

# PsychNews Ψ

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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](mailto:prior@stu.ca)). The Department of Psychology reserves the right to determine the content of PsychNews.

## Editor's Note

In this issue, we celebrate the many accomplishments of the 2017 honours class. We are also pleased to showcase alumni sisters as our Alumni in the Spotlight.

## Honours Research on Tour!

Honours students Claire Deweyert, Hannah Anstey, Nick Levesque, Anna MacDermid, and Kailey DeLucry travelled to Cape Breton University to present their honours thesis research at the 41st Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference held May 24-25. Thanks to faculty representatives Dr. Kim Fenwick and Dr. Suzanne Prior who joined the students at the conference.



(l-r) Claire Deweyert, Hannah Anstey, Nick Levesque, Anna MacDermid, and Kailey DeLucry at the 41st Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference

## Honours Class 2016-2017

Congratulations to the Honours Class on the successful completion of their honours theses! The students presented their research to the department on April 7. We wish you the very best in the next chapter of your lives!



**Hannah Anstey**

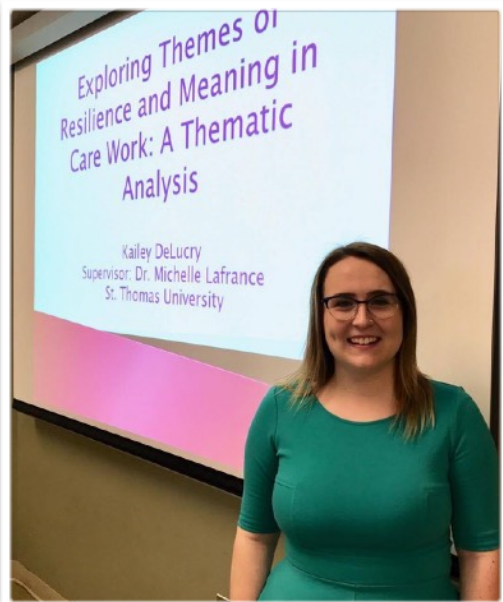
Is Self-Control the Key to Relationship Success? An Experimental Manipulation (Advisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic)



**Paige Boisvert**

Tanning Beds and Operating Tables: An Investigation of Tanning and Cosmetic Surgery in Relation to Self-Objectification (Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Prior)

# Honours Class 2016-2017



**Kailey DeLucry**

Exploring Themes of Resilience and Meaning in Care Work: A Thematic Analysis (Advisor: Dr. Michelle Lafrance)



**Claire Deweyert**

An Examination of How the Dark Triad of Personality Relates to Relationship Dynamics Among Couples (Advisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic)



**Nicolas Levesque**

“Soutien pour le Cerveau”: The Cognitive Benefits of Bilingualism (Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Prior)



**Anna MacDermid**

Directed Forgetting of Complex Semantic Information (Advisors: Dr. Tyler Bancroft and Dr. Sandra Thomson)



# Honours Class 2016-2017



**Janelle Marchand**

Testing Potential Jurors on their Knowledge of the Scientific Research on the Fallibility of Eyewitness Testimony (Advisor: Dr. Ian Fraser)



**Tyson O'Donnell**

Unrealistic Optimism: An Investigation of the Effects of Causal Controllability and Complexity (Advisor: Dr. Nancy Higgins)



**All done!**

# Recent Faculty Publications and Conference Presentations

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ferris, K., Bond-Fraser, L. & **Fraser, I.** (2017). Eyewitness Testimony: Assessing the Knowledge and Beliefs of Students Studying Policing. *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science*, 5(20), 32-47.

**Korotkov, D., Perunovic, M.,** & Perunovic, W.Q.E. (in press). A cluster analytic approach to understanding the Type A Behavior Pattern and its relationship to personality, stress, health behavior, and health status. *Journal of Behavior and Social Sciences*.



**Lafrance, M.N., Stelzl, M.,** & Bullock, K. (2017). “I’m not gonna fake it”: Women’s accounts of resisting the normative practice of faking orgasm. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 41(2), 210-222.

Thomas, E.J., **Stelzl, M.,** & **Lafrance, M.N.** (2017). Faking to finish: Women’s accounts of feigning sexual pleasure to end unwanted sex. *Sexualities*, 20(3), 281-301.

## Conference Presentations

Bond-Fraser, L., **Fraser, I.** & Ferris, K. (2017). The knowledge and beliefs of Canadian Students Studying Policing Concerning the Scientific evidence pertaining to the Fallibility of Memory. *American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS)*, Las Vegas, NV.

Thomas, E.J., **Lafrance, M.N.,** & **Stelzl, M.** (2017). Lost in translation: Navigating resonance and resistance in media dissemination of feminist research. *Psychology of Women Conference*, Windsor, UK

**Prior, S.M.,** Spurr, A.C., Green, P.J., McKenzie-Mohr, J.H., & Richard, M. (2017). Looking at your future: Appearance-based interventions and skin cancer prevention. *92nd Canadian Dermatology Association Annual Conference*, Fredericton, NB



## *Invited Presentations*

**Korotkov, D., & Korotkov, K.A.** (2017). Universal Design in post-secondary education: Student, faculty, and institutional considerations. Workshop presented at *Mount Allison University*, Sackville, NB..



STU Psychology Research On Tour

## *Dr. Ian Fraser Goes Back to School!*

Dr. Ian Fraser gave invited talks to a Leo Hayes High School law class and a Fredericton High School psychology class. The title of his talk was *Psychology and the Law: The impact of the fallibility of witness memory*. Congratulations and thanks to Dr. Fraser for the great outreach!



Dr. Ian Fraser at Leo Hayes High School



## Congratulations!

Hannah Anstey (BA Honours 2017) received the Ray and Lorain Irving Prize for Best Thesis and the Prize for Psychology in 4th year. She also received the University Medal for Academic Excellence in Arts at the 2017 convocation. In addition, Hannah received the Science Atlantic Science Communication Award at the 41st Annual Science Atlantic Psychology Conference.

Paige Boisvert (BA Honours 2017) received the Prize for Psychology in 4th year.

Kailey DeLucry (BA Honours 2017) received the Dr. Helen Lyons Memorial Prize for Psychology Honours in Fourth Year. She also received the Prize for Psychology in 4th year. In addition, Kailey received the Governor General's Medal at the 2017 Convocation.

Mitch LaPointe (BA Honours 2008) received the *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology* Best Article Award for 2017.

Nicolas Levesque (BA Honours 2017) received the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate for Academic Excellence in Honours.

Anna MacDermid (BA Honours 2017) received the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate for Academic Excellence in Honours.



Paige Boisvert (BA Honours 2017) receives the Prize for Psychology in 4th Year



Hannah Anstey (BA Honours 2017) receives the Science Atlantic Science Communication Award at the 41st Annual Science Atlantic Psychology Conference. (photo credit: Science Atlantic)

Janelle Marchand (BA Honours 2017) received the Ray and Lorain Irving Prize for Best Thesis.

Professor Peter McCormack retired in April after teaching part time in psychology for 35 years! We wish Peter the very best in his retirement.

Tyson O'Donnell (BA Honours 2017) received the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate for Academic Excellence in Honours.

Emily Thomas (BA Honours 2014) has been awarded the O'Brien Foundation Fellowship and Joseph Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship from SSHRC.

# Honours 2017-2018

Congratulations to the following students on their admission to the honours program for 2017-2018:

Kyoungsil Nah (Advisors: Dr. Nancy Higgins, Dr. Sandra Thomson)  
Cameron Smith (Advisor: Dr. Dave Korotkov)

We are looking forward to working with you!

## Prizes in Psychology

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

2nd year prize for Psychology:  
Elizabeth Dreise

3rd year prize for Psychology:  
Alexandra Mackie

4th year prize for Psychology:  
Hannah Anstey, Paige Boisvert, Kailey DeLucry



Kailey DeLucry, recipient of the Governor General's Medal, and Hannah Anstey, recipient of the University Medal for Academic Excellence in Arts, at the 2017 Convocation.



# Honours Alumni News: A Showcase of Diversity and Excellence

## *Graduate School Acceptances and Updates*

Paige Boisvert (BA Honours 2017) was accepted in the MScOT program in Occupational Therapy at Queen's University.

Kailey DeLucry (BA Honours 2017) was accepted in the MSc program in Speech-Language Pathology at Dalhousie University.

Claire Deweyert (BA Honours 2017) was accepted in the MA program in Psychology at Carleton University.

Anna MacDermid (BA Honours 2017) was accepted in the MA program in Psychology at Memorial University.

Tyson O'Donnell (BA Honours 2017) was accepted in the MA program in Psychology at the University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus.

SJ Thiessen (BA Honours 2015) was accepted in the MSW program in Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University.

## *Career Updates*

Kathleen Hughes (BA Honours 2006), PhD is now an Instructor in the Department of Psychology, University of Calgary.



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

## Alumni in the Spotlight

**April McGrath (BA Honours 2005), PhD**  
**Rachelle McGrath (BA Honours 2010), MPH**



April McGrath and Rachelle McGrath

We are pleased to highlight April McGrath and Rachelle McGrath as our **Alumni in the Spotlight!**

**April McGrath** completed her honours in 2005 under the supervision of Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr. Her thesis was entitled *The perceptual, attitudinal, and behavioural factors*

*affecting pesticide use.* April completed her PhD in social psychology at Carleton University in 2011. She moved to Calgary that year to begin a faculty position in the Psychology Department at Mount Royal University. April teaches courses in statistics, research methods, and environment psychology. Her scholarship focuses on teaching and learning and also cognitive dissonance.

**Rachelle McGrath** completed her honours in 2010 under the supervision of Drs. Ian Nicholson and Michelle Lafrance. Her thesis was entitled *Deconstructing psychiatry's bible: A case study in the social construction of psychiatric categories.* She then completed her Master of Public Health from Queen's University in 2013. Rachelle then volunteered internationally monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS programs. Since then she has been working at Mount Royal University as the Healthy Campus Team Lead within Wellness Services, and she is a contract instructor with the Department of Health and Physical Education. She is currently pursuing a Certificate in Sexual Health through the University of Alberta.

Reflecting on the honours program at STU, April says “Completing the honours programme in psychology at STU was fundamental to my development as a researcher and educator. Working one-to-one with a faculty supervisor offered a supportive and scaffolded approach to conducting my own research. Through this process I developed a keen interest in research, which led me to graduate school. The approach I take

to supervising my undergraduate students is heavily informed by the excellent experience I had in the honours programme. Furthermore, my interest in environmental psychology has continued since my introduction to it at STU and I recently developed and taught a new environmental psychology course for our program here at MRU.” Rachele states that “Completing my honours degree in psychology at STU was a very positive experience that helped me develop critical thinking, research, and writing skills. My current works focuses on implementing various health promotion strategies across a wide array of health areas (physical activity, mental health, sexual health, dating violence, and more), and in this type of work I frequently draw upon the skills I developed at STU. Going into my career in public health, I think my experience at STU gave me a very strong understanding of the social determinants of health, as well as how conceptualizations of health are not objectively constructed or enacted upon.”

April and Rachele are very happy to be working for the same employer and to be living in the same city. Congratulations to both on their rewarding careers that build on the strong foundation provided by the honours program. We are proud of you both and wish you the very best!