



Psychology



Florida State University

FALL 2009

Grand Opening of Our New Building



On October 10, 2008 the long anticipated grand opening of our new building was held with several hundred people in attendance. The speakers at the grand opening ceremony were University Provost **Dr. Larry Abele**, Arts and Sciences Dean **Dr. Joseph Travis** and department Chair **Dr. Janet Kistner**. "This new building provides a spectacular home for our outstanding faculty and dedicated students and will help us in attracting the best and brightest new talent in the years to come," said Dr. Kistner. "We already have a vibrant and productive group of scholars, and being in the same building will lead to even more innovation and collaborative research. Our location in the science quadrangle also will make it easier for faculty and students to work with colleagues in other departments, particularly in our interdisciplinary neuroscience program."

Besides neuroscience, we have nationally ranked programs in cognitive, clinical, social and developmental psychology. The department has close to 40 faculty, over 1,400 undergraduate majors and about 150 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. This 103,000-square-foot, \$56 million building provides us with tremendous opportunities in terms of teaching, research and collaborating with colleagues.

Designed with wireless technology, the new building features a 220-seat auditorium, 54 faculty and administrative offices, 49 research laboratories including histology and molecular genetics labs, seven meeting rooms, six technology-enhanced classrooms, two student computer rooms, a conference room and a seminar room. We also have our own machine and electrical shops where engineers design and create researchers' tools and equipment.

A separate entrance provides access to the Psychology Clinic, a nationally recognized clinic that provides confidential mental health services to the community and training and research opportunities for students. We are also home to the Florida Center for Reading Research, where psychology and education researchers study and promote the most effective methods to teach reading.

FSU's Master Craftsman Studio created castings of stone frogs, scrollwork and other exterior features of historic Eppes Hall to bring a sense of the past to our new building. We made history in 1902 when we established the first psychology laboratory in Florida. Now, in the enriching environment of our new building, we will continue to make important contributions to students and science for years to come.

Recent Awards

FACULTY

Chris Lonigan and **Chris Schatschneider** were awarded a competitive renewal of their 5-year Pre-doctoral Interdisciplinary Training Program from the Institute of Educational Sciences.

Chris Lonigan was awarded two other grants from IES (“Development of a Comprehensive Assessment System for Spanish-speaking English-language Learners Early Literacy Skills”; “Test of Emergent Writing Skills”) and one from the NICHD (“Promoting Readiness Skills of Spanish-Speaking English Learners”).

Zuoxin Wang received a Scientist Development Award from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Carlos Bolaños received a NIDA grant entitled “Ontogeny of Physical versus Emotional Stress and Reward Pathways”.

Jon Maner and **Mike Kaschak** were awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation to study “Social Power and Action”.

Brad Schmidt received a grant from the NIH to develop an innovative method that will help smokers with anxiety disorders extinguish the habit.

Frank Johnson was awarded a grant from the NIH to study “Cell Survival in a Neural Circuit for Vocal Learning”.

Roy Baumeister and **Dianne Tice** were awarded a grant from the NIAAA for their project, “Self-Control and Stress: A Limited Resource Model”.

Elaine Hull was awarded a grant from the NIH for her research on hormone-neurotransmitter interactions.

STUDENTS

Joe Breza, Kyle Gobrogge, Sergio Iniguez, Meghan Keough, Jessica Santollo, Eddie Selby, April Smith, and **Kim Young:** NIH National Research Service Awards.

Kyle Gobrogge: Young Investigator Award from the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.

Kiara Cromer and **Tracy Witte:** FSU Graduate Research Creativity Award.

Mike Anestis: Leonard Krasnor Student Dissertation Award.

Sergio Iniguez: Selected as a Neuroscience Scholar by the Society for Neuroscience Scholars Program.

Eddie Selby: Neil S. Jacobson Memorial Research Award.

Kim Van Orden: Graduate Research Scholarship from the American Psychological Foundation.

Message From The Chair



Dr. Janet Kistner

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It’s been a great year! One of the main reasons it was a great year is because the whole department now calls the new psychology building home. For a department that is as collaborative as ours, being housed in the same building is a dream come true and definitely cause for celebration – and celebrate we did! In addition to the Grand Opening, we dedicated the Stan and Paula Warmath Courtyard which is named in honor of two long-time friends and supporters of our department. Stan and Paula’s generous gifts over the years have enabled the department to do many things for our students and faculty. It’s especially nice to have part of the building named for Stan who played such a central role in overseeing the design and construction of our building. Another celebration followed in February when we unveiled the beautiful art that adorns the walls of our Psychology Clinic, a gift from **Sandy Kerr** (alumnus and resident therapist/clinical supervisor) and **Jessie Lovano-Kerr**. Jessie is the artist of many of these works of art, which makes the gift to us all the more special.

We are also celebrating our success in recruiting top scholars to join our department and completion of the university’s review of our department (which is done once every 7 years). By any performance measure one may choose, the department is doing very well and is on the path to becoming one of the top ranked programs in the country. Our external reviewer, **Dr. Tom Scott**, concluded his review of our department with the following comments:

“The Department of Psychology at Florida State University is characterized by an uncommon and laudable combination of productivity and harmony. Undergraduate majors satisfy rigorous admission standards, approach their studies seriously, and express broad satisfaction with their training. Graduate students are of exceptional quality and are uniformly complimentary of the preparation they receive for their professions. Psychology faculty meet heavy student demands effectively yet remain respected scholars. The department’s administration is appreciated for its sensitive and consultative manner. The sup-

port staff serves the department’s administrative and technical needs at a level unprecedented in my experience.”

I take great pride in this description of our department. At a time when external support for research has been especially scarce, our faculty has been very successful in competing for grants, placing us among the top two departments in the University in grant support. According to a survey conducted by the National Science Foundation, FSU Psychology was ranked 4th among all public and private universities in the country in external research support. Other indicators of faculty scholarship (e.g., publications, editorships, positions of leadership at the national and international level) are equally impressive. Success in research has not come at the expense of educational opportunities for our students. Quite the contrary, in the past 5 years, the department expanded the number of doctoral programs from 3 to 5, increased graduate enrollment by 35%, and increased the number of bachelors degrees awarded in psychology by over 50%. I especially appreciated our external reviewer’s comment about the “uncommon and laudable combination of productivity and harmony” in our department. The culture and traditions of departments can be difficult to sustain through times of change and we have certainly had a lot of change in the composition of our faculty. Since 2000, we’ve said farewell to 23 faculty members (mostly due to retirements) and welcomed 19 new faculty members. Despite the remarkable amount of faculty turnover, this department continues to be characterized by collegial and collaborative relationships that make it a great place to work.

Of course, the years ahead are not so rosy when it comes to the budget. Like most universities, FSU is experiencing significant budget cuts. For our department this means that we’ll have to be less generous with supplies and travel funds. New faculty and staff positions to replace those who are retiring may be put on hold for a while. Our plans to increase graduate student stipends and add technical support staff may also have to wait until better economic times. Still, a new building, new colleagues, and a glowing evaluation are all cause for celebration and will help us to survive, and perhaps even thrive, during what are likely to be some challenging years ahead.

Sandy Kerr and Jessie Lovano-Kerr Recognition



Dr. Sandy Kerr and Dr. Jessie Lovano-Kerr with some of the artwork they donated to the Psychology Clinic

On February 20, 2009, we held an event to recognize the numerous contributions of **Dr. Donald “Sandy” Kerr** to our department throughout the years. Sandy is the Psychologist in Residence in our training clinic, as well as an alumnus of our PhD program in Clinical Psychology. He is truly an asset to the program both in terms of his skilled clinical supervision and his interpersonal warmth. In addition to Sandy’s professional contributions to our department, he and his wife, **Dr. Jessie Lovano-Kerr**, generously donated numerous art pieces, most of which are Jessie’s own work, to help beautify our Clinic.

The event was a wonderful tribute to Sandy and Jessie’s contributions to our department. It was attended by faculty members, community members, friends, current students, and alumni of the program. The recognition ceremony was followed by a reception. Visitors also had the opportunity to tour our state-of-the-art training clinic.

Pathways of Excellence Update

As part of its mission to increase the status and size of the faculty, Florida State University started a hiring initiative in September 2005 known as the Pathways of Excellence. This initiative involves hiring faculty members in clusters built around interdisciplinary academic themes. Academic departments within the university apply for the opportunity to hire faculty members through this funding mechanism. Of the nine cluster hire initiatives at Florida State University, two are found in our department. This is quite an accomplishment, given the rigorous selection process involved.

The first cluster initiative in our department was awarded to the Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience. According to **Rob Contreras**, who spearheaded this initiative, by virtue of this program already being well-established as interdisciplinary, the goal

was to hire the best people possible regardless of their areas of expertise. Five professors have been hired as part of this initiative. **Alan Spector** and **Diana Williams** provide additional but unique expertise in taste and feeding, which is a major emphasis in the Psychology Department. **Lisa Lyons** brings expertise in the biology of learning and memory that connects well with the Biology Department’s strength in ecology and evolutionary biology. The expertise provided by **Sanjay Kumar** and **Yi Zhou** complements the Biomedical Sciences Department’s strength in cellular and molecular physiology.

The second cluster initiative in our department is entitled The Psychology and Neurobiology of Dysregulated Behavior. Three faculty have been hired as part of this initiative. **Pam Keel** studies eating disorders and body image. **Chris Patrick** provides expertise

on the role of emotion in psychopathy, substance abuse and antisocial behavior. **Ed Bernat**’s research focuses on the cognitive and affective processes that underlie impulse control problems such as substance use and abuse. According to **Thomas Joiner**, who spearheaded this cluster, these hires are “viewed across the campus as the epitome of the successful cluster. We targeted three very talented people - eminent in the cases of Keel and Patrick; enormously promising in the case of Bernat - and we got all three.”

Without a doubt, the addition of these faculty members will help our department to grow and prosper for years to come.



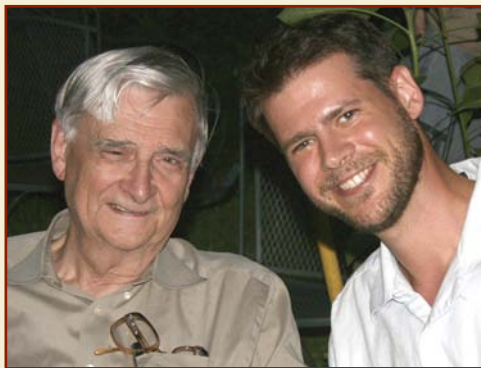
Inaugural James C. Smith Lecture



Dr. Jim Smith

Dr. Steve Woods, an internationally recognized expert on ingestive behavior and obesity, gave the inaugural James C. Smith Lecture on October 17th, 2008. The now annual lecture was started in honor of **James C. Smith**, Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Neuroscience, and is supported by the generous contributions of private donors, the Department of Psychology, and the Program in Neuroscience.

FSU Developing Scholar Award



Drs. Edward O. Wilson & Jon Maner

Jon Maner received a 2009 Developing Scholar Award. This highly competitive award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in scholarship, teaching and service of faculty members at an early point in their career as academics and is intended to identify FSU's future leaders. As a 2009 Developing Scholar, Jon received \$10,000 to be used in support of his program of research which investigates ways in which social motives and emotions influence a range of cognitive and perceptual processes such as attention, memory, person perception, and risky decision-making. Another honor bestowed on Jon this year was an invitation to participate in the 80th birthday celebration of America's most distinguished evolutionary biologist: Edward O. Wilson (Professor, Harvard University). Jon represented the Psychology Department, giving a lecture entitled, "E.O. Wilson, Sociobiology, and the Rise of Evolutionary Psychology".

Recent Retirements



Dr. Na'im Akbar

during his career for his outstanding contributions to African American psychology. Honors included receiving two honorary doctorate degrees and numerous invitations for national media appearances (such as Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue, Tavis Smiley and Geraldo) as an esteemed expert on issues of African American life and behavior.

Na'im Akbar

Na'im Akbar retired in 2008, after 29 years as a member of this department. Na'im, who received his Ph.D. in 1970 from the University of Michigan, joined the FSU faculty in 1979. Bringing with him the experience of several years as a teacher and lecturer, Na'im had a positive impact as a mentor to undergraduate and graduate students alike. His major interest was in African American personality development and functioning, and Na'im's insights in this area helped his students better understand issues of minority mental health, education and community psychology. Na'im was honored numerous times



Dr. Karen Glendenning

her undergraduate teaching. Students for years to come will continue to benefit from her unique collection of comparative anatomical material, which has been put on display near the Neuroscience Histology Laboratory.

Karen Glendenning

Karen Glendenning, who retired April 30, 2009, came to FSU in 1974 after receiving her Ph.D. from Ohio State University and completing postdoctoral training at Duke University. Her research focused on comparative and developmental analyses of the mammalian brain and she was recognized as an expert in the anatomy of the subcortical auditory system. Using methods such as chemical neuroanatomy and tract tracing, Karen contributed to our understanding of the evolution of the mammalian brain. As an educator, Karen was an important contributor to our graduate Program in Neuroscience and took great pride in



Dr. James Meyer

University Teaching Award and a 2009 recipient of the Guardian of the Flame Award, for which faculty are nominated by their students for outstanding teaching.

James Meyer

James Meyer retired April 30, 2009, after 26 years as a faculty member of this department. James earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1968, but his education did not end there. After teaching for more than a decade, James returned to school to earn his Juris Doctorate from Mercer Law School in 1983. Joining the FSU Psychology Department that same year, James brought valuable knowledge and experience to our department. He taught thousands of students to think more critically about the complex relationship between psychology, law, ethics and business. James was a 1994-95 recipient of the



Dr. Joe Torgesen

and naming Joe as its first director. Upon his retirement Joe was named Director Emeritus. During the course of his career Joe obtained nearly \$45,000,000 in grant funding and was honored with numerous awards in recognition of his scholarship and service.

Joe Torgesen

Joe Torgesen, the W. Russell and Eugenia Morcom Chair of Psychology and Education, retired in May 2008. Joe joined the faculty of FSU in 1976 after earning his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. During his tenure at FSU, Joe conducted basic and applied research on reading and learning disabilities. He served as the Director of the School Psychology Program from 1980-1990 and the Cognitive and Behavioral Science Program from 1990-1995. Joe's national renown as a scholar in the field of reading led to former Governor Jeb Bush selecting FSU as the site for the Florida Center for Reading Research

Welcome New Faculty Members!

Edward Bernat

Ed Bernat will join the Clinical Psychology area of our department in the fall of 2009. Ed obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1997 and remained at that institution to complete two postdoctoral fellowships. Since then he has held the position of Research Associate at the University of Minnesota. His research focuses on the cognitive and affective processes that underlie impulse control problems such as substance use and abuse and antisocial behavior. Using advanced methodological tools, like EEG/MEG, Ed attempts to delineate the role of the brain in impulse control problems.

Walter Boot

Wally Boot joined the Cognitive area of our department in the fall of 2008 after he received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2007. Wally's research investigates basic attention mechanisms and how these basic attention processes operate in applied contexts. His research interests include determining the best methods of training for complex tasks (such as video games), the guidance of attention in visual search, and how the visual world interacts with observer's goals and intentions to guide attention.

Carol Connor

Carol Connor will join our department in the Developmental area in the fall of 2009. She holds a joint appointment in the Florida Center for Reading Research. Carol completed her Ph.D. (2002) and postdoctoral training at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on how children learn in the classroom. She takes an interactionist approach to classroom performance by examining how the language and reading skills that children bring with them to school interact with the instructional activities of the classroom.

Jesse Cogle

Jesse Cogle joined the Clinical Psychology area of our department in the fall of 2008 after receiving his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin. Jesse's research focuses on the cognitive, behavioral, and biological processes that underlie anxiety disorders. He is also interested in courage, including the assessment of courage and facilitating courageous behavior among individuals with anxiety disorders.

Pamela Keel

Pam Keel received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1998. Before joining the Clinical Psychology area of our department in January 2009, Pam held faculty positions at Harvard University and the University of Iowa. Pam is regarded internationally as a leading expert on eating disorders and body image.

Christopher Patrick

Chris Patrick will join the Clinical Psychology faculty in the fall of 2009. Chris received his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia in 1987. He was a Clinical Psychology faculty member at FSU between 1990 and 1999 before going to the University of Minnesota. We're very pleased that he is re-joining our faculty. Chris is widely known for his work on the role of emotion in psychopathy, substance abuse, and antisocial behavior. He uses psychophysiological and behavioral measures to understand the brain systems that are responsible for processing and reacting to emotional stimuli.

Joshua Rodefer

Josh Rodefer received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1997 and completed research fellowships at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He joined the Neuroscience area of our department in January 2009 from the University of Iowa. Josh's research interests include impulsive decision making, animal models of neuropsychiatric disorders, and drug abuse and addiction.

Diana Williams

Diana Williams joined our Neuroscience faculty in the fall of 2008. She received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 2003 and completed her postdoctoral training in the Medical School at the University of Washington. Her research focuses on the neural and hormonal factors that control food intake and body weight.

Xixi Jia

Xixi Jia joined our department in August of 2008 as a research faculty member in Neuroscience. She is responsible for oversight of our molecular and histology labs. Xixi obtained her Ph.D. in 1992 at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She holds a joint appointment in the Biology Department at FSU.



Dr. Ed Bernat



Dr. Wally Boot



Dr. Carol Connor



Dr. Jesse Cogle



Dr. Pam Keel



Dr. Chris Patrick




Dr. Josh Rodefer



Dr. Diana Williams



Dr. Xixi Jia



Meet Dr. Rick Wagner Our Newest Lawton Professor

Our very own **Rick Wagner** has received the highest honor given to faculty at Florida State University: The Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Award. Only two other psychology faculty members have received this award since its inception in 1957: **Dr. Daniel Kenshalo** (1974-75) and **Dr. James Smith** (1992-1993). The Robert O. Lawton Award requires the professor to have been at the University for at least 12 years, and above all, to have achieved true distinction in his/her discipline or profession.

Rick was born in Akron, Ohio. He completed his bachelor's degree in biology and master's degree in school psychology at the University of Akron. After graduating with his master's degree, Rick moved to Las Vegas, where he worked as a school psychologist for two years. This was also where he married his wife - - they recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

Rick went on to complete his Ph.D. in Psychology at Yale University, and he has been a faculty member

at FSU since 1984. According to Rick, an important reason that he took the job at FSU was that **Joe Torgesen** -- an expert in the prevention and remediation of reading difficulties -- was already here.

Rick's 25-year career at FSU has been focused primarily on the study of dyslexia, which is a learning disorder characterized by impairment of the ability to recognize and comprehend written words. He is the author of more than 125 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and books; has been awarded more than \$17.5 million dollars in research funding as principal or co-principal investigator; and has delivered more than 50 invited presentations and 150 peer-reviewed paper presentations at conferences all over the world.

One of Rick's most notable contributions has been through his role as principal investigator of a \$6,000,000 grant from the federal government to create a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Multidisciplinary Learning Disabilities Center. This Center is NIH's flagship research program for learning disabilities and is one of only four in the nation. According to Rick, "Our hope is to develop ways of diagnosing dyslexia and other learning disabilities at a younger age so that these children have greater chances of leading a happy, productive, and successful life...it's a phenomenal opportunity for FSU because we will get to participate in the NIH's premier research into dyslexia."

The Multidisciplinary Center is just one arm of the Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR), where Rick serves as Associate Director. The FCRR was established by Governor Jeb Bush in January, 2002. Its research mission includes conducting basic research on reading, disseminating information about research-based practices related to literacy instruction and assessment, conducting applied research with the potential to immediately impact policy and practices related to literacy instruction in Florida, and providing assistance to Florida's schools for the improvement of literacy outcomes.

As if the above were not enough to keep anyone busy, Rick is also the Chair of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board. The National Institute for Literacy is a federal agency that provides leadership on literacy issues, including the improvement of reading instruction for children, youth, and adults. The Advisory Board consists of 10 individuals who are appointed by the President and approved by the Senate. The role of the Advisory Board is to provide independent advice on the operation of the Institute and to make recommendations concerning appointments of directors and staff to the Institute. Rick's nomination to be a part of this board is truly a testament to his status as a national leader in literacy research.

In addition to an undergraduate level research methods course, Rick teaches several advanced graduate level statistics courses in the department. As any graduate student who has

had the privilege to enroll in one of these courses can attest, he makes even the most complex statistical topic accessible. Rick begins class on most days by displaying celebrity mug shots and awarding coveted Pez candy to whomever correctly guesses the identity of the unfortunate celebrity. He somehow manages to effortlessly segue from a mug shot of Gary Busey into a lecture on matrix algebra. With this mixture of good humor and rigorous instruction, it is no wonder that Rick consistently receives rave reviews from his students and is the recipient of several teaching awards.

One of Rick's former students, **Dr. Shayne Piasta** (Developmental), has this to say about his mentorship during her years at FSU, "Rick was and continues to be generous to his students in so many ways - supporting them intellectually and financially, always approachable and available when need be. As I move forward in my own academic career, I hope that I will follow Rick's path in becoming what I see as a true scholar: one who strives to move his respective field forward not only through quality work but also through the guidance and preparation of future scholars." Given all of his accomplishments and contributions to the university and our department, it is not surprising that Shayne would hope to emulate Rick's example.

The Robert O. Lawton Award is not Rick's first prestigious award from the university -- he is also the Alfred Binet Professor of Psychology. The named professorship is an honor bestowed on him for excellence in teaching, research, and service. Faculty member recipients have the opportunity to select the title of their Professorship. In Rick's case, Alfred Binet is an appropriate title, as Binet devoted his career to identifying children at risk for having difficulty in the school system. Rick also received a Distinguished Research Professor Award from the university in 2006 in recognition of his outstanding scholarly productivity.

With all of his career success, Rick has retained his humility. When he first learned that he would be receiving the Robert O. Lawton Award, he had this to say, "It is incredibly humbling for three reasons. The first is what I know about the contributions of some equally or more deserving colleagues who have yet to receive it. The second is what I know about the contributions of previous recipients, including Jim Smith, who has been a mentor to me since I arrived at Florida State fresh out of graduate school. The third is how much of a role my colleagues and friends have played in what we have accomplished."

We are so proud of all of Rick's achievements - it is hard to think of a professor more deserving of this honor. Our department is incredibly fortunate to be the academic home to such an incredibly talented scientist.

New Courtyard Dedicated



Above left: Stan & Paula Warmath with the plaque dedicating the courtyard in their honor. Above right: View of the courtyard at night.

In the center of our new building is a magnificent, 9,000 square foot courtyard. On October 10, 2008, we dedicated our courtyard to **Stan and Paula Warmath** for their philanthropic contributions to the department. The Department of Psychology is the academic home of Paula and Stan. Paula majored in psychology and received her B.S. in 1980. She went on to work in the department for several years before moving to the Florida Department of Transportation where she has risen through the administrative ranks to Manager of Administration.

Stan arrived at FSU in 1965 as a freshman and has remained part of the university to this day. Upon completion of his B.S. in Psychology in 1969, Stan went on to complete a master's degree in Experimental Psychology in 1978. He managed the research laboratory of his mentor, the late Professor **Mark Berkley**, until 1980 at which time he took over management of the facilities and labs of the entire department. Stan served as the department's Director of Facilities and Operations for the last few years and has now taken his experience and services to the Dean's office where he is serving as the Renovation and Building Coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Stan and Paula have been incredibly generous in their support of this department over the past several decades. Their gifts have enhanced the teaching and research missions of this department and have led to the creation of several endowed funds in honor of professors who had a profound impact on them and on this department. For example, their contributions established the Mark Berkley Research Fellowship in honor of Stan's major professor; this fellowship recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in Neuroscience. Stan and Paula also established the James C. Smith Lectureship in honor of an individual who has had a major impact on them, as well as on many of us in this department and university. At the dedication of the courtyard Stan and Paula announced yet another

gift. This one will be named the Janet A. Kistner Chairman's Fund to honor Dr. Kistner as the department's first female Chair, the first Clinical area Chair and the first three-term Chair.

Their gifts also contributed to the beauty of the courtyard. Legacy benches bearing the names of former chairs of the department (**Mike Rashotte, George Weaver, Rob Contreras, Janet Kistner**) and professors whose contributions to the department earned them a special place in their hearts (**Mark Berkley, Ned Megargee**) offer seating for our students and visitors. There is a graduate walk, with bricks honoring our doctoral graduates, which was the brainchild of Stan.

To honor our past, castings from the historic Eppes building were made and added to the outside of our new building, another of Stan's creative ideas. These are but a few of Stan and Paula's contributions over the years and illustrate their commitment to this department and their desire to honor and celebrate the people from this department who enriched their (and our) lives.

"I'm one of the few people who can say they have loved their job for 42 years," said Stan Warmath, who came to FSU as a student in 1965 and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology while working in the department. "I was born here, in the intellectual sense, and raised in this department. I met my wife here, and we wanted to give back to the university."

Dr. Marilyn Jennings found her graduate brick in the courtyard



Graduate & Undergraduate Research Day

In 2008 and 2009 we celebrated our 6th and 7th Annual Graduate Research Day (GRD), respectively. Both events were a great success, with a record number of submissions from graduate students across all five of our doctoral programs. GRD included morning and afternoon oral research presentations. To give you an idea of the types of topics being tackled by some of the graduate students, here is a sample of some of the titles of the oral presentations, “Self-control: A Modifiable Risk Factor for Compulsive Hoarding,” “The Effect of Environmental Information on Skilled Ten-Pin Bowling Performance,” “Racing to Help: Racial Bias in High Emergency Helping Situations,” “Nucleus Accumbens Dopamine Mediates Social and Drug Reward Interaction,” and “Scent of a Woman: Men’s Endocrine Responses to Cues to Ovulation.”



Dr. John Curtin

Every year the department selects a Doctoral Graduate of Distinction (“Grad Made Good”) to give the keynote address for Graduate Research Day. In 2008, the award was bestowed upon **Dr. John Curtin**, a graduate of the Clinical Psychology program (2000; major professor **Al Lang**), for his research on the psychological and neurological substrates that contribute to alcohol and drug use and abuse.

In 2009, the award was presented to **Dr. Randy Nudo**, a graduate of the Neuroscience program (1985; major professor **Bruce Masterton**), for his research on the brain’s capacity for self-repair after damage. The keynote address is a special part of Graduate Research Day because it gives our graduate students an opportunity to meet alumni who have been very productive and successful in their academic career after leaving our department. Needless to say, it is a very inspiring and motivating part of the day.

The department hosted the first annual undergraduate research day on April 24, 2009. The event expands the Howard Baker Research Award and Luncheon to now include a poster session in addition to oral presentations. As has been our tradition, the Howard Baker Re-



Dr. Randy Nudo gave the keynote address during the 2009 Graduate Research Day

search Award was given for the best research paper submitted for an oral presentation. The research award is named for **Howard Baker** who, in 1991, retired after 41 years of teaching in the Department of Psychology. Howard was widely recognized as a master teacher, prolific researcher and, notably for this award, a dedicated and gifted mentor to young researchers. The department’s chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, generously sponsored the first award for the best research poster.

These events were a great success and a testament to the high caliber of research being done by our graduate and undergraduate students in collaboration with our faculty. We are looking forward to continuing these traditions that recognize and celebrate the research of our students.

Meet The New Staff!

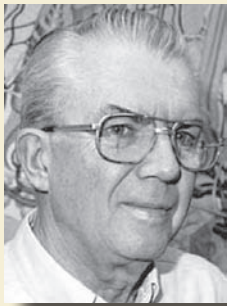
Heather Smith joined our department in August 2007 as a grants compliance associate from the Florida Department of Revenue. She made the switch when a friend recommended our department as a great place to work. Heather said her experience with us over the past two years has convinced her that her friend was right!

Sue Morgan is a grants compliance associate, who joined our department in January of 2009. Sue was previously on staff at the Thagard Student Health Center at FSU. Sue has really enjoyed her time in the Psychology Department learning all aspects of the new job.

Ryan Newsome joined the Psychology Department in August of 2007 as an engineer in the machine shop. Ryan has over 15 years experience as a Machinist/Engineer, including owning and operating Newtech Machine Co., a manufacturer of photography components, and working in the Machine Shop at FSU’s Mag Lab.

Fred Fletcher, our new electronics engineer as of May 2009, came to us with almost 12 years of experience at Foreaker Electronics. He has experience in electronic equipment repair as well as current electronic parts and assemblies.

Memorial Recognition



Dr. Dan Kenshalo

Daniel R. Kenshalo, 85, a Professor Emeritus of Psychology, passed away on Oct. 31, 2007. Dan taught at Florida State University from 1950 to 1989. In the early 1960s, he and Lloyd Beidler (Biology) became the first co-directors of the FSU Psychobiology Program.

Dan was instrumental in establishing this program as a Center of Excellence, which provided federal funding to build the Kellogg Research Building (KRB) and add new faculty, staff and technical lines. In 1975, Dan received the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Award, the highest honor the FSU faculty can bestow upon one of its own. On March 21, 2008 a memorial service was held in the new building, and classroom A101 was dedicated as the Kenshalo Lecture Hall (previously located in room 105 KRB). Mike Rashotte presented an overview of Dan Kenshalo's life at FSU. The event was well attended by friends and family and was followed by a reception in the lobby.



Dr. Don Driggs

Donald Driggs, a former member of the Psychology faculty (1962-1981), passed away on February 11, 2009. His wife, Dorothea Heisserman Driggs, preceded him in death on June 4, 2008. Don received his Ph.D. in psychology at the University of North Carolina.

After graduating, he became a member of the Auburn University faculty. Don then accepted a Guggenheim fellowship for postdoctoral study at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. This fellowship took him to a Veteran's Hospital in Augusta, Georgia for one year; the following year, as part of the fellowship, he set up a public school mental health system in Austin, Minnesota. In 1962, he became a member of the FSU Psychology faculty until his retirement. During his time at FSU, Don taught undergraduate and graduate students and was director of the department's Human Development Clinic. He is described by his son, Ken Driggs, as someone who was, "gentle and friendly to all and loved children and dogs...He was most comfortable with people who had no power or station, seeking out people who did not enjoy status."

New Fund Established



Dr. Neil Charness

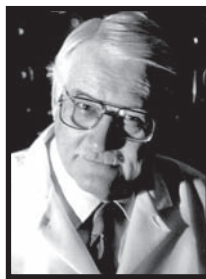
Professor **Neil Charness** has established a fund in honor of his parents, Mark and Gloria Charness. Neil considers this a "pay-it-forward" type of gift, because "I can never pay my parents back for all the support they provided to me over the years." Mark Charness, who grew up in Montreal, Quebec, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, prospered in several business industries, was an advisor to the Government of Canada on International Trade and Commerce, and is currently a Governor of Sunnybrook Health and Science Centre Foundation in Toronto. Gloria Charness was born in Chicago, earned her B.A. at Queens College, and studied political science at Columbia University. In addition to raising five children, Gloria served on various boards of philanthropic organizations and advisory committees of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. She is currently a Governor of Sunnybrook and Women's Hospital Foundation.

Shortly after joining the FSU faculty in 1994, Neil attended a meeting where department members were bemoaning the absence of mechanisms to help graduate students pay their dissertation-related expenses. Neil decided to start putting money aside in anticipation of the day he would be able to respond to this need. That day has arrived. The Mark and Gloria Charness Dissertation Fund will provide assistance to graduate students for dissertation expenses. Neil's generous gift is a thoughtful way to both honor his parents and contribute to the academic progress of our graduate students.



Mark and Gloria Charness

Howard Baker Seminar Room Re-dedicated



The Howard Baker Conference Room was originally located in room 229 of the Kellogg Research Building (KRB) and named in honor of long time faculty member **Howard Baker**, who passed away in 2004.

Howard's contributions will continue to be recognized in the new Psychology Building. In March 2008, room A204 was dedicated the Howard D. Baker Seminar Room. We were fortunate to have Howard's eldest son, Dr. Jim Baker, in attendance during the dedication ceremony.

The plaque outside the room states "Howard D. Baker Seminar Room: In recognition of Professor Howard D. Baker for his 41 years of outstanding service to the Florida State University and the Department of Psychology, 1950 to 1991."

Howard was instrumental in coordinating a series of events in the old KRB seminar room, including the Vision Lunch Seminar and brown bag lunches focused on teaching. The former seminar continues to this day and is now titled the Howard Baker Seminar. Howard will also be remembered as a champion for undergraduate research and the annual award for the best undergraduate research project bears his name.

Behavior Analysis Reunion

Just before **Jon Bailey's** December 2007 retirement, a gathering of his PhD students was held November 9-11, 2007 on the FSU campus. Fifty five of his 63 PhD students arrived on campus for the 3-day reunion that included a behavior analysis seminar, gala banquet, and a Bricks Ceremony on the Westcott Plaza. A fundraising drive to cover the cost of the memorial bricks was held in the months leading up to the Grand Reunion and one was placed for each of the doctoral students to graduate from the Behavior Analysis Research Lab over a 38-year period. The former students came from all over the United States to share stories of their time in the Psychology Department and renew connections with old colleagues; they plan to gather again in 2017 for FSU Behavior Analysis Grand Reunion #2.

Drs. Jon Bailey and John Austin during the unveiling of Westcott bricks



Dr. Kelley Kline

FSU Teaching Award

Kelley Kline was the recipient of a 2009 University Teaching Award. This award, based on nominations by students and alumni, recognizes faculty for excellence in teaching. Kelley has been a Psychology faculty member at our Panama City campus since 2002 and is one of their top teachers. Her student evaluations are consistently outstanding. Students appreciate Kelley's dedication, enthusiasm, respect and concern for students, and ability to make her courses interesting. Though research is not required for her position, Kelley has mentored many undergraduate students in research, thereby enhancing the quality of their education. Many of the students' projects have been published or presented at regional and national conferences.

Psychology Gift Fund

Please accept our thanks for your support of our department in the past. We are especially grateful for gifts that have allowed us to honor past and current colleagues and those that have provided recognition and resources to our students. Should you be in a position to make a contribution at present or in the future, you may show your support by contributing to any of our established funds or by specifying your wishes for other uses of your gift. Checks may be made payable to the FSU Foundation/Psychology. Please indicate on the check or in a letter how you would like your gift used.

Psychology General Development Fund provides general support to the Department of Psychology in a variety of areas. Contributions to this fund enabled us to honor our retiring faculty and support Graduate Research Day.

The Winthrop Kellogg Dissertation Fund provides assistance to graduate students for dissertation expenditures. This fund is completely alumni supported so your contributions are crucial for this program.

The Psychology Doctoral Graduate of Distinction Fund supports travel and expenses for a distinguished graduate of one of the department's doctoral programs to receive an award from the department and to present the keynote address at Graduate Research Day.

The Wallace A. Kennedy Graduate Fellowship Fund was started by a donation from his former students. When it is endowed, the fund will be used to provide support to Clinical Psychology graduate students.

The Howard D. Baker Undergraduate Research Award is given annually to an undergraduate student conducting the best research project as judged by a review panel of faculty.

The Mark A. Berkley Research Award is presented to the top Neuroscience graduate student whose research involves advanced technology and innovation.

The R. Bruce Masterton Eminent Scholar Chair is organized in the memory of Bruce Masterton's long-standing contributions to Neuroscience.

The James C. Smith Lectureship Series supports an annual lecture in honor of the scientific contributions of Jim Smith. The yearly event features an internationally renowned speaker who is conducting behaviorally-oriented research on scientific problems in neuroscience. In addition, the speaker is invited to be in residence for at least two full days to optimize interactions with graduate students.

The Mark and Gloria Charness Dissertation Fund was established by faculty member Neil Charness in honor of his parents, for their help while he was a graduate student. Contributions provide assistance to graduate students for dissertation expenses.

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