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Welcome

Welcome to PsychNews, a publication of the Department of Psychology, St. Thomas University. We produce two issues per year.

Purpose

PsychNews provides readers with updates on faculty, honours students, and honours programme alumni, as well as other noteworthy information about the department.

Editor

The current editor of PsychNews is Dr. Suzanne Prior. Suggestions and/or updates for issues can be sent to Dr. Prior (prior@stu.ca). The Department of Psychology reserves the right to determine the content of PsychNews.

Editor's Note

We are pleased to present a new feature, "Alumnus in the Spotlight". This is a venue to showcase the diverse accomplishments and career paths of our honours alumni.

Honours Research on Tour!

Honours students Karen Buckle, Brittany Harris, Laura Prichard, and Michelle Richard travelled to the Université de Moncton to present their honours thesis research at the 40th Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference held May 12-13. Thanks to faculty representatives Dr. Kim Fenwick and Dr. Suzanne Prior who joined the students at the conference.



(l-r) Karen Buckle, Laura Prichard, Brittany Harris, and Michelle Richard at the 40th Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference

Honours Class 2015-2016

Congratulations to the Honours Class on the successful completion of their honours theses! The students presented their research to the department on April 8. We wish all of you the very best in the next chapter of your lives!



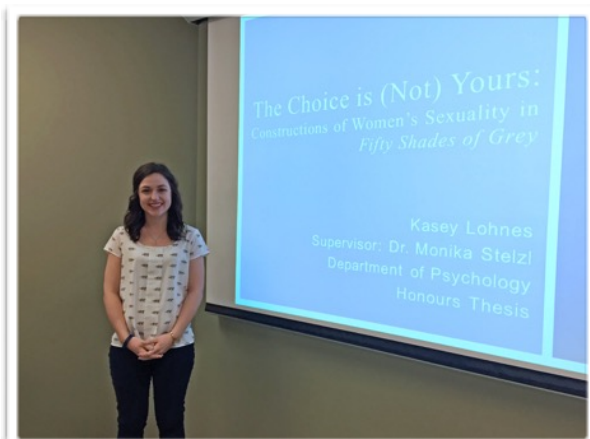
Karen Buckle

Spontaneous Activation of Causal Inferences Consistent with the Self-Serving Bias: A Probe Recognition Investigation (Advisor: Dr. Nancy Higgins)



Brittany Harris

Can Multitasking Function as a Desirable Difficulty? (Advisor: Dr. Sandra Thomson)



Kasey Lohnes

The Choice is (Not) Yours: Constructions of Women's Sexuality in *Fifty Shades of Grey* (Advisor: Dr. Monika Stelzl)



Alexander McGregor

(on Skype from Turkey)

Cross-cultural Comparisons in the Perception of Workplace Bullying (Advisor: Dr. Marvin Claybourn)

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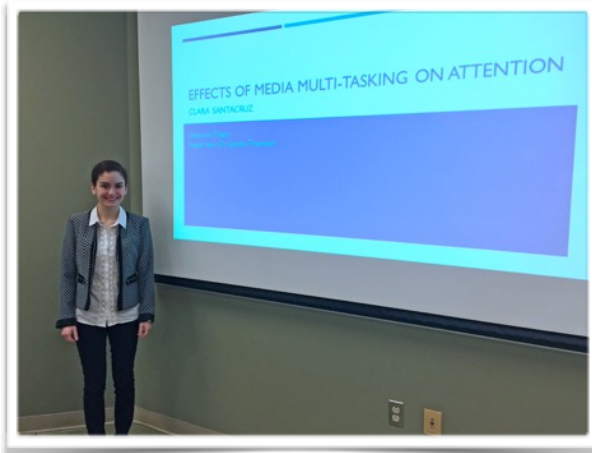
Laura Prichard

University Students' Knowledge and Perceptions of Traditional and Cyberbullying (Advisor: Dr. Ian Fraser)



Michelle Richard

The Impact of an Appearance-Based Intervention on UVR-Protective Behaviors of Outdoor Lifeguards (Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Prior)



Clara Santacruz

Effects of Media Multi-Tasking on Attention (Advisor: Dr. Sandra Thomson)



Mitchell Syvret-Caplin

Teachers' Perceptions and Knowledge of Traditional and Cyber-Bullying (Advisor: Dr. Ian Fraser)

Recent Faculty Publications and Conference Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Publications



McKenzie-Mohr, S. & **Lafrance, M.N.** (in press). Narrative resistance in social work research and practice: Counter-storying in the pursuit of social justice. *Qualitative Social Work*.

Korotkov, D., & Godbout, A.J. (in press). Virtue, trait, motivational, and well-being correlates of contact with nature. *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*.

Nicholson, I. (2016). Psychologist of the Nazi mind. *Monitor on Psychology*, 47(5), 66-67.

Thomas, E.J., **Stelzl, M.**, & **Lafrance, M.N.** (in press). Faking to finish: Women's accounts of feigning sexual pleasure to end unwanted sex. *Sexualities*.

Conference Presentations

Bond-Fraser, L., **Fraser, I.**, Ready, E., & Morrison, B. (2016). Canadian Prosecutors' Knowledge and Beliefs concerning the Fallibility of Eyewitness Testimony. Presentation at the 19th annual conference of the *American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences*, Las Vegas, NV.



Higgins, N.C., Charrier, M., Rasclé, O., Coffee, P., Rees, T., & Le Foll, D. (2016). Post-failure attributional feedback from an ingroup expert improves sport performance. Presentation at the 77th Annual Convention of the *Canadian Psychological Association*, Victoria, BC.

Thomas, E.J., **Stelzl, M.**, & **Lafrance, M.N.** (2016). Faking to finish: Women's accounts of feigning orgasm to end unwanted sex. Presentation at the *Psychology of Women Conference*, Windsor, UK.

Thomas, E.J., **Stelzl, M.**, **Lafrance, M.N.**, & Cozzi, D. (2016). "It was consensual but...": Negotiating (non)consent and (non)desire in women's sexual encounters. Presentation at the *Sexual Consent Conference*, Peterborough, ON.

Stelzl, M., **Lafrance, M.N.**, & Thomas, E.J. (2016). "Damned if you do, damned if you don't": Women's accounts of feigning sexual pleasure. Presentation at the *Psychology of Women Conference*, Windsor, UK.

Harris, B., & **Thomson, S.J.** (2016). Can multitasking function as a desirable difficulty? Presentation at the 26th annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science*, Ottawa, ON.



Ptok, M.J., **Thomson, S.J.**, Ahmed, S., Scione, A., Humphreys, K.R., & Watter, S. (2016). Isolating stage-specific attentional mechanisms of desirable difficulty. Presentation at the 26th annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science*, Ottawa, ON.

Invited Presentations

Lafrance, M.N. (2016). Deconstructing psychiatric diagnosis: The promises and perils of the DSM. *O'Donoghue Speaker Series*. New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL.

Lafrance, M.N. (2016). Narrative practice/Narrative possibilities: Explorations in storying the self. *O'Donoghue Speaker Series*. New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL.

McKenzie-Mohr, S., & **Lafrance, M.N.** (2016). Counter-storying our lives: Women voice resistance. Distinguished Publication Award Address, *Association for Women in Psychology Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA.



STU Psychology Research On Tour

STU Psychology Research in the Media

Dr. Suzanne Prior: "STU researchers shine light on tanning ads." *The Daily Gleaner*, February 1, 2016.



Dr. Sandra Thomson: "Think you're good at multitasking? Think again, says STU prof." *The Daily Gleaner*, March 9, 2016.

Dr. Sandra Thomson: "Myth buster: St. Thomas University prof says people can't really multitask." *Global NB News*, March 25th, 2016.

Dr. Sandra Thomson

Congratulations!

Julia Bremner (BA Honours 2012) received an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) in support of her MSW studies at Carleton University.

Karen Buckle (BA Honours 2016) received the Ray and Lorain Irving Prize for Best Thesis. She also received the Science Atlantic Undergraduate Research Award for the best research presentation at the 40th Annual Science Atlantic Conference.

Dr. Marvin Claybourn was appointed Chief Negotiator for the Faculty Association of the University of St. Thomas (FAUST) in 2015.

Dr. Janet Durkee-Lloyd successfully defended her PhD dissertation (*Psychological Type and Work-Related Psychological Health: The Case of Canadian Baptist Clergy*) at the University of Wales in October 2015.

Dr. Ian Fraser received the McGraw Hill Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences. He was also appointed co-editor of the *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*.

Brittany Harris (BA Honours 2016) received the Dr. Helen Lyons Memorial Prize for Psychology Honours in Fourth Year. She also received an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) in support of her MSW studies at Carleton University.

Dr. Michelle Lafrance received the Special Merit Award for Research from St. Thomas University in 2016.

Kasey Lohnes (BA Honours 2016) received the Dr. Helen Lyons Memorial Prize for Psychology Honours in Fourth Year. She also received the University Medal for Academic Excellence in Arts at the 2016 Convocation.

Laura Prichard (BA Honours 2016) received the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate for Academic Excellence. She also received the Science Atlantic Communication Award for the best communication of a science topic at the 40th Annual Science Atlantic Conference.

Michelle Richard (BA Honours 2016) received the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate for Academic Excellence.

Clara Santacruz (BA Honours 2016) received the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate for Academic Excellence. She was also the Valedictorian at the 2016 Convocation.





Karen Buckle (BA Honours 2016) receives the Science Atlantic Undergraduate Research Award at the 40th Annual Science Atlantic Conference.
(photo credit: Science Atlantic)

Laura Prichard (BA Honours 2016) receives the Science Atlantic Science Communication Award at the 40th Annual Science Atlantic Conference.
(photo credit: Science Atlantic)

Honours 2016-2017

Congratulations to the following students on their admission to the honours program for 2016-2017:

- Hannah Astey (Advisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic)
- Paige Boisvert (Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Prior)
- Kailey DeLucry (Advisor: Dr. Michelle Lafrance)
- Claire Deweyert (Advisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic)
- Nicolas Levesque (Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Prior)
- Anna MacDermid (Advisors: Dr. Tyler Bancroft, Dr. Sandra Thomson)
- Janelle Marchand (Advisor: Dr. Ian Fraser)

We look forward to working with you!

Prizes in Psychology

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the following prizes:

1st year prize for Psychology:

Elizabeth Dreise, Vanessa Gray, Rachel Milne

2nd year prize for Psychology:

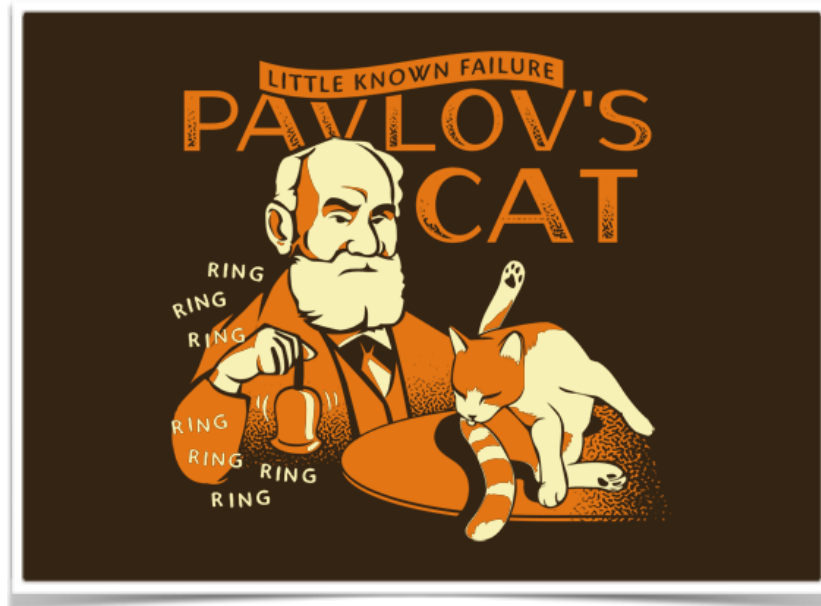
Anisha Romany

3rd year prize for Psychology:

Hannah Anstey, Kailey DeLucry, Cassie McPhail

4th year prize for Psychology:

Olivia Brown, Ally Loiselle, Kyoungsil Nah



Honours Alumni News: A Showcase of Diversity and Excellence

Graduate School Acceptances and Updates

Jennifer Bartlett (BA Honours 2011) completed her MA in Early Childhood Education at the University of British Columbia in 2013.

Mackenzie Doiron (BA Honours 2015) was accepted in the MA program in Psychology at Carleton University.

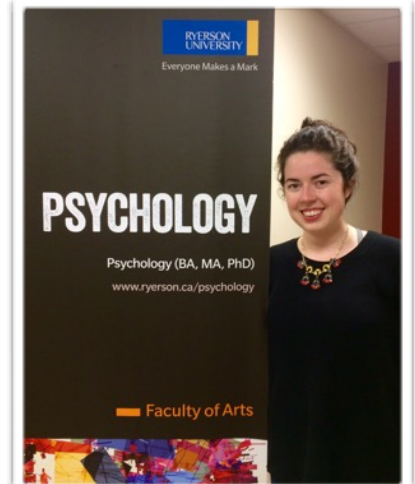
Christina Drost (BA Honours 2006) completed her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina in 2016.

Brittany Harris (BA Honours 2016) was accepted in the MSW program in Social Work at Carleton University.

Jasmin Heim (BA Honours 2014) was accepted in the MSc program in Speech-Language Pathology at Dalhousie University.

Patricia Henheffer (BA Honours 2014) is currently a student in the LLB/JD program in Law at the University of New Brunswick.

Kathleen Hughes (BA Honours 2006) completed her PhD in Developmental Psychology at Carleton University in 2013.



Emily Thomas (BA Honours 2014) at Ryerson University where she is an MA student in Clinical Psychology.



Emily Ready (BA Honours 2013) and Jaime McKenzie-Mohr (BA Honours 2014) where Emily is an MScOT/PhD student and Jaime is an MScOT student in Occupational Therapy at Western University.

Kasey Lohnes (BA Honours 2016) was accepted in the MSW program in Social Work at Wilfred Laurier University.

Alexander McGregor (BA Honours 2016) was accepted in the MA program in Psychology at Western University.

Christin Moeller (BA Honours 2006) completed her PhD in Applied Social Psychology at the University of Windsor in 2016.

Trista Otorowski (BA Honours 2012) was accepted in the BSW program in Social Work at St. Thomas University.

Michelle Richard (BA Honours 2016) was accepted in the BSW program in Social Work at St. Thomas University.

Brandon Sparks (BA Honours 2013) was accepted in the MA program in Psychology at the University of Saskatchewan.

Career Updates

Jennifer Bartlett (BA Honours 2011), MA is now an early learning community advisor for Early Childhood Care and Education New Brunswick/Soins et éducation à la petite enfance Nouveau-Brunswick in Fredericton, NB.

Kathleen Hughes (BA Honours 2006), PhD completed two years as a Postdoc/Research Analyst at the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy (CRISP) at UNB, which was a cross-appointed position with "The Learning Bar", an educational research company. In 2015-2016, she worked full-time as an Instructor on a Limited Term Appointment for UNB, as well as a part-time Assistant Professor at St. Thomas University. Dr. Hughes also serves on the Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centre Board of Directors as the Curriculum Consultant in Fredericton, NB.

Kelley Robinson (BA Honours 2005), PhD is now a qualitative user experience researcher at Facebook in San Francisco, CA.



Christine Babineau (BA Honours 2013), MA at the University of Saskatchewan where she is a PhD student in the Culture, Health, and Human Development stream of Psychology.



**Former honours students: We would love
to hear from you!
Please send updates (photos would be
great) to prior@stu.ca**

Alumnus in the Spotlight

Keiko Fujise (BA Honours 2007), MSc



We are pleased to highlight Keiko Fujise as our first **Alumnus in the Spotlight!** Keiko completed her honours in 2007 under the supervision of Dr. Kim Fenwick and Dr. Suzanne Prior. Her thesis was entitled *Field dependence/independence and Japanese students' use of the English article system: The case of the nongeneric use of the definite article*. A paper based on her thesis research was published in the *International Journal of Linguistics*. After her graduation from STU, Keiko went to Dalhousie University and completed an MSc in Experimental Psychology in 2009, with a specialization in Developmental Psychology.

Keiko is also an accomplished violinist. She has played in various orchestras across Canada, including the Dalhousie Symphony Orchestra and the Greater Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2013, she journeyed to Whitehorse, Yukon where she she now plays with the Whitehorse String Ensemble and the Whitehorse Symphony Orchestra. Keiko has combined her background in psychology, and particularly developmental psychology, with her musical expertise and has opened a violin studio.

Keiko explains “I teach violin to children and adults. The method I use is called the Suzuki Method which takes the "mother-tongue" approach to teaching, where children learn music through exposure, repetition, and encouragement, just like they learn their first language.” Keiko credits her honours degree in psychology at STU for giving her training and insights that she uses in her career as a violin teacher. She says “The honours program helped me to develop logical thinking and taught me how to approach and answer questions. I've always been interested in individual differences and how they affect learning. In the honours program, I was able to study individual differences theoretically and now I am studying it in a more hands-on setting. When I see students struggling to learn a skill, I am able to analyze and dissect the problem, and experiment with different potential solutions.” Keiko would like to offer some advice to international students who have chosen to study psychology at STU. “I'd like to say to fellow international psych students: Never give up and don't be afraid to ask for help. I am so glad that you chose to study psychology at STU!”

Congratulations Keiko for carving out a unique career that draws upon your background in psychology and music! We are proud of you and wish you the very best!