Karolinska Institutet to Award Honorary Degree

Professor Margaret Gatz to be made honorary doctor of medicine at Karolinska Institutet.

Karolinska Institutet’s board of research has appointed six new honorary doctors, who will have their doctorates formally conferred at a ceremony in the Stockholm City Hall on 13 May, when they will receive their hat, diploma and ring from the Dean of Research as testimony to their status. Every year, Karolinska Institutet awards honorary doctorates to people who have made vital contributions to the university.

Congratulations Dr. Gatz!

http://ki.se/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=2637&a=120790&l=en&newsdep=2637

The Open Laboratory is the yearly anthology of the best science writing on the web. Jason Goldman (advisor, Frank Manis) served as editor for the 2010 edition, the fifth in the series, and also has an entry included in the anthology as well - a piece that he wrote for Scientific American online last summer.

Over 900 blog posts were submitted for consideration - it was Jason’s job to narrow that down to just 50 posts, edit them, ensure that they translated well from internet to dead-tree printing, commission cover art and work with the artist to develop it, get the rights and permission to reproduce the graphics and artwork, work with a colleague to typeset the whole thing and make it pretty, solicit reviews and quotes of "praise" included on the back cover, ultimately turning everything into a book. In just under four months. (You know...during the abundant free time that he has between teaching and research and writing!)

Here is the announcement: http://scienceblogs.com/thoughtfulanimal/2011/03/the_open_laboratory.php

It is available for purchase, either in print or PDF format (kindle/ipad compatible): http://www.lulu.com/product/paperback/the-open-laboratory-2010/15156343

http://uscnews.usc.edu/inprint/science_writing_for_everyone.html

This year’s editor Jason G. Goldman put together a collection of 50 selected blog posts (and 6 poems, and 1 cartoon) showcasing the quality and diversity of science writing on blogs in 2010.
Dr. Bosco Tjan has been appointed to the Low Vision and Blindness Rehabilitation planning panel of the National Eye Institute. The panel is charged to develop the Institute’s next strategic plan, titled “Vision Research in 2011: Needs, Gaps, and Opportunities” in the area of low vision and blindness rehabilitation.

Esti Iturralde (advisor Dr Gayla Margolin) has been awarded a 3-year NSRA individual predoctoral fellowship from NIH. The title is: “Peer Talk Influence on Adolescent Sexual Risk, Dating Aggression and Substance Use.”

Ilana Kellerman (advisor Dr. Gayla Margolin) received an NSF Honorable Mention for her proposal titled “Spillover Between Electronic and Face-to-Face Communication Among Adolescents.”

Dr. Margaret Gatz has received the 2011 Special Award for Outstanding Mentoring from the Mellon Mentoring Award Program. Dean Byrd stated, “This award is not given every year. However, when the panels evaluating nominations note someone particularly deserving, whose mentoring efforts extend across faculty, graduate students and undergraduates, the decision is made to recognize this faculty member.”

Marija Spanovic (advisor Dr. Norman Miller) has received a year-long College Dissertation Completion Award.

Michele Feng (advisor Dr. Gerald Davison) was selected by the Clinical Science Faculty of the USC Department of Psychology as the recipient of the 2011 Gerald C. Davison Award for Scientific Writing in Clinical Psychology. This award is in recognition of her article, “Age-related Affective Modulation of the Startle Eye-blink Response: Older Adults Startle Most When Viewing Positive Pictures”, in-press.

Dr. Wendy Wood and colleagues from psychology and beyond, were awarded College 2020 funding for “Adapting to Downturn, Rising with Recovery: Multi-Method Training for Social, Behavioral Scientists”

Dr. Jesse Graham has received funding from the Templeton Foundation for his grant titled, “The varieties of moral strength and weakness: Using value-environment interactions to reduce moral hypocrisy”


Congratulations to all of our Psychology undergraduate honors students and their sponsors for their participation in the Symposium!!

- **Erika Levonian** (project sponsor, Dr. Brian Baucom) - “Alcohol Use and the Intergenerational Transmission of Parent-to-Child Physical Aggression”
- **Emily Frank** (project sponsor, Dr. Brian Baucom) - “Alcoholism and Family Conflict”
- **Allison Maxwell** (project sponsors, Drs Brian Baucom and Gayla Margolin) - “Children’s Daily Mood as Influenced by Intrafamilial Aggression and Protective Factors”
- **Daniel Paris** (project sponsors, Dr Karen Hennigan) “Conceptual and Empirical Definitions of Group Membership
- **Nitika Kumar Gupta** (project sponsors, Drs Carol Prescott and Susan Luczak) “Exploring Gender and Religio-Ethnic Differences in Tobacco Use among People in Mauritius”
- **Erika Levonian and Amanda Spoto** (project sponsors, Drs Brian Baucom and Gayla Margolin) “Impact of Family Aggression on Emotional Expression during Family Conflict”
- **Joshua Real** (project sponsors, Drs Brian Baucom and Gayla Margolin) “Linking Blink Rate to Motivational Systems and its Neural Substrates”
- **Nicole Nowparvar** (project sponsors, Dr. Stanley Huey, Jr and Caitlin Smith) “Monetary Incentives and Job-Seeking Behaviors in Gang-Affiliated Juvenile Youth”
- **Shelly McArdle** (project sponsors, Drs Richard John and Heather Rosoff) “National Responses to September 11 Over Time: Analyzing Changes in Emotions, Beliefs, and Behaviors”
- **Andrew Choi** (project sponsor, Dr. Karen Hennigan) “Possible Selves and Street Gang Involvement in Los Angeles Youth”
- **Emily Kamen** (project sponsors, Dr. Biing-Jiun Shen and Karan Singh) “The Effects of Central Adiposity and Perceived Task Difficulty on Cardiovascular Recovery”
- **Rebecca Layne** (project sponsor, Dr. John Monterosso) “the relationship between response to reward in the ventral striatum and impulsivity and cigarette smoking”
- **Tiffany Pouldar, Hyeran Shin** (project sponsors, Dr. Laura Baker, Theodore Botwick, Mike Kelly) “What Makes You Sweat: Genetic and Environmental Influences on Skin Conductance Response to Stress”
- **Josephina Chou** (project sponsor, Dr. David Neal) “Why What You Wear Matters: The Type and Salience of Attire Influence Message Impact:
- **Kerry Zweig** (project sponsor, Dr. Wendy Wood) “Windows of Opportunity for Altering Habits”
- **Dana Jebreel** (project sponsor, Dr Thomas Lyon, USC Gould School of Law) “Young Children’s Ability to Generate False Statements as a Precursor to False Belief Understanding”
- **Mariana Aguilar** (project sponsor, Dr. Frank Manis) “The End of Education as We Know It”
- **Sarah Sack** (project sponsor, Dr. Biing-Jiun Shen) “The Effects of Relationship Satisfaction and Social Support in Appraising Life Stressors”
Further congratulations to the following Psychology Undergraduates

- **Joshua Real**, Honorable Mention
- **Dana Jebreel**, Honorable Mention
- **Shelly McArdle**, Second Place
- **Daniel Paris**, Second Place
- **Emily Kamen**, Fulbright Award for South Korea
- **Ava Casados** - Renaissance Scholars’ Prize
- **Daniel Paris** - Finalist in Discovery Scholars Prize (winner as yet to be determined)
- **Alison Maxwell** - Finalist in Discovery Scholars Prize (winner as yet to be determined)
NEWS and EVENTS

Department of Psychology

Invites you to attend

“A Conversation Hour”

With

Alan Kraut, PhD
Executive Director, Association for Psychological Science

And

Eric Eich, PhD
Incoming Editor of Psychological Science

Please welcome these visitors to our department and join a special discussion of Psychological Science, including publication trends and metrics, what you might not like, potential changes and suggestions. This is an opportunity to consider issues in academic publishing and where psychology stands as a science.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
SGM 514
9:30 am - 10:30 am

Refreshments will be served

GASP NEWS!

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-rachel.beattie@gmail.com

REMEmBER to Check the Department Website Calendar for more details
http://college.usc.edu/psyc