Heather Anne Barnes Scholarship Award

Jacqueline Siegle is the first recipient of the Heather Anne Barnes Scholarship. Established by Mr. Ron Barnes in memory of his daughter, the scholarship is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate psychology major who is working with autistic children or conducting research or scholarly inquiry into the causes of autism.

Jacqueline was nominated by Dr. Brian Baucom, who has had the great privilege of having Jackie as a student in three courses and now as a research assistant. He wrote, "She does amazing things in devoting her many gifts and talents to working with autistic children." She volunteers at ReCreation Camp and Weekend Getaway, and she is an active advocate for those with developmental disabilities. Jackie wrote "The Heather Anne Barnes Scholarship Award will allow me to continue my community outreach with autistic children, which is something that I hold very dear to my heart."

In Memoriam

USC Professor Emeritus Donald J. Lewis, experimental psychologist with expertise in learning and memory, former chair of the Department of Psychology and Dean of Social Sciences in the College, has died. He was 88. He is shown here with his daughter, Trey Mason, of Palos Verdes, CA. Please see the full article at:

Drs Antonio and Hanna Damasio have been appointed by USC President Nikias as Distinguished Professors.

Mylien Duong (advisor Dr. David Schwartz) received a grant from Society for Psychology Studies of Social Issues to fund the third wave of data collection on her Little Saigon study.

Dr. Karen Hennigan has been selected to work on the “Guns, Gangs and Organized Crime” transition team Work Group for California Attorney General Kamala Harris. Dr. Hennigan will be in a group lead by Rev. Jeff Carr, director of Gang Reduction and Youth Development for Los Angeles.

Dr. Bosco Tjan has received a Spring 2011 Learning Environments (LE) Incentive Grant that includes an iPad.

Dr. Kenneth Hayworth, an alumnus of Dr Irving Biederman’s lab has been featured in the following New York Times articles; In Pursuit of Mind Map, Slice by Slice and The Thinnest Cut: A Device for Discovery.


If you are interested in being involved in GASP events you are encouraged to show up and join in the fun!

Have an idea for GASP programming? Email Rachel-beattie@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning is Coffee and Pastry in Room SGM 501
Please Drop By 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
SPRING COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Wednesday, January 26, 2011
Henrike Moll, PhD
Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology,
Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, Germany

9:30 am - 10:15 am - Coffee Guest
12:00 - 1:00 pm - HNB 100 - Colloquium

“Developing an understanding of perspectives: from joint attention to the confrontation of perspectives”

Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Koraly Perez-Edgar, PhD
George Mason University

9:30 am - 10:15 am - SGM 514 - Coffee Guest
12:00 - 1:00 pm - HNB 100 - Colloquium

“Attention as central mechanism for Socioemotional development: behavioral, genetic, and neural markers”

Wednesday, February 9 2011
Marina Bedny, PhD
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

9:30 am - 10:15 am - SGM 514 - Coffee Guest
12:00 - 1:00 pm - HNB 100 - Colloquium

“Development experience shapes the neural basis of language: evidence from congenitally blind adults and children”

Wednesday, February 23 2011
Nathan Fox, PhD
University of Maryland, College Park

12:00 - 1:00 pm - HNB 100 - Colloquium

“Temperamental antecedents to anxious behavior/anxiety disorders”

REMEMBER to Check the Department Website Calendar for more details