Psychology to Launch New Master's Degree in Human Behavior

The Provost has recently approved a new Master's in Human Behavior (MHB) degree that is designed for individuals who wish to work in a commercial or business field where knowledge of human behavior is essential for effective job performance. This one-year (32 unit) program is open to students who have earned a bachelor's degree in a social science major such as psychology, sociology, anthropology or political science. In addition to formal course instruction and seminars, the program includes two semesters of practical internship, and completion of a treatise paper that evaluates the relation of theory to practice.

Applications are now being accepted for classes that begin in Fall 2009, with details being given on the website: http://college.usc.edu/mhb

Seminars and course instruction for the 2009/2010 academic year will be provided by Drs. Steven Read, Richard John, Miranda Barone, and Ernest Greene (who also serves as Director).

Please refer potentially interested students to Dr. Greene at egreene@usc.edu (213) 740-2222

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REMEMBER! EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING IS COFFEE AND PASTRY IN ROOM SGM 501

MARCH 4—WOLF GRUNER—(9:30)
Wolf Gruner is Professor of History and Shapell-Gurein Chair in Jewish Studies at USC. His research focuses on the Holocaust, comparative genocide and racism in world history. He recently finished a manuscript on state discrimination against the indigenous majority in Bolivia in the 1800's. He is interested in meeting colleagues in psychology interested in inter-group relations, fear and intolerance. Please come to coffee and meet Professor Gruner.

MARCH 11—TOBY MINTZ—(9:30)
MARCH 18—SPRING BREAK
MARCH 25—ANN RENKEN—(9:30)
Preparing Future Faculty Fellows (PF3)

Preparing Future Faculty is a national program to enhance doctoral students’ preparation for becoming a faculty member. Students who participate are known as Preparing Future Faculty Fellows (PF3). The purpose is to prepare USC students for academic jobs across a range of settings, building on the mentoring already provided by students’ advisors, area heads, and Director of Graduate Studies.

The PFF program entails a consortium with USC and local colleges and universities—Occidental College, California State University Long Beach, California State University Fullerton, Loyola Marymount University, and Scripps College. Consortium members will provide USC doctoral students with increased exposure to the diverse academic landscape, including teaching opportunities at their institutions prior to applying for academic positions. We are also working to enhance opportunities for independent teaching at USC.

Join the PF3 listserv by emailing Margy at gatz@usc.edu. Events are also announced on the Brown Bag Bulletin Board outside SGM 501, on the Calendar of Events on the Website and Inside/Outside Newsletter. Video from PF3 presentations can be found on the department website under News—For Department Use.

Did You Know?

- Susan Luczak was recently promoted to Associate Professor (research) of Psychology! Congratulations!
- Mo Zheng, graduate student (advisor Laura Baker) successfully defended his thesis in January 2009. Congratulations Dr. Zheng!
- Margaret Gatz was awarded the 2009 Developmental Health Award, which recognizes her research contributions to the fields of health and aging. Dr. Gatz will give an invited address at APA’s Annual Convention in Toronto, tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 7th, 2009.

March 6 is the deadline to apply for 3 awards from the College for Summer funding. Application materials should be submitted electronically to Irene at itakarag@usc.edu by NOON, March 6.

Many thanks to those of you who hosted applicants during our applicant interview days in January. We received lots of positive feedback about the warm reception applicants received. Some of the comments we heard: "Everyone here seems so happy", "I want to MARRY this program", "It's cool that the Clinical area isn't isolated like at other schools." "Everyone here seems to be friends with everybody else!" Special thanks to Louise Cosand and Rachel Beattie for heading up the organizing of the student effort.

Over the next week we will be contacting applicants to offer admissions. If you are willing to answer questions (by phone or email) from applicants about graduate student life at USC, please contact Louise at lcosand@usc.edu.
UPCOMING EVENTS

USC Psychology Department Presents a colloquium with

Jack McArdle, Ph.D. and Caleb Finch, Ph.D.

“Graying of the brain begins by 30: Cognitive and cellular findings”

Wednesday, April 8
12—1:00 pm
SGM 414

The
7th Annual Vision Symposium

April 14, 2009, from 8:15am to 6pm
Davidson Conference Center, Figueroa Room, UPC

Have You Read Anything Good Lately?


*Full articles are posted outside SGM 538. Please send your newest / best publications to Twyla Ponton, ponton@usc.edu*