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- **Psychology Award Winners**
- **Student Research**
- **Psi Chi Officers**
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1st ANNUAL COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATION RECEPTION

PSYCHOLOGY AWARD WINNERS

In May, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences hosted the first annual reception for its graduating seniors. Students and faculty were able to share stories and say good-bye one final time before the graduation ceremony. Various programs also gave out awards to their outstanding graduates. In the Psychology Program, the following awards were given to our graduating seniors:

- **Lee Affrunti** was nominated to be the **Psychology Program Student Marshal** at the 2005 graduation ceremony. This honor is given to a graduating senior who best exem-

plifies the goals and spirit of the program. At the graduation ceremony the student marshal leads the other psychology graduates through the proces-



Julie (Hill) Faires, Lindsey Bays, Matthew Grey, Kara Darche, Lee Affrunti, & Joe Rieger.

sion and the presentation of their diplomas.

- **Matthew Grey** received the **Outstanding Psychology Student Research Project** award for his senior project, *The Impact Prison Programs have*

on Preventing Inmates from Returning to Prison.

- **Joe Rieger** received the **Outstanding Service to the Psychology Program** award for his work as the Psychology Program Student Representative and an active member of Psi Chi.

- **Lindsey Bays, Kara Darche, and Julie (Hill) Faires** received the **Outstanding Psychology Senior Seminar Portfolio** award for creating exceptional portfolios in the Senior Seminar

capstone course.

- **Lee Affrunti** received the **Outstanding Psychology Student Applied Experience** award for her placement at the Autism Project.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD



Lynn Pardie is the 2005 recipient of the **UIS Faculty Excellence Award**. This award is given to a faculty member who has sustained, career-long accomplishments at UIS in teaching and scholarship. In addition, it is given to a faculty member who best exemplifies the ideal of the teacher-scholar and whom colleagues recognize as a role model and mentor.

PSI CHI NEWS



The UIS chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is sponsored by **Dr. Jason Barker** and has 59 members. The fall 2005 inductees are: **Jenna Anderson, Alicia Barrese, Elizabeth Bean, Blair Brown, Cassandra Cantrall, Thomas Cronin, Holly Cunningham, Michael Gammon, Tammy Herschberger, Emma Hurley, Stacey Jackson, Justin Powell, Jason Scott, Tara Strevels, Jill Turner, Erica Viets and Amber Waterman.**

2005-2006 Psi Chi Officers are:

Blair Brown, President
Emma Hurley, Vice-President
Jenna Anderson, Secretary
Kelsey Dennis, Treasurer

This year Psi Chi will sponsor the following activities:

- January 20th - Psi Chi meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Capital Perks coffee shop in the PAC Building. Coffee & Donuts will be provided. Open to Psi Chi members.

- End of January - Bowling Fundraiser for PORA (Positive Options, Referrals & Alternatives). PORA focuses on providing support for women who have problems related to drug abuse and prostitution. Open to everyone.
- Mid Spring - Graduate School Q & A with the Psychology faculty. Come by and speak with your fellow students and faculty members about grad school, the GRE, and life after undergrad. Open to all Psychology students.
- End of Spring Semester - Formal Psi Chi Induction of new members. Qualifying students will be contacted in the spring about joining. Open to Psi Chi members.
- We are also working to restart the Psychology Club that would be open to all Psychology majors and minors. Email Emma Hurley for details at ehurl01s@uis.edu



Alicia Barrese
Holly Cunningham
Jenna Anderson
Blair Brown
Emma Hurley

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Hello, we are Kelsey Dennis and Emma Hurley, your Student Representatives. We hope that everyone is having a great semester so far. If you have any questions or concerns regarding classes or the Psychology Program, please feel free to contact us. We have a mailbox in the office or you can reach us by phone or e-mail.



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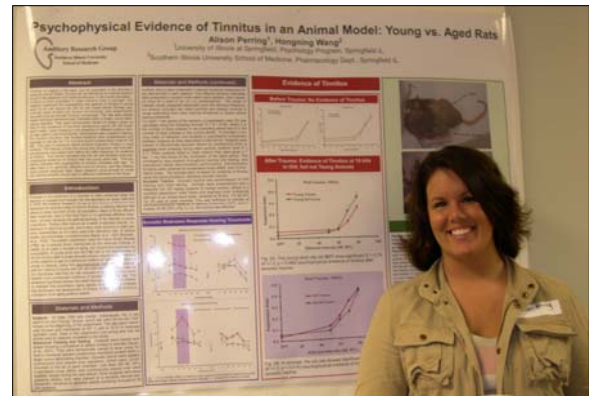
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2005 UIS SCIENCE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Two psychology students presented posters at the 2005 UIS Science Research Symposium. **Matthew Grey** presented his study, *The Impact Prison Programs have on Preventing Inmates from Returning to Prison*. Matthew worked with Psychology Program faculty member, **Lynn Pardie**, to investigate the effect of participation in prison programs on prisoner recidivism rates. He found that inmates who completed at least one prison program were significantly less likely to return to prison compared to inmates who were not in a program while they were incarcerated.



Alison Perring presented her study, *Psychophysical Evidence of Tinnitus in an Animal Model: Young vs. Aged Rats*. Alison worked with **Hongning Wang**, a researcher at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, to examine the susceptibility and severity of tinnitus (ringing in the ears) in young versus old rats. She found that old rats showed more psychophysical evidence of tinnitus than young rats. It is hoped that research using animals to model the condition of tinnitus will lead to effective treatments for humans with the disorder.



PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Tammy Herschberger, Jason Scott and Amber Waterman are the research assistants currently working with **Keith Burton** on a pilot study paving the way for future research in psychophysiology and emotion.



Tammy Herschberger & Jason Scott

May Saengpraseuth is the research assistant for **Sheryl Reminger** (UIS) and **Kris Kaemingk's** (University of Arizona) study, *Predicting Memory Problems in Breast Cancer Survivors*. The purpose of the project is to use magnetic resonance imaging of the brain to determine whether hippocampal volumes are reduced in breast cancer survivors treated with chemotherapy and whether reductions in hippocampal volume are specifically related to memory difficulties in breast cancer survivors.



All three seniors have been instrumental in helping Dr. Burton establish his laboratory at UIS, and will continue working with him next semester.

Jason Scott & Amber Waterman

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT NEWS

Lindsey Bays, Matthew Grey, and Joe Rieger were all selected to be in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Students are chosen based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and the potential for continued success.



Hilleary Hurley was honored as a 2005 **Student Laureate by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois**. The Student Laureate award is given to one member of the senior class of each four-year institution of higher learning in Illinois. Students are chosen based on excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Emma Hurley is the recipient of the **University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 Margaret B. Schmidt Scholarship**. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership abilities, and participation in extracurricular and union activities.

WHERE ARE PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES NOW?

- **Cathy Ahlrich** - M.A. program in Human Development Counseling at UIS.
- **Amber Barger** – Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology at Argosy University, Chicago, Illinois.
- **Julie (Hill) Faires** – M.A. program in Human Development Counseling at UIS.
- **Ryan Griggs** - M.S.W. program at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville.
- **Susan Knox** – M.A. program in Public Administration at UIS.
- **If you know where other psychology graduates are, please email Dr. Switzer at switzer.carrie@uis.edu**

PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY NEWS

- **Jason Barker** gave an invited talk titled, *Transitional Probabilities Between Words: A Further Look at How (and whether) They Influence Reading*, at the Cognitive Science Brown Bag, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in November 2005.
- **Karen Kirkendall** joined the Liberal Studies Online/Individual Option Program at UIS in the fall of 2005. Her new office is located in UHB – 3039.
- **Lynn Pardie** was promoted to Full Professor in 2005. This is the highest rank that a faculty member can attain and is based on excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.
- **Sheryl Reminger** gave an invited talk titled, *Neuropsychology, Health, and Behavior: Insights from Structural MRI*, at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois, in October 2005.
- Dr. Reminger also presented a paper titled, *Structural MRI, Medication Adherence, and Cognitive Function in Elderly Individuals with Hypertension*, at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Orlando, Florida, in November 2005. The paper was co-authored with Kathy Insel at the University of Arizona Medical School.
- **Carrie Switzer** was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in 2005. She was also nominated for a 3rd time to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Only students who have been in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List* are allowed to nominate one teacher over their lifetime. Less than 2% of teachers nationwide have been nominated for inclusion in two editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.
- **Marcel Yoder** was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in 2005. In the fall of 2005, he was appointed the Faculty Athletic Representation (FAR) for UIS. As the FAR, Dr. Yoder is responsible for certifying all of the athletes at the university for academic eligibility. In addition, he was nominated for a 3rd time to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.