

# Psych News

PSYCHOLOGY AT ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY



Welcome to *Psych News*, the Department of Psychology's online newsletter. In this issue, we report on the publications, presentations, and activities of our faculty. We also report on the activities of our students and the achievements of some of our graduates.

## *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* Vol. 45 No. 3 & 4

Since our last issue of *PsychNews*, Dr. Ian Nicholson has successfully published, as editor in chief, another two issues of the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (Wiley Interscience). The most recent issue may be found [here](#).

Great work Ian!



## *Publications & Presentations*

Cohrs, J. C., & **Stelzl, M.** (July, 2009). Host Society Members' Attitudes toward Immigrants: Exploring Cross-National Differences. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Dublin, Ireland.

Culp, D., LaChapelle, D. L., **Higgins, N. C.**, Harman, K., & Hadjistavropoulos, T. (2008, August). The relationship between beliefs and adjustment to pain is mediated by anxiety. Presented at the International Association for the Study of Pain, 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Pain, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

**Higgins, N. C.** & LaPointe, M. (2009, May). Attributional feedback alters short-term persistence after failure. Presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

**Higgins, N. C.**, LaChapelle, D., Harman, K., & Hadjistavropoulos, T. (2009, May). Implicit theories of pain predict coping styles and pain expressiveness. Presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

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## Publications & Presentations Cont.

**Korotkov, D.** (in press). Extraversion, daily life stress, perceived energy, and health: A review and tests of moderation and mediation. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

**Korotkov, D., Beeson, C., Fraser, I., Houlihan, M., & Hidalgo, P.** (in press). Predicting stress levels: Comparing Canadian university professors with various occupational group. *Perspectives*.

LaChapelle, D. L., **Higgins, N. C.**, Harman, K. & Hadjistavropoulos, T. (2009, May). Examining the contributions of coping style, pain appraisals, and emotional reactions to pain expressiveness. *The Journal of Pain*, 10(4), Suppl 1, s71. Presented at the 2009 Annual Convention of the American Pain Society, San Diego, CA.

**Lafrance, M. N.** (July 2009). Balancing Acts and Tightrope Talk: Constructing an agent-patient identity in narratives of recovery from depression. Paper presented at the International Society for Critical Health Psychology, Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Lafrance, M. N.** (July 2009). Mothers, Tomboys and Wilderness Women: Reproducing and Resisting Discourses of Femininity in Women's Accounts of Leisure. Paper presented at the International Society for Critical Health Psychology, Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Nicholson, I.** (2009). [Review of the book *Getting loose: Lifestyle consumption in the 1970s*, by Sam Binkley]. *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 45, 398-400.

**Perunovic, M., Wilson, A. E., & Perunovic, W. Q. E.** (2009). Prejudice through perceived controllability: The dark side of being conscientious. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, California.

**Prior, S. M., Quigley, D. H., and Arbeau, A.** (2009). Bodies as objects: Self-objectification and cosmetic surgery. Presented at New Brunswick Health Research Foundation, Fredericton, NB.

**Stelzl, M., & Seligman C.** (2009). Multiplicity Across Cultures: Multiple National Identities and Multiple Value Systems. *Organization Studies*, 30, 959-973.



Here's a picture of Dr. Nancy Higgins in beautiful San Francisco, California for the Annual

Convention for the Association for Psychology Science.

*Honours Class 2009-2010  
Theses Supervisors and Titles*

Ellen Comer (Dr. Marvin Claybourn: Why do otherwise good managers make unethical decisions?)

Ifé Gaskin (Dr. Dave Korotkov): Perceptions of time.

Rachelle McGrath (Dr. Ian Nicholson & Dr. Michelle Lafrance): Sarafem – The packaging and pathologizing of females' distress.

Aaron Michaux (Dr. Nancy Higgins & Dr. Doug Vipond): Spontaneous trait inferences revealed through proactive interference.

Jasmine Peterson (Dr. Suzanne Prior): Tanning in adolescents

Jillian Walker (Dr. Kim Fenwick): English language skills in French immersion students.

*Alumni News*

Jeremy Ames (BA Honours, 2008): Received a SSHRC Master's fellowship grant

Lindsay Copp is now at teacher's college at Crandall university

Christina Drost completed her master's degree and is entering the PhD program in clinical psychology at the University of Regina

Keiko Fujise (BA Honours, 2007): Completed her M.A. in Developmental Psychology at Dalhousie University.

Jean-Christian Maillet (BA Honours, 2001): Is currently working toward a PhD in neuroscience at the University of Ottawa, Institute of Mental Health Research. See more on Jean-Christian below!

Christin Moeller successfully defended her Master's thesis and is now continuing on with her PhD at the University of Windsor doing I/O and health psychology research

Danielle Quigley (BA Honours, 2006) completed her M.A. in Developmental Psychology at Carleton University. Danielle is continuing in the Ph.D. program.

Michelle Snow (BA Honours, 2005) is working as the educator for the sexual harassment office at Memorial University.

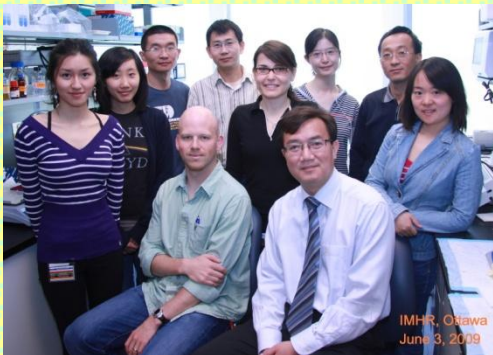
Kerri Wheatley (BA Honours, 2008) is now working on her MA in linguistics at Brock University.

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Alumni News continued...

Jean-Christian Maillet (B.A. Hons., 2001) writes:

*I'm currently doing my Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Ottawa, Institute of Mental Health Research, after completing my Master's degree at Carleton University and recently having worked as a research technician and lab manager. Our lab focuses on the brain CB1 receptors - structures on the surface of brain cells that serve as docking sites for signaling molecules and cannabinoids to relay information or trigger a reaction. Specifically, we are studying mechanisms by which the cannabinoid CB1 receptors interact with other neurotransmitter (e.g. serotonin, norepinephrine and dopamine) receptors in the brain. Using cell biology, electrophysiology, and behavioural approaches, we hope that our research will lead to novel treatments for drug addiction, anxiety, and depression.*



Here's a picture of Christian with his lab group (Christian is sitting on the left).

To all of our graduates: Keep up the good work!

**Attention former  
Psychology students**

We like to include information about our alumni as part of Psych News. If you are a STU Psychology Alumnus and would forward information about yourself, education, career, accomplishments, etc., we would be happy to post it here with your permission. Include a photograph and we will try to include it also. Please indicate your year of STU graduation.

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