JMU Department of Psychology
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The College of Health and Behavioral Studies has selected its first college award recipients. Three of those awards will be received by Department of Psychology faculty:

- **Tracy Zinn** received the Distinguished Teacher Award. [More information]
- **Suzie Baker** became our College’s Madison Scholar. [More information]
- **Matt Lee** received the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. [More information]

**Kevin Apple** received the Bluestone Award for Outstanding Advising, Dolley Award, 2012-2013.

**Kevin Apple** received the Adult Degree Program Advocate of the Year, 2013.

**Kevin Apple** received the Outstanding Advisor Award, Fraternity and Sorority Life, 2012.

**Kenn Barron** was elected to APA Fellow status through the Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

**Kenn Barron** with coauthors Chris Hulleman and Rory Lazowski received the 2013 Society for the Teaching of Psychology Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award for their poster “What Constructs Matter for Motivating College Students: A Mixed Method Investigation” presented at the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology, in Clearwater, FL.

**JoAnne Brewster** was selected to receive the 2012 Service Award from the Society for Police & Criminal Psychology for outstanding service to the society.

**David Daniel** was selected to receive the 2013 Transforming Education through Neuroscience Award. The Transforming Education Through Neuroscience Award was established jointly by the Learning & the Brain Foundation and The International Mind, Brain and Education Society (IMBES) to honor an individual who represents excellence in bridging neuroscience and education, that is, applying the findings of hard science to the improvement of classroom teaching and learning.

**David Daniel** was selected as a Master Teacher Speaker for STP. This program is designed to provide support to small regional and local conferences to bring in nationally recognized teachers in to speak by providing travel funding. [More information]

**Kimberly DuVall** received a JMU 2013 “All Together One Award” in recognition of outstanding contributions to building campus community, inspiring others, fostering an attitude of caring, humility and kindness, exhibiting a dedication to learning and exhibiting a commitment to working together.

**Bill Evans** was the recipient of the 2013 JMU Career and Academic Planning “Make Your Next Move Award.” This award was established to honor faculty and staff that have gone above and beyond expectations in their roles on campus and have devoted extra time and energy to helping students move forward with their career goals and plans.

**Krisztina Jakobsen** was named Alvin V., Jr. and Nancy C. Baird Professor (2012-2014).

**Natalie Lawrence** became Director of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP) Best Practices Conference series.

**Monica Reis-Bergan** was promoted to the rank of professor.

**In the news:**
**David Daniel** was selected as JMU’s Favorite Faculty Member in the 2013 “Best in the Burg” competition conducted by the JMU student newspaper The Breeze.

**Tracy Zinn** participated in a podcast discussion “Teaching in the Age of Entitlement: How to Avoid Contributing to the Problem” on BAM and featured on Educators Radio. [More information]
Presentations by Faculty and Students of the Department of Psychology
James Madison University
2012-2013

Works authored by students are indicated by an asterisk (*).

August


September


October


Barron, K. & Apple, K. J. (2012, October). To integrate or not to integrate: Debating different curricular strategies for teaching research methods and statistics. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of Best Practices in APA’s Division 2 (Statistics and Research Methods), Atlanta, GA.


The following faculty presented posters in JMU’s College of Integrated Science and Engineering & College of Health and Behavioral Studies Faculty Research Day (October, 2012):

- Vivien Chan – Recognizing words spoken with a foreign accent. Why is it so difficult?
- Claire Lyons – Change factors in stress management programs for teachers.
- Charles Harris – Concept mapping of complex concepts


November


Prendergast, C.* (2013, November). Planting seeds of Assessment. How student involvement can further growth in our field. Virginia Assessment Group, Richmond, VA.

December

Hulleman, C.S., & Barron, K.E. (2012, December). The role of motivational planning and assessment: How to create schools that attract, engage, and retain students. Invited talk at Eastern Mennonite University for At-Risk Students, Harrisonburg, VA.

January


February

Daniel, D. B. (2013, February). How to get more education out of our science. Panel Member. Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center All Hands Meeting, UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA.

Daniel, D.B. (2013, February). Translating Mind, Brain and Education to the Classroom…and Back. Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center All Hands Meeting, UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA.


March


Irons, J. G. (2013, March). Are we teaching what we think we’re teaching?: The importance of validity in psychology. Keynote address presented at the Southeastern Teaching of Psychology Conference in Atlanta, GA.


April


May


Chretien, A. M.* & Kurtz, J. L. (2013, May). Depression and Attitudes Towards Depression. Poster to be presented at the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.


June


Hall, K.*, Elliot, D* & Rhodes, N.* (2013, June). *Effects of Chronic Marijuana Use on Sleep, Circadian Rhythms and Cognitive Performance” American Academy of Sleep Medicine, Baltimore, MD.


July


Grants Received by the Faculty of the Department of Psychology
James Madison University
2012-2013

Kenn Barron and Chris Hulleman receive a $798,805 National Science Foundation grant for a research project entitled, Validating a Rapid Measure of Student Motivation: Using the Expectancy-Value Theory of Motivation to Understand Student Achievement and Interest in STEM Classrooms. Along with their collaborators Steve Getty and Joseph Taylor at BSCS in Colorado Springs, Co, they will be developing and validating a rapid measure of student motivation that can be used to understand and measure the impact of interventions on student achievement and interest in STEM classes at multiple academic levels (middle school through college). The project will run from November 2012 through November 2014.

David Daniel is a Co-Principal Investigator on a Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC) grant to develop physics teacher education programs into national models ($369,842; 2012-15).

Joann Grayson and Michael Stoloff received a continuing grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services produce the Virginia Child Protection Newsletter ($44,750).

Charles Harris received a grant from JMU’s Center for Instructional Technology to purchase Presenter 8 software ($300).

Jessica Irons received a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Research Grant from Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Div. 2 of APA) for a project entitled Testing specific measurement biases in student evaluations of instruction: An example of the Teacher Behavior Checklist ($2,000).

Natalie Lawrence and Michael Stoloff received a grant from the American Psychological Association in support of the Eastern Conference for the Teaching of Psychology. ($1,000).

Matt Lee received funding from the Office of International Programs, CHBS, and CISE International for the creation of a new study abroad course in Germany and Poland ($2,000 combined).

Bryan Saville received a $4,000 grant from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Div. 2 of APA) for a study entitled: “Interteaching: An Analysis of Long-Term Retention”

Psychology faculty received $10,447 in grant funding from the College of Health and Behavior Studies including:

- Jeff Dyche received a grant for materials for the Sleep and Actigraphy Lab ($820).
- Michael Hall received a grant for research software upgrades for his audiology research ($468).
- Jessica Irons received two grants for research materials and conference travel ($640, & $4,000).
- Natalie Lawrence received two grants for research materials to support research on distracted driving interventions ($698 & $1,721).
- Matt Lee received a grant for conference travel to the annual conference of the Asian American Psychological Association 2013 ($1,500).
- Tracy Zinn received a grant for conference travel to the annual conference of the Association of Behavior Analysis International ($600).
**Publications by the Faculty and Students of the Department of Psychology**  
**James Madison University**  
**2012-2013**


Lyons, C.W. (in press) “I don’t really have time to think do I feel happy or sad”: the role of self-awareness as a change mechanism in stress management interventions. As part of the Research on Stress and Coping in Education series, Information Age Publishing. Series co-editor Gordon Gates.


Service Activities by the Faculty of the Department of Psychology
James Madison University
2012-2013

Craig Abrahamson He is a board member for the International Society for Explorations in Teaching and Learning (ISETL), and a reviewer for the International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Dr. Abrahamson volunteers every other weekend with the Oakland Medical Clinic providing psychotherapy for individuals, couples, and families who are victims of physical and emotional trauma.

Jeff Andre worked with lawyers in Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas on accident and civil court cases, providing expert opinions on visual perception-related issues. Dr. Andre also serves as a textbook, journal article, and website reviewer.

Suzanne Baker was appointed to Editorial Board of Psychology Learning and Teaching. She is a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for Lincoln Park Zoo. She serves as a program consultant through the Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s Departmental Consulting Service. She is also a consultant for the Educational Testing Service, and she served as a Table Leader and member of the rubric development team for the 2012 Psychology Advanced Placement test scoring.

Kenn Barron’s Motivation Research Institute and the Harrisonburg City Public Schools embark on a new partnership to offer professional development to teachers and staff. Learn more from the Oct. 2012 issue of The Insider: Highlighting Excellence in Harrisonburg City Public Schools (page 4). Kenn serves as an Advisory Board Member and Research Reviewer for Regional Education Lab Appalachia (one of the ten regional research labs sponsored by the US Department of Education’s Institute for Educational Sciences (IES), also called The Working Group (TWG). He is also a Conference Reviewer for the American Educational Research Association’s National Conference.

Kimberly D.R. DuVall recently served as a liaison between university and high school teachers through the Virginia Department of Education bridge program in Richmond, VA. Kimberly has been active in community service activities with the Psychology Peer Advisors, that have included “Day with the Dukes” event of Special Olympics of Virginia; Habitat for Humanity work days; “Food Fight Against Hunger;” to raise food and funds for local area food banks, “Campus Camp,” a grief camp for children ages 6-12; and “Relay for Life,” raising funds for the fight against cancer. She also serves as an advisory member for the Challenge Program of Rockingham County Public Schools. Kimberly also serves as a reviewer for various life-span human development textbooks.

David Daniel is the Managing Editor for the journal Mind, Brain, and Education. He also serves as a member of Neuroscience SIG of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Board of Advisors for the Mind, Brain and Education Society and the nominations committee for the Transforming Education through Neuroscience Award. Dr. Daniel serves on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant Selection Committee as well as the Teaching Excellence Awards Committee for the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Div. 2 APA). In the past few years, Dr. Daniel was an invited speaker many international/national venues and works closely with educators, publishers and policy groups translating scientific findings to practice.

Jeff Dyche serves as the Assistant Program Chair for the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

Bill Evans serves as a board member of the Viktor Frankl Institute in Vienna, Austria. He also serves on the board of directors for the Zion Project as a counselor educator for this mission to rehabilitate war-affected women and children in Gulu, Uganda. Dr. Evans has been active in community service activities that have included: the annual JMU “Day with the Dukes” event with Special Olympics of
Virginia; a clothing drive for Our Community Place in Harrisonburg; Habitat for Humanity work days in Franklin, West Virginia; the “Food Fight Against Hunger” benefitting the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank; “Campus Camp,” a grief camp for children ages 6-12; and the Relay for Life, raising money for cancer research. He is the faculty advisor for the Psychology Service Organization (PSO). He regularly volunteers at Our Community Place in Harrisonburg.

Cathy Fisher volunteers at the First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen. Cathy also volunteers regularly at Still Meadows’ Enrichment Center and Camp Therapeutic Horse Riding program for special need/handicapped children/adults, and participates in their three week long summer camp programs. She is a member of Sisters in Hope whom donates to charities both local and abroad. She has also volunteered for the Salvation Army bell ringing during the holiday season.

Michael Hall serves as the Program Chair for the Auditory Perception Cognition and Action Meeting (APCAM; he also was chaired the APCAM 2012 meeting). Dr. Hall also serves as a reviewing member of the Program Committee for the Society for Music Perception and Cognition conference and as a reviewing member of the Awards Committee for Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. He is the Program Director for JMU’s M.A. program in Psychological Sciences, and is chair of the CHBS Graduate Council.

Jessica Irons serves as the committee Chair for the G. Stanley Hall and Harold Kirk Wolfe Lecture Series Committee for the Society for Teaching of Psychology. Dr. Irons serves as Associate Editor for the society’s Psychology E-books. Jessica serves as a reviewer for the Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects (VYTP) Annual Small Grants RFP (2012).

Krisztina Jakobsen serves as a committee member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Child Daycare Center and is a member of the JMU Daycare Planning Committee.

Jaime Kurtz is a lecturer for the Institute for Brain Potential, a national organization that offers continuing education seminars and workshops to health care professionals. She has served as a reviewer for several social psychology and positive psychology journals and is an Associate Editor for the Teaching of Psychology’s eBooks series.

Natalie Lawrence is Director of the Eastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology (ETOP). She is also the Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s Director of the Best Practices Conference series. Dr. Lawrence is also a reviewer for the journal Teaching of Psychology.

Matt Lee is a consulting editor for the APA journal Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology. He has chaired and reviewed papers and proposals for the American Educational Research Association’s annual meeting. Dr. Lee is co-chairing the 40th annual national convention for the Asian American Psychological Association in 2012 (Orlando, FL). Dr. Lee is also co-chair for the AAPA’s national convention in 2013 (Honolulu, HI).

Monica Reis-Bergan works with Plains Elementary School coordinating reading tutors and supporting field day. She also coordinates the Field Placement Program for the Psychology Department.

Bryan Saville is an associate editor for the journal Teaching of Psychology and an editorial board member for the journal Psychology Learning and Teaching. Dr. Saville recently completed a 3-year term as President of the Virginia Association for Behavior Analysis and is now serving a term as Past President. He is also on the planning committee for the Eastern Teaching of Psychology conference and serves as a list moderator for the PsychTeacher discussion list, the official listserv for Division 2 of the American Psychological Association (Society for the Teaching of Psychology).
Michael Stoloff is the webmaster and a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology. He is an international advisor to the Asian Conference of Criminal and Operations Psychology (ACOPP). He is a member of the APA Board of Educational Affairs Taskforce that is proposing revised Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major. For the five year period ending November 2013 he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology. He is a certified as a consultant for the American Psychological Association’s Departmental Consulting Service.

Judy West participated as a panel member to provide advice to the football team during JMU’s Football Academic Days (August, 2012). Judy’s sections of GPsyC 160 gathered donations for First Step for the holiday season.

Tracy Zinn She is an advisor for the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies (CCBS), a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance the scientific study of behavior and its humane application to the solution of practical problems and the prevention and relief of human suffering. Dr. Zinn also serves as a consulting editor for the journal Teaching of Psychology, and as a liaison between the Organizational Behavior Management Network and STP. She is program co-chair for the Virginia Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) and an officer for the Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis (SEABA). Dr. Zinn is serving as a program reviewer for both the Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology (APA Div. 14) and Behavior Analysis (APA Div. 25).