Inside/Outside

WELCOME NEW FACULTY!

I joined the Department of Psychology in July to serve as the Clinic Director of the Psychology Services Center. In addition to my interests in psychology, I have made a career of living in as many places as possible. I grew up in the beautiful state of Colorado, and am happy to be closer to my family again. I completed my undergraduate degree at Notre Dame afterwards I earned my Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. My first two jobs were at the University of Manchester in the UK, and then the University of Maryland near Washington DC.

My research has focused on severe mental illness. In particular, I’ve been interested in considering psychological factors which contribute to optimal functioning in individuals with schizophrenia. Here at USC, I look forward to thinking of new ways to enhance the clinical training of our students. I will also be teaching and providing supervision in the department. I’m in the HRC building, so feel free to stop by and say hello!

Dr. Shannon Couture

I am pleased to be joining the department as the Associate Director of Clinical Training. I did my graduate training at UCLA under the mentorship of Dr. Hammen where I studied the interaction of social and biological factors in the development of comorbid aggression and depression in youth. My postdoctoral research conducted at the Semel Institute focused on the role of psychosocial stressors and proinflammatory inflammatory processes on the development and course of childhood bipolar disorder. I continue to hold a strong interest in the predictors of interpersonal functioning, relational aggression, and mood symptoms. My clinical training background encompasses a wide variety of experiences including inpatient treatment at Cedars-Sinai, student counseling at UCLA, and disability assessments for the Department of Rehabilitation. My clinical interests include the treatment of mood disorders, mindfulness, and acceptance-based therapy approaches.

I’m looking forward to concentrating on teaching and supervising at both the undergraduate and graduate level as part of my dual roles as the Associate Director of Clinical Training and an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Psychology.

Dr. Danielle Keenan-Miller

Psychology Department
Wednesday Morning Coffee
Room SGM 501

Please Drop By
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Psychology Department
Welcome Back Brunch!

Wednesday, September 7
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
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In Memorium

Carol Nagy Jacklin, the first female dean of the Division of Social Sciences and Communication in USC Dornsife and a major force in the creation of the university’s Gender Studies program has died at her home in Julian, California.

Carol arrived at USC Dornsife in 1983 as a professor of psychology and head of the Program for the Study of Women and Men in Society (SWMS), since named the Gender Studies Program. Subsequently, in 1990, Carol was asked to chair the USC Dornsife’s Department of Psychology, where she was the first woman in the history of the department to hold that role. As chair, she tried to foster a sense of community, bringing her feminist values to administration, and she was devoted to mentoring the next generation of scholars.

Cammie McBride was a developmental psychology doctoral student when Carol Jacklin came to USC. Now a Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, she wrote “The coolest thing Carol did for me was to get me writing academically before I even knew what was really involved, how to worry about and think about rejection, or that without academic papers there was no way to get an academic job.”

In 1992, Nagy was appointed the first female dean of the Division of Social Sciences and Communication in USC Dornsife, a post she held until she left USC in 1995 for a deanship at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Upon her retirement she moved to Julian, California where she enjoyed gardening, hiking and co-writing a column called Mountain Greenery for local papers. She also helped write a grant to build a new library in Julian.

Cammie McBride added, “Carol managed to move on from academia to many other pursuits in life, and this is equally amazing. She was a model family person and a model of how to live life fully and without fear”.

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Welcome New Graduate Students - Class of 2011

- Randy Bautista       Quantitative Area       Advisor, Dr. Jack McArdle
- Erica Beall          Social Area             Advisor, Dr. Jesse Graham
- Claire Burgess       Clinical Area           Advisor, Dr. Gayla Margolin
- Gin Zhiqin Chen      Quantitative Area       Advisor, Dr. Richard John
- Devika Dhamija       BCS Area                Advisor, Dr. Laura Baker
- Suzanne Houston      Developmental Area      Advisor, Dr. Frank Manis
                       Advisor, Dr. Elizabeth Sowell
- Christine Juang      Clinical Area           Advisor, Dr. Bob Knight
- Serenita Kumar       Clinical Area           Advisor, Dr. David Schwartz
- Pei-Ying (Peggy) Lin  BCS Area                Advisor, Dr. John Monterosso
                       Advisor, Dr. Wendy Wood
- Tana Luo             Clinical Area           Advisor, Dr. David Schwartz
- Bruna Martins        Clinical Area           Advisor, Dr. Mara Mather
                       Advisor, Dr. Margaret Gatz
- Peter Meindl         Social Area             Advisor, Dr. Jesse Graham
- Adela Timmons        Clinical & Quant Area    Advisor, Dr. Gayla Margolin
                       Advisor, Dr. Jack McArdle


• Meyer, K., Kaplan, J.T., Essex, R., Damasio, H., & Damasio, A. (2011). Seeing touch is correlated with content-specific activity in primary somatosensory cortex. Cerebral Cortex, 21, 2113-2121. ( “Editor’s choice” article of the issue)


http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=the-ideology-of-no
Have You Read Anything Good Lately?


*Reprints are posted outside SGM 507*

**NEWS and EVENTS**

*REMEmBER to Check the Department Website Calendar frequently*

[http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/around_the_department/departmental-calendar.cfm](http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/around_the_department/departmental-calendar.cfm)

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*Don’t see your event on this list? Be sure to email Sandy with items for the calendar, medearis@dornsife.usc.edu*

**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 Susan, sgeffen@usc.edu