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Alumna Reflects on Her WSU Experience

Patricia Hoelzle was the Outstanding Graduating Senior for the Department of Psychology in 2005. After completing her bachelor of science degree in psychology at WSU, Patti began her graduate training at Western Washington University. She is currently working on her master's degree in education and counseling psychology. We caught up with Patti and asked her how her experiences at WSU prepared her for graduate school. These are her thoughts, in her own words:

Of all the school counselors I have met, both in my graduate program at Western Washington University and its surrounding schools, I continue to be the only person who knew the career I wanted to pursue when I was a senior in high school. Throughout my years at WSU, this goal motivated me to work hard and face the challenges in front of me in hopes of being admitted to a quality and prestigious graduate program upon completion of my bachelor's degree. As I look forward to graduating with my masters in education from the CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) program at WWU in June, I can now fully appreciate the academic opportunities I was privileged to receive at Washington State University.

Knowing that I wanted to pursue a career as a school counselor, I was particularly interested in completing the Helping Skills certificate offered by the psychology department at WSU. In fact, the Helping Skills class I took during my senior year proved to be one of the most beneficial aspects of my training during the first year of graduate school. In that class, we were taught the foundational skills of counseling and although at the time I was not thrilled by the amount of role plays required, I now appreciate having the chance to develop in real time, with a real "client," the techniques I learned about through reading and lectures. I remember the first day in my graduate counseling skills class when my peers became quite anxious at the thought of videotaping and I, the youngest and possibly the most inexperienced counselor in our program of six, attempted to calm everyone else down, telling them, "It's not as bad as you think and it can be fun!" I still have my final mock counseling session and I can look at it now to see how much I have improved.

The majority of my peers at Western had spent some time living in the "real world" before pursuing their master's degree. I am the only student who entered the program immediately after completing my undergraduate degree. I truly feel that it was an advantage to come straight from WSU due to the quality of the training and the depth of knowledge I gained from my courses. Specific to my field of counseling were Psychology 440: Introduction to Clinical and Community Psychology taught by Dr. Leonard Burns, Psychology 361: Principles of Development, and Psychology 324: Psychology of Women, taught then by Dr. Samantha Swindell. Sitting in my graduate courses has been, at times, only a refresher of the information I learned at WSU. This has helped immensely in my practicum and internship experiences, and has been especially valuable during examinations.

The support and nurturing that the Psychology Department's faculty and staff provided during my undergraduate years truly motivated me to get involved in the department and prepare for a rigorous graduate program. I had the fabulous opportunity to be an undergraduate instructor for Psychology 106: Daily Living under the supervision of graduate student Ray Sacchi and Dr. Thomas Brigham. Giving lectures, leading classroom guidance activities, and providing one-on-one instruction to younger peers on lifestyle

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Patti Hoelzle receives the 2005 Outstanding Senior Award from Dr. Swindell at the CLA Awards Luncheon.



Patti Hoelzle

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Message from the Chair

Dear Alumni,

Each new year at WSU brings change, with the arrival of new students, faculty, and staff, as well as the departure of others. This issue of the Alumni Newsletter will note the arrival of two new faculty, **Brett Parmenter** and **Doug Lane**. Brett Parmenter is a clinical neuropsychologist who studies cognitive aspects of disorders such as multiple sclerosis. Doug Lane is a clinical psychologist who is serving as interim director of the Psychology Clinic. Beginning in fall semester 2006 we also welcomed a new undergraduate program assistant, **Amber Youmans**. We are certainly delighted to have these additions to the Department of Psychology. At the same time, change can also mean loss. And, as noted in the newsletter, this year we sadly mark the passing of two important contributors to the Department of Psychology, Professors **Frank Young** and **Dudley Klopfer**.

As we look to the future, it is worthwhile to note the many accomplishments in our department since the last newsletter. In addition to specific accomplishments described in this issue, I would highlight a few other significant items.

- The doctoral program in clinical psychology successfully completed a site visit as part of the periodic review for accreditation by the American Psychological Association. The program was given the maximum period of accreditation, which is a credit to everyone who contributes to the training of clinical doctoral students.
- **Samantha Swindell** received a William F. Mullen Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Liberal Arts. This is a singular and distinct honor for her consistently excellent efforts in classroom teaching.
- **Mike Morgan** was awarded a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for a project entitled "Cellular Mechanisms of Opioid Tolerance." This grant is one indication of the strides made in Morgan's research program on the neuroscience of pain.
- **Craig Parks** is the new editor of the American Psychological Association journal Group Dynamics. Selection as journal editor is a mark of professional distinction, indicative of the high opinion of Parks held by his colleagues in the field of social psychology.
- **Leonard Burns** was elected Fellow in the Society of Clinical Psychology (Division 12) of the American Psychological Association. This is one of the highest formal recognitions of professional contributions within a specialty area of clinical psychology.

I hope the present newsletter will give you a good indication of our continuing work. Thanks, as always, for your interest in and support of the Department of Psychology.

John Hinson

Professor and Chair

Focus on Faculty

Focus on Faculty: Brett Parmenter

It is estimated that 30 to 70% of individuals diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) will experience some loss of cognitive function. **Brett Parmenter** is interested in helping these individuals. Specifically, Parmenter's research focuses on developing ways to identify the individuals with MS who are most likely to experience cognitive deficits as well as determining the specific types of decrements they are likely to encounter. In doing so, she is particularly interested in problems related to working memory, processing speed, and higher executive function. However, Parmenter has also been exploring the relationship between cognitive impairment and MS-related fatigue, physical disability, and the presence of the apolipoprotein E (apoE) 4 allele. Research has shown that carriers of the 4 allele have a smaller than average hippocampus and an increased risk of developing Alzheimer-related dementia, particularly when coupled with certain other factors (i.e., low vitamin B12 levels). Parmenter's research has shown that compared to cognitively intact patients, those with severe cognitive impairment due to MS are more likely to possess this allele.

Parmenter received her master's and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the University of Kansas in 2000 and 2004, respectively.



Before joining the WSU faculty in August 2006, Brett completed a postdoctoral residency and fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She has received several professional accolades, most notably the B. Kent Houston Award for Health Psychology and the Certificate of Meritorious Achievement for Outstanding Fellow Presentation at the Michel E. Cohen Residents' Research day. To date, Parmenter has authored nine journal articles and given fourteen presentations at national and international conferences.

Focus on Faculty: Douglas Lane

Douglas Lane joined the WSU faculty in August 2006 as the director of the Psychological Clinic. Lane graduated summa cum laude from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1989. He went on to complete his master's and doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Kansas in 1994 and 2001, respectively, and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Yale University School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army Medical Department from 1999 to 2003. Prior to coming to WSU, Lane worked as a clinical assistant



professor of neurology at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and later as a clinical psychologist in the Department of Behavioral Health at the Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Lane's outstanding clinical work has been recognized by several professional organizations. He has been honored twice by the United States Army with the Army Commendation Medal for excellence in clinical care (2000, 2003). He also received the United States Meritorious

Service Medal in recognition of honorable service and clinical excellence in 2003. Most recently, Lane was honored by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology with the Judy E. Hall Early Career Psychologist Award (2006). This award recognizes professional excellence in a psychologist who completed his/her doctorate no more than 10 years before the year of the award. It is named after the National Register's current executive officer.

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Publications & Presentations

Len Burns and his colleagues have had three papers published this year. The first, titled "Measurement and structural invariance of parent ratings of ADHD and ODD symptoms across gender for American and Malaysian children," was coauthored by James Walsh (University of Montana), Rapson Gomez, and Nina Hafetz (University of Ballarat) and published in *Psychological Assessment*. The second paper, titled "Oppositional defiant disorder toward adults and oppositional defiant disorder toward peers: Initial evidence for two separate constructs," was coauthored by Ted Taylor, Julie Rusby (Oregon Research Center), and E. Michael Foster (University of North Carolina) and also published in *Psychological Assessment*. The third paper, titled "Parent ratings of oppositional defiant disorder symptoms: Item response theory analyses of cross-national and cross-racial invariance," was coauthored by Rapson Gomez (University of Ballarat) and James Walsh (University of Montana) and published in the *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*. Burns also wrote a chapter for *Handbook of Multimethod Measurement in Psychology* (M. Eid and E. Diener, American Psychological Association). The chapter was coauthored by Stephen Haynes (University of Hawaii) and titled "Clinical Psychology."

Rebecca Craft and Michael Leitl ('05 B.S. Neuroscience) had a paper, titled "Potentiation of morphine antinociception by pentobarbital in female vs. male rats," published in the journal *Pain*.

Lisa Fournier published research conducted in collaboration with faculty members from food science and pharmacy. Her paper, titled "The effects of soy milk and isoflavone supplements on cognitive performance in healthy, postmenopausal women," was coauthored by Tracy Ryan-Borchers ('04 Ph.D. Nutrition), Linda Robison (health policy and administration), **Matthew Wiediger** (Ph.D. candidate), Jean Soon Park, Boon Chew, Michelle McGuire (all food science and human nutrition), David Sclar, Tracy Skaer (both health policy and administration), and Kathy Beerman (food science and human nutrition), and published in the *Journal of Nutrition, Health and Aging*. A second paper, coauthored by members of the same group, was published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. It was titled "Soy isoflavones modulate immune function in healthy postmenopausal women."

J.P. Garofalo's paper "Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenocortical axis dysregulation in acute temporomandibular disorder and lower back pain: A marker for chronicity?" was published in the *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research*. This paper was coauthored by Richard Robinson (Baylor University Medical Center) and Robert Gatchel (University of Texas at Arlington). This study found preliminary evidence of a neuroendocrine mechanism underlying a constellation of psychosocial factors believed to increase the risk for pain to transition from the acute stage to a chronic stage. Garofalo also published a paper with **Heidi Hamann, Kevin Ashworth** ('05 B.S.), and Andrew Baum in *Ethnicity and Disease* titled "Stress and life quality in African American cancer survivors."

Heidi Hamann presented two posters at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine in March. The first, titled "Causal attributions about lung cancer," was coauthored by **Jennifer McDonald** (Ph.D. candidate) and **Lisa Howell** (M.S. candidate). The second, titled "Communication about cancer screening among siblings tested for BRCA1/2 mutations," was coauthored by Jennifer McDonald, Timothy Smith (University of Utah), Ken Smith (University of Utah), Robert Coyle (National Cancer Institute), and Jeffrey Botkin (University of Utah).

John Hinson, Paul Whitney, and Aaron Wirick (Ph.D. candidate) presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society in San Francisco in April. The poster was titled "Affective biasing and explicit knowledge in the gambling task."

Michiyo Hirai's book chapter, titled "Exposure therapy for phobias," appeared in D.D. Richard and D. Lauterbach's (Eds.) *Handbook of Exposure Therapies* (Academic Press). It was coauthored by L. Vernon and H. Cochran.

Jeff Joireman had several papers published this year: "Good citizens to the end? It depends: Empathy and concern with future consequences moderate the impact of a short-term time horizon on OCBs" was coauthored by D. Kamdar, D. Daniels, and **Blythe Duell** (Ph.D. candidate) and published in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*. "Organizational citizenship behaviors as a function of empathy, consideration of future consequences, and employee time horizon: An initial exploration using an in-basket simulation of OCBs" was coauthored by D. Daniels, J. George-Falvey, and D. Kamdar and published in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*. "Self-transcendent values moderate the impact of mortality salience on support for charities" was coauthored by **Blythe Duell** and published in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*. Joireman also presented a poster at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference titled "Mortality salience and the Ebenezer shift hypothesis" and wrote a chapter titled "Considering future consequences: An integrative model" for L. Sanna and E. Chang's (Eds.) *Judgments over time: The interplay of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors* (Oxford University Press). Finally, Joireman traveled to India in March to give an invited colloquium at the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, India. The title of the talk was "A social dilemma analysis of knowledge sharing."

Dana Lindemann and Tom Brigham completed a chapter on AIDS for the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd Edition, McMillan.

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Bob Patterson gave an invited presentation to the International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality on October 22, 2006, at UC Santa Barbara, which was sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. It was titled "Perceptual issues in the use of head-worn displays." Patterson also had a paper published in *The Journal of the Society for Information Display*, titled "Altitude control in simulated flight using 3D objects and terrain texture." It was coauthored by G.A. Geri (Air Force Research Laboratory), B.P. Dyre (University of Idaho), S.C. Akhtar, C.M. Covas, and B.J. Pierce (all Air Force Research Laboratory). Finally, Patterson was a coauthor on a review paper, "Perceptual issues with the use of head-mounted visual displays," published in the journal *Human Factors*.

Tahira Probst presented two papers to the 2006 APA/NIOSH Work, Stress, and Health Conference in Miami, Florida. The first was titled "An evaluation of SOLVE: Addressing psychosocial problems at work" and was coauthored by David Gold and Joannah Caborn (both International Labor Organization). The second was titled "Physiological responses to layoff threats and suggested coping methods" and was coauthored by Bradley Tierney. Probst appeared as coauthor on a third paper presented at this conference titled "Organizational injury rate under-reporting: The moderating effect of organizational safety climate." Finally, Probst was interviewed by *The Columbian* (the main southwest Washington newspaper) in September, regarding the scientific basis for the "Monday Blues" phenomenon at work. An article citing the interview, "The weekend's over: Ready, set, sulk," appeared in the newspaper on September 23, 2006.

John Ruiz's paper, "Does whom you marry matter for your health? Influence of patient's and spouse's personality on their partner's wellbeing following coronary artery bypass surgery," was published in *The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. This paper generated some media interest and Ruiz did radio interviews with KOMO News and Inland Northwest News and television interviews with King 5 News in Seattle. Ruiz also presented a poster at the annual meeting for the Society of Behavioral Medicine titled "Psychological factors associated with student recreation center use." It was coauthored by **Heidi Hamann**, **James Hutchinson** (Ph.D. candidate), **Jennifer McDonald** (Ph.D. candidate), **Jennifer Nelson** ('06 B.S.), **Jennifer Stevenson** (Ph.D. candidate), **Kimberley Lanni** (M.S. candidate), and **Joni Howard** (Ph.D. candidate).

Paul Whitney, **John Hinson**, and Tina Jameson's (Bridgewater State College) paper, titled "From executive control to self-control: Predicting problem drinking among college students," was published in *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. This study showed that young adults who have repeated personal problems because of their drinking habits display a characteristic pattern on measures of executive function (attentional control abilities associated with the frontal lobes). Specifically, they made rapid decisions, but had difficulty with interference from prepotent responses.

Bruce Wright presented a paper titled "Anger-out, but not anger-in or severity of depressive symptoms, is associated with markers of inflammation in healthy young adults" at the 64th Annual Scientific Conference of the American Psychosomatic Society in Denver, Colorado. This paper was coauthored by T. Freson and J.E. Stevenson.

Jay Wright and Joseph Harding (VCAPP) have published "Angiotensins in brain function" in the third edition of the *Handbook of Neurochemistry and Molecular Neurobiology*. They also wrote "The role of brain angiotensin system in learning, memory, and neural plasticity" for *Progress in Learning Research*, published by Nova Science Publishers, Inc. Wright, **Eric Murphy** ('03 Ph.D.), **Kelby Holtfreter** ('05 B.S.), **Christopher Davis** ('05 Ph.D.), **Mikel Olson** ('06 Ph.D.), Kalyani Muhuthan ('00 B.S. Microbiology) and Harding published "Habituation of the head-shake response induces changes in brain matrix metallo-proteinases-3 (MMP-3)" in the journal *Behavioural Brain Research*.

Grants

Masha Gartstein received an Edward R. Meyer Projects grant from the College of Liberal Arts.

Michiyo Hirai received an Initiation and Completion Grant from the College of Liberal Arts.

Awards and Promotions/Appointments

Jeff Joireman was appointed to the editorial board for the *Journal of Environmental Psychology*. He also made promotion and tenure in 2006.

Douglas Lane was awarded a 2006 Judy E. Hall Early Career Psychologist Award by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

Samantha Swindell was named "2006 WSU Woman of Distinction" in the faculty category.

Paul Whitney was honored by the College of Liberal Arts with the "Service as Chair" Award.

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choices such as safe sex practices, the dangers of excessive drug and alcohol use, and sexually transmitted diseases was an experience that I can still draw on when discussing these same topics with the students at my internship site at a local high school. I believe that I am comfortable discussing such culturally sensitive topics with both students and parents alike because of the training I received in the Psychology 106 program.

I wouldn't be a true Cougar without an enormous amount of

pride and satisfaction in my entire undergraduate experience. It is extremely difficult for me to refrain from recruiting all of the seniors at my high school internship site because I believe in the quality of education one can gain at WSU. So for now, as an intern, I will have to settle for wearing as much crimson and gray as I can in hopes that students will approach me and ask about my experience. And I can feel a little pride about giving back to the university that has given so much to me.

The following posters were presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society in San Francisco in April: "Severe closed-head injury and feeling-of-knowing in episodic memory," by Jonothan Anderson (Eastern Washington University) and **Maureen Schmitter-Edgecombe**; "Investigation of articulatory suppression and response set interval in task switching," by **Michelle Kayne-Langill** (Ph.D. candidate) and Schmitter-Edgecombe; "Time estimation following closed-head injury," by **Alicia Rueda** (M.S. candidate), Schmitter-Edgecombe, and **Michelle Nugen** ('05 B.S.); and "Activity-based prospective memory following closed-head injury," by **Shital Pavawalla** (Ph.D. candidate) and Schmitter-Edgecombe.

David Balliet (Ph.D. candidate) presented a poster at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference entitled, "Ego depletion, consideration of future consequences, and decision-making preferences: Implications for the self-regulation of behavior." It was coauthored by **Jeff Joireman**, Eric Spangenberg (business), and David Sprott (marketing).

David Bridgett (Ph.D. candidate) was the coauthor of "Intellectual functioning in adults with ADHD: A meta-analytic examination of full scale IQ difference between adults with and without ADHD," published in the journal *Psychological Assessment*.

Celestina Barbosa-Leiker (Ph.D. candidate) received the Runner-up Founder's Award for her master's thesis from the Association for Faculty Women, FASR, and the WSU Chapter of Sigma Xi. Barbosa-Leiker was also awarded a travel scholarship from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a travel grant from the WSU Women's Resource Center to attend two advanced statistics workshops, "Traditional Latent Variable Modeling and Growth Modeling with Latent Variables Using MPlus" at John Hopkins University School of Nursing and "Latent Variable Mixture Modeling using MPlus," at the University of Montreal, Canada.

Stuart Davis ('06 B.S.) undergraduate research project on the design of signage for long-term radioactive waste storage sites was the subject of a story by John Stang for *GRIST*, the online environmental magazine. **Jim Wise** was the advisor for Davis' project, conducted for the Department of Energy in Richland, Washington. The story, titled "I saw the sign: How to tell future generations about nuclear waste," can be read online at www.grist.org/news/maindish/2006/08/08/stang.

Crystal Gray (Ph.D. candidate) received a \$500 scholarship from the International Meeting on Autism Research to present her poster, "The psychometric properties of the pervasive developmental disorder

behavior inventory with children on the autism spectrum," at their conference. This poster was coauthored by **Len Burns**.

James Hutchinson's (Ph.D. candidate) master's thesis, titled "Neuroticism, daily hassles, and depressive symptoms: An examination of moderating and mediating effects," was published in *Personality and Individual Differences*.

The following students were awarded Marchionne Fellowships: **Jill Fancher**, **Lisa Howell**, **Marcia Huipe**, **Michelle Kayne-Langill**, **Martina Rodgers**, **Alicia Rueda**, and **Jennifer Stevenson**.

Michelle Kayne-Langill (Ph.D. candidate) was awarded a fellowship to attend the 2006 Vivian Smith Summer Institute of the International Neuropsychological Society in Xylosatro, Greece. During the institute, she completed in-depth course work in the areas of aging, dementia, and neuropsychological assessment.

Joel Martinez (M.S. candidate) was selected to be an instructor in the El Camino Program in Colombia. He spent six weeks this summer working with at-risk high school students.

Megan Olson (Ph.D. candidate) presented a poster at the American Psychological Association's annual meeting. It was titled "Perfectionism and negative life events: The interactive effects on dysphoria" and coauthored by **Paul Kwon**. She also published a paper titled "Rumination and dysphoria: The buffering role of adaptive forms of humor" in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*. It was coauthored by **Daniela Hugelshofer** ('05 Ph.D.), **Paul Kwon**, and **Robert Reff** ('06 Ph.D.). Olson has accepted an internship with the Portland VA for next year.

Mikel Olson ('06 Ph.D.) accepted an assistant professor position at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Brent J. Oneal (Ph.D. candidate) was awarded a doctoral dissertation research grant from the Washington Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

Shital Pavawalla's (Ph.D. candidate) master's thesis, titled "Long-term retention of skilled visual search following severe traumatic brain injury" and coauthored by **Maureen Schmitter-Edgecombe**, was published in the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*.

Rob Reff ('06 Ph.D.) was hired by St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. It is a tenure track position and his title will be counselor/assistant professor.

Martina Rodgers (Ph.D. candidate) paper, coauthored by Anne Strode, Diane Norell, Robert Short (all WIMIRT), **Dennis G. Dyck**, and Bruce Becker (VCAPP) and titled "Adapting multiple-family group

treatment for brain and spinal cord injury: Intervention development and preliminary outcomes," was published in the *American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

Asako Stone ('06 Ph.D.) won an NSF fellowship from the NSF Office of International Science and Engineering to the 2006 East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes-Japan Program. Stone spent eight weeks last summer studying at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, researching U.S. foreign policy in northeast Asia.

Jean Sumner's (Ph.D. candidate) paper, titled "Testosterone modulation of reproductive indices vs. morphine antinociception in adult male rats" and coauthored by Catherine Ulibarri (VCAPP) and **Rebecca Craft**, was published in *Life Sciences*.

Jutta Tobias (M.S. candidate) was selected by WSU's Center to Bridge the Digital Divide to spend six weeks on coffee cooperative farms in Rwanda. Tobias and two other WSU students provided technology training and small business coaching to the people working on the cooperatives who will have Internet connectivity for the first time. The project is sponsored through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Tobias also received a GPSA Travel Grant during the past year.

Ellen Woo ('06 Ph.D.) presented a poster at the 34th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society titled "Cognitive support for verbal episodic memory in older adults." It was coauthored by **Maureen Schmitter-Edgecombe**, **Elizabeth Hollenback** ('05 B.S.), **Jacquelyn Benegas** (B.S. candidate), and Anna Curren ('05 B.S. Neuroscience).

Matthew Wright (Ph.D. candidate) presented a poster at the 34th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society titled "Investigating the foundations of verbal memory dysfunction following high-velocity closed-head injury: An application of the Item Specific Deficit Approach to the CVLT." It was coauthored by **Schmitter-Edgecombe** and Curren.

The following clinical students received their internship placements at the following locations:

Brandy Henson: VA Northern California Health Care System, Martinez, California.

BJ Oneal: University of Washington-Psychiatry.

Julia Marmion: Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brian Gatheridge: University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bryan Bovitz: Wright-Patterson USAF Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio.

The Department Loses Two Important Contributors

Sadly, 2006 marked the passing to two important contributors to the Psychology Department. **F. Dudley Klopfer** passed away on April 22. Almost exactly one month later, on May 24, **Francis A. Young** also passed away. Both men joined the WSU faculty in 1948, just two years after the psychology department was formally established. Klopfer remained there for 34 years; Young remained for 40 years. In 1966, Young founded the Comparative Behavior Laboratory and Primate Research Center, thanks largely to funds he secured in a building grant from NIH. There he pursued his research on the environmental causes of myopia. Young's successful research resulted in more than 90 publications, 30 invited addresses, and at least three books. Klopfer and his students also conducted research at the facility, studying the behavior of various species, including birds, dogs, and pigs. In addition to being a professor of psychology, Klopfer served as the University ombudsman from 1975 to 1977. Today, the building that housed the primate center is home to Environmental Health Services and the bear facility for the Bear Research, Education, and Conservation Program.

Parks Recognized As "Mentor of the Year"

Craig Parks was honored with the WSU Mentor of the Year Award for 2006 in the Research Faculty category. The award was presented at the second annual Mentor of the Year Awards Ceremony, presented in conjunction with the Women and Leadership Alliance Forum Day. Parks was selected from among 85 nominees. He was recommended for this honor by four graduate students.



In her nomination, **Jean Sumner** wrote the following of Craig: "Every once in a while a constant and committed mentor soars above and beyond his or her assigned mentoring duties, offering himself unconditionally to the educational and professional lives of many students. Dr. Parks consistently rises above the responsibilities of his job description, tirelessly and enthusiastically offering a hand up to undergraduates and graduates alike. He is particularly skilled at providing perspective, instilling confidence, giving practical advice, and challenging one's view of one's self. Because of his mentorship, I feel as if I have the support I need to be effective and leap the tall personal and professional challenges of my life." Congratulations Craig!

Gooch Honored with Outstanding Staff Award

Ann Marie Gooch was the recipient of College of Liberal Art's Outstanding Staff Award for 2006. Gooch was honored at the CLA Awards Reception held last April. In his nomination letter, **John Hinson** specified why Gooch is so deserving of this award: "For her normal job Ann Marie clearly deserves recognition with an Outstanding Staff Award. However, this year she has gone far beyond the call of duty. Ann Marie is actually performing her normal job as program support supervisor along with the role of finance/budget manager in psychology. She was willing to do both of these jobs so that our regular finance/budget manager could take professional leave this year. Incredibly, she has been able to balance her primary advising duties with her new budget responsibilities without a single complaint. In fact, I continually receive compliments from students and faculty about Ann Marie's job performance under these extraordinary circumstances. The faculty and students in the Department of Psychology have enthusiastic and unqualified praise for Ann Marie and insisted that she be nominated for an Employee Excellence Award." Congratulations Ann Marie!

Sumner Receives 2006 President's Award

Jean Sumner received the 2006 President's Award. The President's Award is an honor bestowed annually to undergraduate and graduate students who exemplify exceptional leadership and service to the University and the community. For more than ten years, the President's Award has recognized the top 1% of the total student population. Sumner was nominated by Jill Griffin, president of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Alice Coil, director of the Women's Resource Center. Congratulations Jean!

Past and Present Honored by the Association for Behavior Analysis

Past and current members of the Department of Psychology were recognized for their outstanding work in behavior analysis at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA), held last May in Atlanta, Georgia. **Frances McSweeney**, the current president of ABA, and **Thomas Brigham** were elevated to fellowship status in the organization. McSweeney and Brigham are among the first 35 people selected for this status. Graduates of the WSU Psychology Department also received two of the five awards given by the organization. **Robert Horner** was honored with the award for Public Service in Behavior Analysis. Horner received his master's degree from WSU in 1975. **Joseph Morrow**, who received his doctorate from WSU in 1965, was the recipient of the International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis award. Congratulations to all!

Alumni Notes

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the passing of the following individuals who touched our lives both personally and professionally. They will be sincerely missed.

Robert Lewis Erdmann ('50 B.S.), July 10, 2006, Port Orchard.

Clifford Ryan Irwin ('75 B.S.), 53, October 16, 2005, Los Angeles, California.

James M. Hagen ('55 M.S., '59 Ph.D.), 77, October 11, 2005, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

William C. MacArthur ('48 B.S.), 90, March 17, 2006, Sacramento, California.

Don (Pete) Watson ('50 B.S.), 77, October 28, 2005, Kent.

Alumni News

Andrea (Ballard) Brower ('01 B.S.) and her husband welcomed their first son, Rick Leon Brower III, September 30, 2005. Brower, who has her masters in teaching, is a sixth-grade math and science teacher in the White River School District, Bonney Lake.

Ty Brubaker ('00 B.S.) presented a paper at the APA/NIOSH Work, Stress, and Health Conference in Miami. It was titled "Organizational injury rate under-reporting: The moderating effect of organizational safety climate" and coauthored by Anthony Barsotti and **Tahira Probst**.

Danielle Heitert ('01 B.S.) and Justin Zemlicka ('03 Crim J) were married July 16, 2005.

Daniella Hugelshofer's ('06 Ph.D.) paper, "Humor's role in the relation between attributional style and dysphoria," was published in the *European Journal of Personality*. This paper was coauthored by **Paul Kwon**, **Robert Reff** ('06 Ph.D.), and **Megan Olson** (Ph.D. candidate).

Donald King ('54 B.S.) recently published "A Harvard Law School Professor: Warren A. Seavey's Life and the World of Legal Education" in which King interweaves his own comments and observations with Harvard law professor Warren Seavey's writings on life and law in the United States.

Julie Krivsky ('01 Ph.D.), **Erin Stoffel** ('04 Ph.D.), **Jean Sumner** (Ph.D. candidate), Bryce Inman, and **Rebecca Craft** had an article published in *Behavioural Pharmacology* titled "Role of VTA, PAG, and PBN in morphine's discriminative stimulus effects in the rat."

Scott McVay ('88 B.S.) is vice president and private banking officer for Columbia Bank of Tacoma.

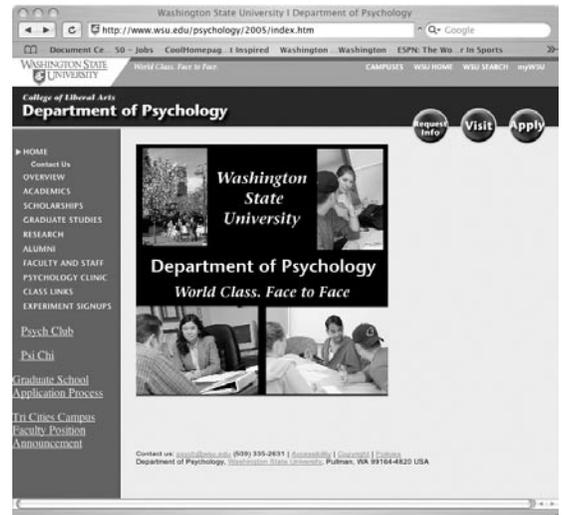
Heather Nissley ('04 Ph.D.) was hired as chief of staff for the Geriatrics and Extended Care Units at the Coatesville, Pennsylvania, VAMC.

Mikel Olson ('06 Ph.D.) and his wife, Emily, now of Moorhead, Minnesota, welcomed their baby girl, Lily Ann, into the world on September 22. Lily Ann weighed 7 lb 5 oz and was 19 ½ inches long.

Dee Posey ('05 Ph.D.) presented one poster, titled "Effects of social value orientation on resource consumption under conditions of uncertainty," at the Association for Research in Personality Pre-Conference, and another entitled, "The environmentalist who cried drought: Reactions to initial and failed warnings about depleting resources," at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference. Both papers were coauthored by **Craig Parks** and **Jeff Joireman**.

Dave Pratt ('76 B.S.) released his new novel, *Buried in the Records*, a mystery set in Olympia and Lakewood, in January 2006.

Carol Rediske-Mudd ('75 B.S.) has changed her name to Maitri Sojourner. She had her first two-person art show at the Side Door Studio in Olympia in January 2006.



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