Department of Psychology

Points of Pride – December 2014

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**Publications**


**Presentations**

1) Colarelli, S. M.¹ was an invited speaker at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China; He Nan University, Kaifeng City, China; and Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, Philippines.

2) Nutkins, C.¹, Grossett, D.¹, Rhymer, K.¹, Swartzmiller, M.², Grays, S.², & Wyse, R.² hosted an Autism Spectrum Disorders Assessment and Treatment training for 17 local psychologists, social workers, counselors, and ASD consultants.
Students who successfully defended their thesis

1) Sean Hill\(^2\) in the Experimental Psychology Master’s program. Title: The academic effects of an elementary Chinese immersion program. Committee: Dr. Hajime Otani\(^1\), Dr. Roger VanHorn\(^1\), and Dr. Sandra Morgan\(^1\).

2) Kaylie Allen\(^2\) in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program. Title: Exposure to similar others: Effect on perceived vulnerability, efficacy beliefs, and behavioral intentions regarding sexual assault. Committee: Dr. Elizabeth Meadows\(^1\), Dr. Donna Ronan\(^1\), and Dr. Kyunghee Han\(^1\).

3) Joseph Lenneman\(^2\) in the Experimental Psychology Master’s program. Title: The effects of auditory signal reliability level and spatial location on simulated driving performance. Committee: Dr. Richard Backs\(^1\), Dr. Kyunghee Han\(^1\), and Dr. Nicholas Cassavaugh\(^1\).

Grants/Awards

1) Tennant, K.\(^2\)
2) Wojewoda, E.\(^2\)
3) Crane, A.\(^2\)

Notable Service


2) Niec, L. N.\(^1\), & Acevedo, I. D.\(^1\) were 1 of 13 research groups highlighted by the American Psychological Association as state-of-the-science research to address mental health disparities for families from ethnic minority backgrounds.

3) O’Brien, K. E.\(^1\) reviewed 4 papers for the SIOP conference and 1 manuscript for *Feminist Economics*. 
4) Weed, N. C.\textsuperscript{1} completed a four year term as Chair of the Advisory Board to the University of Minnesota Press Test Division, publisher of a number of widely used psychological tests, including the MMPI instruments. The Advisory Board makes recommendations about scientific research and product development priorities and funding.

5) The Central Autism Assessment and Treatment (CAAT) Center was designated an Approved Autism Evaluation Center (AAEC) by Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network. Individuals who are evaluated through the assessment center receive a comprehensive autism diagnostic evaluation by a multidisciplinary team that includes a pediatrician, psychologist, and speech language therapist. An evaluation that results in a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder from an AAEC is required for individuals with BCBS/BCN to receive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. A primary role of the CAAT Center is to serve as a training arena for CMU undergraduate and graduate students under the direct supervision of their CMU supervisors.

6) Boxes were made for each of our work study students. Thanks to the generosity of faculty and staff, we were able to purchase: fruit, scarf, socks, Starbucks gift cards, cookies, special k protein bars, spaghetti sauce and noodles, Pringles, soup, chewing gum, tic tacs, mini candy bars, Swedish fish, little Debbie snack cakes, canned fruit, hot cocoa, instant oatmeal, and granola bars.