

PsychInsight



Mark Your Calendar:

- ⇒ April 6-11: Spring Break
- ⇒ April 13-17: SU/FA registration
- ⇒ April 29: Classes end
- ⇒ May 1-6: Final exams
- ⇒ May 9: Graduation
- ⇒ May 20-July 31: Summer Session I
- ⇒ May 20-June 23: Summer Session II
- ⇒ June 25-July 31: Summer Session III
- ⇒ May 20-July 14: Summer Session IV
- ⇒ July 3-Campus Holiday

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Psychology Student Awards

Outstanding Graduate Student

Heather Anderson



The 2008-2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Award was presented to **Heather Anderson**. The recipient of this award is chosen based on various accomplishments, which include exceptional academic performance, involvement in research, taking an active role in the program, community involvement, and potential for future success. Heather has excelled in each area. She and a classmate worked together on a project titled "Media Exposure and Perceptions of Rape Myths" which won the graduate research award and was presented at the 2009 SEPA conference in New Orleans, LA. "Get involved in research to find out what you're interested in, and to learn about the research process,"

suggests Heather. Heather is also an active member of Psi Chi as the Public Relations officer as well as a committee member for the Bert Yancey Tournament. After graduation, Heather plans to apply for PhD programs in Cognitive psychology and continue conducting research.

Outstanding Undergraduate Student

M. David Boykin

David Boykin is the recipient of the 2008-2009 Outstanding Senior Psychology Award. To receive this award, David needed at least a 3.0 GPA, to be actively involved in research, and to participate in an extracurricular activity (Psi Chi Vice President).

"I was deeply honored and proud to receive this award. It makes me happy to know that the psychology department recognizes how hard I worked this past year," says David. He plans to continue his successful academic career by attending a graduate program for Industrial/Organizational Psychology next fall.



Outstanding Minority Achievement Award

Jerry Oliver, Jr.



The 2008-2009 Outstanding Minority Achievement Award in recognition of excellent academic standing and potential to make a contribution to the field of psychology was presented to **Jerry Oliver, Jr.** Jerry met all criteria for this award, including a minimum of three courses in psychology and a GPA of 3.2 or higher. Jerry received financial support to attend the February annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in New Orleans. There he expanded his learning outside the classroom and was exposed to many areas of research.

2009 Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

Awards & Recognitions

Regional Research Award



The Psi Chi Regional Research Award was presented to Montana Foss, an undergraduate psychology student. She won \$300 for her research presentation of the poster *Body Image Satisfaction Between African American and Caucasian Women: An Examination of Weight vs. Non-Weight Factors*. Gina Maddox also contributed to the project.

Results from the study indicated that African American women are more satisfied with non-weight aspects of appearance as opposed to Caucasian women and both groups of women had similar satisfaction with weight aspects of appearance.

Montana is also a member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology and serves as the Undergraduate Liaison.

CEPO Student Research Award

- ⇒ Stacey Byrd, Zachary Martin, Adam Underwood, and Jessica Anderson received the CEPO Student Research Award for *Sympathy levels and responsibility attribution for women with weight issues*.
- ⇒ M. David Boykin, Shannon M. Kelley, and Quentin Davis were runner-ups for the reward for *Individual endorsements and societal perceptions of the sexual double standard*.

The Committee on Equality of Professional Opportunity (CEPO) Student Research Award is awarded for the study of minority or women's related issues.

Dr. Hammock elected Member-At-Large



Dr. Georgina Hammock was elected to serve a three-year term as Member-at-Large of the Southeastern Psychological Association.

Outstanding Professional Paper Award



Psychology professor, Dr. Quentin Davis, was the recipient of the Outstanding Professional Paper Award at the 55th annual SEPA conference for *Turn Initiations in Signed Conversations with Cross-fostered Chimpanzees*.

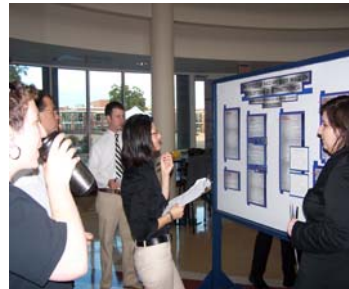
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Poster Awards

The following winners received a monetary award toward books in the bookstore, and several of these projects have been presented at SEPA and the Phi Kappa Phi Research and Fine Arts conferences.

Spring 2008

⇒ Winner

Chad Carrick, Adam Underwood, & Jen Watson for *The Effects of Task Load During Power Point Lectures*.



Fall 2008

⇒ Winner

Amanda Khidirov, Dustin Allen, & Brooke Johnson for *The Effect of Race and Body Image on Perceptions of Attractiveness*



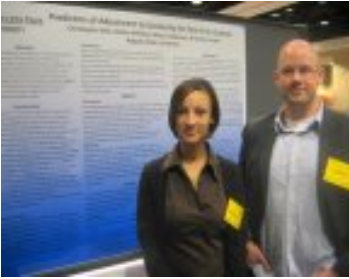
Fall 2008

⇒ Honorable Mention

Megan Annis & Lyston Skerritt, *What's the Key: Passion, Intimacy, or Commitment?* Sternberg's Love Triangle as a Predictor of Relationship Satisfaction.

2009 Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

Poster & Paper Presentations



Marcia Calloway and Dr. Bell

⇒ Christopher Bell, Ashley Williams, Marcia Calloway, and Ashley Cooper
Predictors of adjustment to university for first-year students.



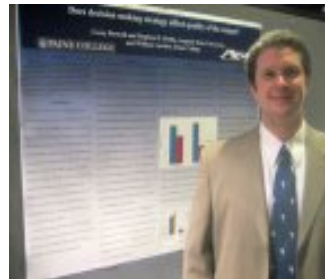
Brandi Dorsey and Dr. Davis

⇒ Brandi Dorsey, Quentin Davis, Sarah Anderson, Elijah Carter, and Marcell Durham
Funny stuff: A study of developmental preferences for humorous images.



Dr. Janit and Jordan Barker

⇒ Adrian Janit and Jordan Barker
Sampling the world of collectors: The Augusta Collecting Inventory.



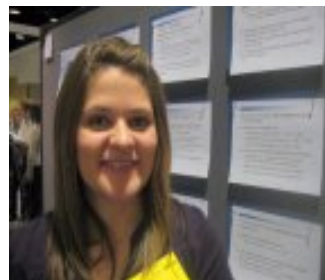
Corey Boswell

⇒ Corey Boswell and Stephen Hobbs
Does decision making strategy affect quality of the output?



Amanda Khidirov and Marian Beasley

⇒ Marian R. Beasley, Amanda D. Khidirov, and Robert A. Reeves
Gender, sex role, and job attribute preferences.



Brandi Dorsey

⇒ Brandi Dorsey, Deborah S. Richardson, and Stephanie Bates
Narcissism and relationship experience.

- ⇒ Natalie Murphy, Heather Anderson, and Deborah S. Richardson, *Media exposure and perceptions of rape myths.*
- ⇒ Adam Underwood, Chad Carrick, Jen Watson, and Quentin Davis, *Effect of slide printouts on task load during PowerPoint lecture.*
- ⇒ Lacy Currie, Jennifer Frost, Lynda Walker, and Sabina Widner, *Relationship between community violence, trust, and intimacy in relationships.*
- ⇒ Adrian Janit, Georgina Hammock, Patrick Harris, Sheron Young, and Angel Moore, *Mothers, fathers, and child abuse: Readers' emotional and behavioral reactions.*
- ⇒ Amanda C Manley, Jordan Barker, and Deborah S. Richardson, *Effects of social support and community violence exposure on aggression.*
- ⇒ Quentin Davis, *Turn initiations in signed conversations with cross-fostered chimpanzees.*
- ⇒ Nicole Rossi and Meagan Annis, *Emotional expression in "coming out" narratives of gay/lesbian young adults.*

Psych News



Dr. Hobbs Speaks on Workplace Stress



Dr. Stephen Hobbs, a professor in the Department of Psychology, was recently featured in the Augusta Chronicle as a presenter at the Women in Business luncheon sponsored by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce. He was part of a panel of experts giving tips on how to cope with workplace stress.

Dr. Hobbs recommends maintaining good physical health through exercise, healthy eating habits, and sufficient sleep. He also suggested identifying and keeping a journal of stress factors. A simple dose of laughter was also suggested as a contributing aid for stress relief.

A New Addition to the Psychology Family

Dr. Rebecca Rogers, Associate Professor of psychology, gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Asher Augustus Reynolds, on December 2, 2008. Asher was born at 9:11 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs, 3oz.. Congratulations, Dr. Rogers and Family!



Fun Quote

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

- Michael Jordan

Psychology Department Wins Decorating Contest

In recognition of spirit, creativity and design, the psychology department recently won the 2008 Augusta State University's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. All toys received were donated to the Toys For Tots campaign. Yolanda Bonner, an undergraduate psychology major, acted the part as the nightgown-clad grandma in a scene based on the song "Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer". The song was played during the judging and to honor the lyrics, the theme included a reindeer, sled, eggnog, and "incriminating Claus marks" on grandma's back. Thanks to Connie Bradley, Kerrie Scott, and everyone who assisted in the creation of this project.



Research Roundup

Posters Highlight Undergraduate Research Projects

Another poster session devoted to the research projects in the Research Methods classes will be held in the atrium of the Science Hall on April 29 from 4 – 5:30. Everyone is invited to come learn about the various projects conducted over the semester in these courses.

Students in the Psychology Department know that they will be working hard in the PSYC 3122 Research Methods course. The results of this hard work were apparent in the posters presented in the Spring and Fall of 2008.

The Research Methods course is designed to expose students to the fundamentals of conducting and analyzing research projects. These skills form the backbone of psychological science. To learn these skills, students take on the research process. They formulate research hypotheses and the strategies to test them. Then they conduct studies, analyze the data and interpret their findings. In the Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 semesters, a new opportunity was added to process. At the end of these semesters, students from Dr. Davis and Dr. Hammock's classes presented their research projects to the Augusta State community in the form of posters. These new investigators proudly stood by their posters, talked about their research, and answered questions about their projects. The excitement of the research experience was apparent when they explained their projects and the implications of their findings. While all projects were noteworthy, awards were given to the top posters each semester. Those posters winning the outstanding poster award were given gift certificates for the ASU bookstore. A number of these posters were also presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association and Phi Kappa Phi conference.

See page 3 for more details on the presentations.

Research Experiences for Undergraduates

Want to travel to a new city for 8 or 10 weeks in the summer, get housing and meals - and get academic credit!? Consider looking into Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs).

Look on the bulletin board outside the computer lab for a list of summer REU programs here in the southeast and across the nation. These programs can help you apply the principles of psychology to real life, network with potential graduate programs, build your vita, and become more competitive for the job market or graduate programs post-bachelors.

Want to stay on campus and get research experience? The faculty in Psychology are active in research in may have a spot for an undergraduate research student. You can gain credit (for PSYC 4990) by joining a research team and helping with tasks such as data collection, data analysis, writing, presentation. Different positions require different levels of experience. Contact Dr. Davis, Undergraduate Research Coordinator at jgdavis@aug.edu for more information. Many of our psychology majors are presenting their own research at both professional and student conferences this year!

Wanna get involved? Did you know that we also have research internships? Check with Dr. Reeves, the Internship Coordinator for more information on availabilities.

Sona Systems/Participant Pool

*New for 2009:
Online Signup for
Research Participation*

Signing up to participate in research has never been easier! Click **Research Participant Signup** from the psychology department's home page and follow the instructions. Browse the many studies being run by faculty and students, and sign up online. We'll even issue you credit online, and let your instructor know you participated!

Examples of our study topics: *The Key to Love, Mental Processing Speed, Violence and Abuse, Perceptions of Beauty, Family Interactions*

Dr. Christopher David Bell Receives Outstanding Research Award

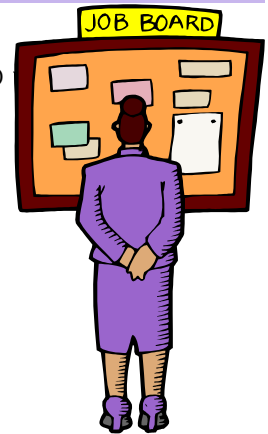
In May, 2008, Dr. Christopher David Bell received the Outstanding Research Award from the Georgia Psychological Association Division of Family, Child, Adolescent, Evaluation, and School Psychologists.

Recipients of the Outstanding Research Award are recognized by Division G of Georgia Psychological Association for research which has made a significant and relevant contribution to the body of literature focused on family, child, adolescent, evaluation, and school psychology.



High Salaries and Jobs in I/O Psychology

Although industrial organizational (I/O) psychology is one of the oldest specialties in psychology, even predating clinical psychology, many students and the general population do not know what I/O psychologists do. Essentially, I/O psychologists apply psychology to the workplace. Typical activities of I/O psychologists include developing tests and other methods for selecting employees, training and development of the workforce, and studying employee job satisfaction and morale. Other I/O psychologists consult with organizations to help improve organizational culture by resolving conflicts, enhancing communication among individuals and small groups, or developing strategies to help organizations perform more efficiently and profitably. Some I/O psychologists study "human factors," which involves designing equipment and work areas to be compatible with human capabilities and preferences. Increasingly, I/O psychologists are studying the relationship between work and family (including leisure) behavior.



Both masters and doctoral level I/O psychologists are in great demand. Many work in academic settings, but most work for various public and private organizations and consulting firms. A 2006 salary survey of members of the society for industrial organizational psychology (SIOP) revealed that the mean starting salary for the masters level was \$55,816 and \$74,491 for the doctoral level.

Do You Know Your ASU History?



Fanning Hall, 1800's



Students outside Payne Hall, 1950's

1. When did the Cullum Lecture Series begin?
2. What is the origin of the bell in the Bell Tower?
3. What was the cost of tuition per year in 1930?
4. What was Augusta State University's original name? (*hint: not Augusta College*)
5. How many presidents has ASU had, including Dr. William Bloodworth, Jr.?
6. What was the original intention for Bellevue Hall?
7. With whom was the first international student/faculty exchange agreement signed?
8. How many of the first baccalaureate degrees were awarded in 1967?
9. In 2002, ASU was ranked 20th in the nation for its community service by which national magazine?
10. What tradition was re-instituted by the basketball team in 2000, following team wins?
11. How old was the Arsenal Oak when it was removed after succumbing to disease and bores in 2002?

Answers: 1. January, 1968 2. Taken from the last steam locomotive operated by Georgia Railroad U.S. Senator and mayor of Augusta 7. People's Republic of China 8. 181 9. Washington Monthly 10. Ringing the tower's bell 11. approximately 250 years old