

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 awards our faculty have won, as well as their achievements, publications, presentations, and activities. We also report on the activities and achievements of our current and some of our former students.

Awards for Service



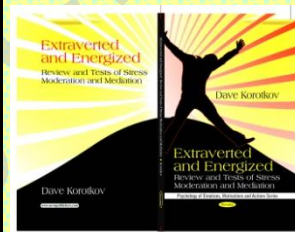
Dr. Del Brodie and his wife Peggy

Congratulations to Dr. Del Brodie who has been given two awards for service to psychology! The first was given to Dr. Brodie by the Fredericton-Oromocto Branch

of the Canadian Mental Health

Association for 25 years of service. The Second award is the National Distinguished Service Award, from the Canadian Mental Health Association, given to only five people from across the country this year. See next page for the speech given in Dr. Brodie's honour at the annual meeting of the Canadian Mental Health Association where he accepted the award.

New Book



Congratulations to Dr. Dave Korotkov on the publication of his new book entitled

“Extraverted and energized: Review and tests of stress moderation and mediation” (Nova).



College of Psychologists
of New Brunswick

Congratulations to Dr. Marvin Claybourn who has completed all of the requirements of the New Brunswick College of Psychologists and is now a licensed psychologist!

Speech Given in Honour of Dr. Del Brodie

Del has been contributing to CMHA in New Brunswick since 1985. When the association began to provide extensive advocacy services, Del served as chair of the committee. The Association was successful in the redesign of a local hospital emergency room to accommodate persons with mental illness. In addition, a report was prepared to advocate for a psychiatric nurse and a quiet safe room in the ER.

Del represented the Fredericton Branch as a member of the board of the Mental Health Commission of New Brunswick. This commission was recognized nationally for its innovative programming and served as a model for many provinces. Through this work changes were made to mental health centers around the province, and recreational programming was designed for clients to enhance their social lives. As well, hospital services were improved and redesigned to meet the changing needs of clients.

As a branch representative on the Division Board of Directors for several years, Del served on the Advocacy Committee and the Vocational Committee as it grew and developed both staffing and government involvement. One of these programs was the Routes to Work project and today several hundred clients have been served well as they embark on their vocational goals.



Del's greatest attribute with the Association is the commitment he has made for so many years and his relationship with the people to whom we provide service. He is soft-spoken, gentle, caring and supportive in many ways that have been encouraging to those affected by mental illness.

I am pleased to present the National Distinguished Service award to Dr. Delbert Brodie.

-Robert Boudreau,
Director-At-Large, CMHA

Publications & Presentations

Cohrs, J. C., & Stelzl, M. (2010). How ideological attitudes predict host society members' attitudes toward immigrants: Exploring cross-national differences. *Journal of Social Issues*, 66, 673-694.

Higgins, N.C., & Zumbo, B.D., M. (2010, May). Factorial construct validity of the Reasons for Misfortune Questionnaire (RMQ). Presented at the 22nd Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Korotkov, D. (2010). Extraversion and perceived energy: Direct and indirect impacts on stress and health. *International Journal of Psychology Research*, 6(5).

Korotkov, D. (2010). *Extraverted and energized: A review and tests of stress moderation and mediation*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Korotkov, D. (2010). Extraversion, daily life stress, perceived energy, and health: A review and tests of moderation and mediation. In A.M. Columbus (ed.), *Advances in psychology research (vol. 70)*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Korotkov, D., Arsenault, R., **Fraser, I.**, & Hidalgo, P. (2010). Discounting attributions within the physician – patient relationship. *The American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Journal*, 14, 6-23.

Korotkov, D., & MacDonald, M. (May, 2010). Predicting caffeine use and intention: A social-cognitive model comparison. Paper presented at the 4th Annual International Conference on Psychology, Athens, Greece.

Korotkov, D., **Perunovic, M.**, **Claybourn, M.**, **Fraser, I.**, **Houlihan, M.**, MacDonald, M., Korotkov, K. A. (2010). The Type B Behaviour Pattern as a moderating variable of the relationship between stressor chronicity and health behaviour. *Journal of Health Psychology*.

LaChapelle, D.L., **Higgins, N.C.**, Harman, K., & Hadjistavropoulos, T. (2010, August). Impact of patient coping style and physical evidence of injury on nurses' perceptions of rehabilitation patients with low back pain. Presented at the International Association for the Study of Pain, 13th World Congress on Pain, Montreal, PQ.

Lafrance, M. N., & McKenzie-Mohr, S. (June, 2010). 'Tightrope Talk' in Narrative Practice: Supporting Women's Stories of Coming to Live Well after Depression or Rape. Paper presented at "Winds of Change 3: The Maritime Collaborative Therapies Conference" Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. (Invited address)

McKenzie-Mohr, S., & **Lafrance, M. N.** (May, 2010). The murky spaces of narrative repair: Listening for 'tightrope talk' and other narrative acts of insubordination in women stories of living well after challenge. Paper presented at Narrative Matters, Fredericton, Canada.

Publications & Presentations Cont.

Nicholson, I. (in press). In search of 'personality's past.' [Review of the book A History of Personality Psychology]. *PsychCritiques*.

Nicholson, I. (2010, June). 'The Conclusions Do Not Always Flatter': Stanley Milgram's Private Assessment of the Obedience Experiments. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Cheiron Society, Syracuse, New York.

Nicholson, I. (2010, May) 'Suppose I'd had a Heart Condition?': Experimental Subjects, Ethics and the Meaning of Milgram's 'Obedience to Authority.' Paper presented at the Narrative Matters Conference, Fredericton, NB.

Nicholson, I. (Ed.). (2010). *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 46(3-4).

Perunovic, W.Q.E., & **Perunovic, M.** (In press). Language and emotion: The case of bicultural individuals. *Lodz: Studies in Language*.

Alumni News

Carolyn Butler (BA Honours, 2008) is currently at Mt. Royal University in the Child and Youth Care Counselling Program.

Amanda Clark (BA Honours, 2005) successfully defended her doctoral thesis entitled at the University of Waterloo to complete her PhD.

Paula Hidalgo (BA Honours, 2009) has begun a two year master's program in clinical psychology at Universidad de las Américas de Puebla (U. of the Americas) in Cholula, Puebla, Mexico.

Rachel Ouellette is now in the final year of a pediatric residency at Queen's University. See next page for more information from Rachel!

Kerri Wheatley (BA Honours, 2007) has completed an MA in applied linguistics at Brock University

Honours Class 2010-2011 Thesis Supervisors and Titles

Jennifer Bartlett (Drs. Prior & Fenwick): Is it Alive? Why or Why Not: Understanding what influences children's comprehension of living things.

Tim Beauchamp (Dr. Claybourn): Sitting on the Fence of Romance? Exploring the Perceptions and Attitudes of 'Friends with Benefits.'

Charlotte Ellis (Dr. Fraser): Judges' Knowledge of Eyewitness Testimony in the Canadian Judicial System.

Jill Farrar (Dr. Houlihan): Personality and the N1.

Justine Maclean (Dr. Perunovic): The Role of Conscientiousness in Predicting Romantic Relationship Satisfaction.

Cameron McLean (Dr. Prior): The effects of grade, reading level, and mode on children's comprehension.

Alumni News Continued....



How I miss those undergraduate days on STU's beautiful campus! Since graduating from STU Psyc, I've definitely kept busy. I moved to St. John's, NL for four years of Medical School at Memorial, and am now in my fourth and final year of a Pediatric Residency at Queen's University in Kingston, ON. In my medical training, my psychology training has proven to be quite beneficial.

Whether it be techniques in personal interactions with patients or colleagues or identifying Erikson's stage of development, I was proud and eager to use my psyc knowledge.

I LOVE MY JOB! Especially the clinical part: I get to play games and be creative with kids to solve the puzzle as to why they are sick or not growing. Kids are so resilient and manage to continue developing and playing despite intensive chemotherapy regimes. Their innocence and curiosity together create comments that are so enlightening and insightful. I've learned more from the kids and their parents than months spent in the library.

I look forward to returning to Fredericton in the summer of 2011 to open a General pediatric practice. It'll be nice to be home with family and friends and walk along STU's beautiful campus again

-Dr. Rachel Ouellette

*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 forward us 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.

The Career Paths in Psychology and Counselling webpage has been updated! If you are wondering what you can do with a BA in Psychology, take a look!

http://w3.stu.ca/stu/sites/career_paths/index.html

Past issues of Psych News available at:

<http://people.stu.ca/~mperunovic/psycnews/past/Pastissues.htm>