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### 3rd ANNUAL COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATION RECEPTION

#### PSYCHOLOGY AWARD WINNERS

In May 2007, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences hosted the third 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 departments also gave out awards to their outstanding graduates. In the Psychology Department, the following awards were given to our graduating seniors:

**Alicia Barrese** was nominated to be the **Psychology Department Student Marshal** at the 2006 graduation ceremony. This honor is given to a graduating senior who best exemplifies the goals and spirit of the department. At the graduation ceremony the student marshal leads the other



psychology graduates through the procession and the presentation of their diplomas.

**Stephanie Myers** received the **Outstanding Psychology Student Scholar** award for her



academic performance and work as a research assistant in Dr. Burton's lab.

**Brittany Phillips** received the **Outstanding Service to the Psychology Department** award for her work as the Department Student Representative and being an active member of Psi Chi.



**Michael Gammon &**

**Christine McGraw** received the **Outstanding Psychology Senior Seminar Portfolio** award



for creating exceptional portfolios in the Senior Seminar capstone course.



**Amy Barnes & Jeremy Studebaker** Received the **Outstanding Student Research Projects**



for *Study Group Effectiveness* and *Coloring Emotions* both supervised by Dr. Sheryl Reminger.

# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES



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The psychology faculty members would like to introduce **Isaac Moore** and **Besarion (Beso) Mkheidze** as this year's Psychology Student Representatives. As the student representatives, they will communicate questions, thoughts, ideas, comments, and responses between the Psychology Department's student body and faculty. They will attend faculty meetings and represent student views on the search committee for a new faculty member. If you have any questions or concerns regarding classes or the Psychology Department, please feel free to contact them.

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## PSI CHI NEWS



2006-2007 Psi Chi Officers are:  
**Heidi Fisher**, President  
**Jennifer Ladage**, Vice-President  
**Isaac Moore**, Secretary  
**Dawn Tompkins**, Treasurer  
**Nicole Cudiamat**, Historian

The UIS Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is sponsored by **Dr. Jason Barker**.

The fall 2007 inductees are: **Jodie Brubaker**, **Joseph Dattoli**, **Annice Taft**, **Dawn Tompkins**, **Jonathan Simburger**, & **Jacqueline White**.



Psi Chi assisted in the Campus Halloween Haunted Trail with some amazing model and makeup work provided by our own David Smiley. This year's event was the biggest yet with over 250 attendees. A successful bake-sale raised \$150 as part of



David Smiley with one of the props he built for the Halloween themed bake-sale.

an effort led by Julie Faires to sponsor a family for the coming holidays. Additionally, non-perishable food can be dropped off outside of Dr. Barker's office (#3135) for the family. The last pick-up will be 12/14/07 at noon. This February, Psi Chi will be cooking a free breakfast for over 200 people at the Mission downtown. We need **additional volunteers** for this so please contact us at [jbark4@uis.edu](mailto:jbark4@uis.edu) if you are interested in helping.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We decided to check in with a few UIS Psychology Graduates to find out how they are using their degrees...



**Carissa Aho** is pursuing her M.A. in the Human Development Counseling (HDC) Program with a community

focus here at UIS.

**Amy Barnes** is in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Julie Faires** is currently serving as our Psychology Department's Graduate Assistant. She will be completing her M.A. in the HDC Program with a school focus here at UIS in Spring 08.

**Tammy Herschberger** is working toward her M.A. in the HDC Program with a community focus here at UIS. She is also preparing to spend six weeks in England researching and working on her thesis.

**Tracy Howland** is a counselor at Camelot Community Care in Springfield, IL, after graduating from the HDC Program at UIS.

**Emma Hurley** is working toward an M.A. in School Psychology at the Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN.

**Kate Nybo** is working on her M.S.W. at Aurora University.

**Meghan Rogers** is in the Criminology and Criminal Justice M.A. Program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



**Stephanie Wheatley** is working on her M.S.W. at Grand Valley State University School of Social Work in Grand Rapids, MI.

# PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

**Heidi Fisher** and **Isaac Moore** are assisting **Dr. Jason Barker** with his ongoing research project investigating differences in the cognitive processes involved in reading between skilled and less skilled readers.

The two research assistants are also conducting independent research.

**Heidi** is testing the hypothesis that violent video game players become desensitized to violent

images in a study titled, "Pupil Dilation in Response to Violent Images." **Isaac** is conducting a study about how one's self-image can be manipulated by both implicit and explicit factors which is titled, "Shyness and Self Presentation."



Dr. Jason Barker, Heidi Fisher & Isaac Moore

**Aaron Shilling** and **Gen Kasa** are research assistants for two studies being conducted in **Dr. Sheryl Reminger's** lab. The first study, Physiological Links to Attention, Cognition, and Emotion, is designed to examine



Aaron Shilling & Gen Kasa

how emotionally salient information affects attention and physiological responses. **Aaron** has been measuring skin conductance responses, a measure of sweat gland activity, that occur in response to emotional stimuli. The second study, Neurological Effects of Chemotherapy and Radiation Treatment, is designed to investigate how cancer treatments may impact neuropsychological function and quality of life. **Gen** has been manipulating magnetic resonance brain images to measure the volumes of brain structures that may be negatively impacted by cancer and its treatment.

**Kate Vernor, Monica Qualls, Dawn Tompkins, & Lyudmila Olifruk** are research assistants in **Dr. Keith Burton's** lab. The group is conducting a study investigating the psychophysiology of emotion, emotion chronometry, and emotion regulation.

**Dr. Burton** is also collaborating with **Dr. Pressley** and **Dr. Reminger** on a study examining the effect of subliminal fearful stimuli on attentional processes.

Additionally, **Dawn Tompkins** is conducting her own study of emotional experience and psychophysiology in the menstrual cycle under Dr. Burton's supervision.



Kate Vernor, Monica Qualls, Dr. Keith Burton, Dawn Tompkins & Lyudmila Olifruk.

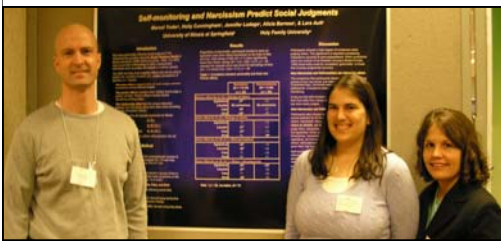
**Jennifer Ladage, Tori McColez & Ali Janezic** are research assistants for a study **Dr. Marcel Yoder** is conducting that investigates the area of person perception; the study of how we form impressions of other people. Using the Social Relations Model of person perception, developed by David Kenny, the group is addressing questions about how our personality and thoughts about ourselves influence how we see other people, how accurate we are in judging others, and how accurately we predict how others view us.



Tori McColez, Ali Janezic & Jennifer Ladage

# STUDENTS PRESENTING AT MIDWESTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

**Dr. Marcel Yoder** delivered a poster titled, *Self-monitoring and narcissism predict social judgments* at the



Dr. Marcel Yoder, Alicia Barrese & Jennifer Ladage

2007 meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago. The research

was conducted in collaboration with UIS students and co-authors **Alicia Barrese, Jennifer Ladage & Holly Cunningham.**

**Amy Barnes, Jeremy Studebaker, & Meghan Rogers**

presented two separate posters at the MPA Conference.

Research on *Study Group Effectiveness* was intended to study the impact of an individual's primary learning style on quantitative learning ability in both social and independent learning environments. The *Coloring Emotions Study* was intended to examine at what age a child starts to use particular colors to represent various emotions.

**Dr. Sheryl Reminger** was this group's faculty supervisor.



Meghan Rogers, Amy Barnes, Jeremy Studebaker & Dr. Sheryl Reminger

## PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY NEWS

- **Keith Burton** passed the licensure exam this fall and is now a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in the state of Illinois.
- Dr. Burton authored an article entitled, "The Campus Mental Health Crisis," that was published in the fall 2007 issue of *Illinois Academic*.
- **Karen Mooney** is a co-author of the chapter, Laursen, B., & Mooney, K.S. (2007). Individual differences in adolescent dating and adjustment. In R. Engels, H. Stattin, J. Coleman (Eds.). *Friends, lovers, and groups: Who is important in adolescence and why?* (pp. 81-92). New York: Wiley.
- Dr. Mooney is also a co-author of the poster, Mooney, L.S., & Laursen, B. (2007, March). *Stable early adolescent friendships: Profiles and associations with adjustment.* Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, Massachusetts.
- **Sheryl Reminger** presented a poster titled, *Neurological and Neuropsychological Impact of Radiation Treatment for Breast Cancer*, at the 2007 meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago.
- Dr. Reminger also gave a paper presentation titled, *Hippocampal Volume and Memory Function in Breast Cancer Survivors*, at the 2007 meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society in Bilbao, Spain. This research was conducted in collaboration with UIS students and co-authors **Amy Barnes** and **Jeremy Studebaker.**
- Dr. Reminger received a UIS Summer Competitive Scholarly Research Grant in 2007 for a project titled, *Sources of Cognitive and Emotional Problems in Breast Cancer.*

## NEW FACULTY MEMBER

**Karen Reinke** joined the Psychology Department in the fall of 2007. She received a Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Arizona. Her areas of specialization include: Cognitive Neuroscience, Electroencephalography (EEG), functional MRI, learning, attention, and emotion. She is currently engaged in research in the area of the brain and emotion. She comes to the department from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. At UIS she is currently teaching the *Brain & Emotion, Sensation & Perception*, and a *Perceptual Learning Seminar.*

