded by a grant. Rather, this job is funded by out-of-pocket by Dr. Sherry. More information on Dr. Sherry’s work may be found here:

RESEARCH: www.personality.psychology.dal.ca
RESEARCHGATE: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Simon_Sherry
GOOGLE: https://scholar.google.ca/citations?user=xJQ2e44AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao

POSITION STATUS: full-time

ANTICIPATED CLOSING DATE: May 15, 2016; review of applications begins immediately and continues until this job is filled
START DATE: May, 2016; there is some flexibility regarding the start date
DURATION: May, 2016 to August 31, 2016; this job may be extended past August 31, 2016

SALARY: competitive salary offered; salary will depend on experience and qualifications

HOURS OF WORK: 40 hours per week

JOB SUMMARY: This job involves supporting Dr. Sherry in all facets of his work as a clinical psychologist (especially the business and the organizational aspects of his work). This position involves no direct client contact. In other words, you will not be working directly with Dr. Sherry’s clients.

DUTIES INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO) ASSISTING WITH:
· internet and literature searches
· word processing
· handling confidential information
· websites/social media
· marketing
· financial management
· preparing materials to support Dr. Sherry’s clinical practice
· organizing and conducting materials to support Dr. Sherry’s clinical practice
· various other duties

QUALIFICATIONS:
Education:
· fully completed university degree (honors preferred) in Psychology (or related research discipline) OR partly completed university degree in Psychology (or related research discipline)

Skills/Requirements:
· persistence
· strong oral and written communication skills
· high degree of computer literacy (e.g., familiarity with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS, and internet)
· excellent organizational skills; attention to details is a must
· excellent time management skills including an ability to prioritize work, to work under pressure, and to meet deadlines
· excellent interpersonal skills, including an ability to work in a team environment and to work on sensitive topics (e.g., depression or suicide)
· ability to problem-solve
· ability to follow specific directions and protocols
· ability to work both independently and collaboratively

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:
Email a cover letter and your CV to simon.sherry@dal.ca to the attention of Dr. Simon B. Sherry. Include a copy of all your university transcripts. I will only contact you if you are selected for an interview.
RESEARCH NOTES AND ACTIVITIES

GRANTS AWARDED:

Mike Antle was awarded an NSERC Discovery Grant - Network organization of the circadian clock

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Development Grant. Jammohamed, J. (PI); Madigan, S. (Co-PI); Pearlman, M. (Co-PI); Akbari, E. (Co-PI); Jenkins, J. (Co-PI). “The Early Childhood Cognitive Sensitivity Training Study” ($240,000).

Buckley, D. N. (PI)..... Noel, M (Co-investigator) (awarded). Chronic pain network. Canadian Institutes of Health Research Strategy for Patient Oriented Research ($12,440,060 from CIHR, bringing $17,107,075 in partner funds, $6,190,906 in-kind)

Noel, M. (Principal Investigator) (awarded). The sociolinguistic context of pain memory development in young children. University of Calgary URGC Pilot Seed Grant ($15,000).

RESEARCH PUBLISHED:


