**USC DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Friday, February 15, 2013**

**Presenters:** Shannon Couture, Ph.D.  
**Title:** Presentation of New Student Clinic Manual.

**March 4—11:30–1:00. PSC, Studio Room**  
**Presenters:** Louise Macbeth Ph.D., Caitlin Smith and Larissa Borofsky.  
**Title:** Applying Evidence-Based Treatments in an Urban School Setting.

**March 11—11:30–1:00. PSC, Studio Room**  
**Presenter:** Suzan Luczak, Ph.D.  
**Title:** TBA

**April 1 11—11:30–1:00. PSC, Studio Room**  
**Title:** Internship Debriefing

**Clinical Faculty Meetings:**  
Feb. 20, Mar. 6, Mar. 27, Apr. 10, Apr. 24 & May 8th. Faculty meetings are scheduled in SGM 901 10:30-11:45.

**Thursday, February 21st**  
3:00—5:00 P.M. PSC, Studio Room  
Wine and Cheese reception to follow

**Presenter:** Elana Gordis, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Albany, SUNY.

“The role of autonomic nervous system and hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis activity in links between family aggression and later development”

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING QUALS FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY:**

Due to regulations of the Graduate School, the final step in any quals exam is the oral exam. Thus, if you already have passed the Dissertation Proposal part of the qualifying exam but still need to write the qualifying paper, you WILL NEED TO SCHEDULE AN ORAL EXAM. The oral exam can be as long or short as your advisor recommends, but you will need to convene your committee together. This applies to anyone who is not under the 2011 or 2012 department rules. Under the current departmental rules, the written quals paper is first submitted to the full Committee and evaluated. When students pass the written section, they may move on to the oral portion of the exam, which is focused on the dissertation proposal.

For additional details about the new quals requirements and procedures, please see the soon to be uploaded 2012-13 version of the Clinical Science Handbook (pages 8-11): [http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/clinical-documents-forms/](http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/clinical-documents-forms/)