Professor Frank Manis Recognized with Raubenheimer Award

Dr. Frank Manis

Look to celebrate Dr. Manis at the USC Dornsife Holiday Reception on December 7th for his being named a winner of the Raubenheimer Award. The Raubenheimer Awards are the USC Dornsife’s highest honors. Awards are made to senior faculty based on excellence in teaching, research and service to the university. Dr. Manis exemplifies the tradition of the recognition.

Dr. Manis's contributions that led to his being selected for this award include: his innovative development of *My Virtual Child*, which allows undergraduates directly to experience what it is like to raise a child from birth to adolescence using web-based technology; his commitment to promoting cutting edge scholarship among graduate students, including the development of a new graduate course on *Teaching and Learning of Psychology*; his being selected as a Faculty Fellow of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, where he contributes to mentoring faculty; and his service within the department as Director of Undergraduate Studies and as head of the developmental area.

U.S. flag flown in honor of the USC Dept of Psychology over base in Afghanistan

Look for a flag in a special display case to appear soon in SGM 501. **Marat V. Zanov**, Capt, USAF, BSC, who earned his Ph.D at USC Department of Psychology (Dr. Gerald Davison, advisor) expressed his appreciation to the USC Dept of Psychology in a form that is customary for the military service members. Specifically, while deployed to Afghanistan, he had a US flag flown in honor of the USC Dept of Psychology over his base. The photo shows the flag raising. Marat then presented the flag to the department, with an accompanying official, numbered certificate that states when the flag was flown and to whom it was presented (i.e., the USC Psych Dept).

Prior to his deployment to Afghanistan, Marat completed a year-long internship at the US Air Force largest hospital, Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Marat says that he was one of the few of the interns in the history of Air Force to be sent directly to an overseas base after completion of residency, which he attributes in part to his excellent USC training. He was stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy, for over two years as the Mental Health Element Officer In Charge. In Afghanistan his mission is referred to as "operational psychology."

Marat added in an email, "I was incredibly lucky to have had wonderful and intelligent classmates, learning from the world-renowned faculty while enjoying daily stimulating interactions with my great lab mates, and having benefitted from the wisdom and tutelage of Jerry Davison as my advisor."

Anyone wishing to thank Marat may sign a card in Sandy's office.
• **Erin Shelton** (advisor, Dr. Jack McArdle) has received a Conference Travel Grant for her recent participation in the *Latent Class Analysis Workshop, Methods Work LLC Training in Statistical Methods* in Washington, D.C.

• **Dr. Toby Mintz** has been selected to serve on the editorial board of the journal *Language Acquisition* starting in January 2012.

• **Dr. Viviane Seyranian** has been selected as a finalist for the 2011 Jablin Dissertation Award on leadership.

• **USC Psychology Department** has 19 undergraduates studying abroad next semester in the following countries: England (7), South Africa (2), Japan (1), France (2), Spain (3), New Zealand (1), Italy (1), Czech Republic (1), Ireland (1)

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### Have You Read Anything Good Lately?


- Scurich, N. & John, R.S. (2011). Trawling genetic databases; When a DNA match is just a naked statistic. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 8(s1), 49071


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~~~Colloquium Series 2011 -2012~~~

- **December 5**
  - Dr. Nancy Kopell - *Boston University*
    - Irene McCulloch Distinguished Lecture in Sciences and Engineering
    - Mathematical Neuroscience Group
    - **TBA** - 3 pm

- **January 9**
  - Dr. Kevin Ochsner - *Columbia University*
    - Details to follow

- **January 10**
  - Dr. Michael Hasselmo - *Boston University*
    - Keck Distinguished Lecture Series in Biological and Psychological Sciences
    - Irene McCulloch Distinguished Lecture in Sciences and Engineering
    - **HNB 100** - 12 pm

- **January 25**
  - Dr. Howard Eichenbaum - *Boston University*
    - Keck Distinguished Lecture Series in Biological and Psychological Sciences
    - **TBA** - 12 pm

- **February 21**
  - Dr. Gregory Quirk - *University of Puerto Rico- School of Medicine*
    - Keck Distinguished Lecture Series in Biological and Psychological Sciences
    - **HNB 100** - 12 pm

- **May 8**
  - Dr. Sheri Mizumori - *University of Washington*
    - Keck Distinguished Lecture Series in Biological and Psychological Sciences
    - **HNB 100** - 12 pm

**Lunch Series - Preparing Future Faculty - GASP**

- **January 17**
  - How to Publish - Insights from Journal Editors
    - Dr. Wendy Wood, Dr. Bob Knight & Dr. Bosco Tjan

- **February 14**
  - USC Graduates in Academic Jobs
    - Dr. Jaclyn Ronquillo, Dr. Joseph La Brie, Dr. Chandra Reynolds, Dr. Sherry Span

**POSTER DAY!**
**PIZZA AND**
**Department Holiday PARTY!**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**
**1:00—3:00 pm**
**SGM 9th Floor**

REMEMBER to Check the Department Website Calendar for more details
http://dornsife.usc.edu/psvc/around_the_department/departmental-calendar.cfm
John Keefe (advisor, Dr. Steven Lopez), died on November 14, 2011. He completed his MA in 2011. John was an exceptional student who brought together his interests in psychology, statistics and Spanish to study mental health issues among Latino families. A fluent speaker of Spanish, he traveled to Puebla, Mexico, in the summers as part of the Latino Mental Health Research Training Program. John's father, Frank Keefe, wrote, "In thinking of John, what stands out is the genuine joy and openness with which he approached all people and things. He was simply himself, always showing that he cared about you as a person, and always wanting to bring laughter, smiles, and joy into the lives of those he loved and cared about.”

Dean Gerald C. Davison, with Japan’s Minister of Education, Masaharu Nakagawa. Dr. Davison spoke at Toyko University and at the Yamano College of Aesthetics.

Dr. JoAnn Farver with former student, Yiyuan Xu, now tenured faculty at University of Hawaii and Dr. Zhang, their host at NingXia University in Yinchuan PRC. at Ningxia University.

Tanoa Chithambo (advisor, Dr. Stan Huey, Jr) in a jazz ensemble performance at Ground Zero Coffee House

Conservation Psychology class field trip to the LA Zoo. Instructor, Dr. Viviane Seyranian scheduled a zoo conservation lecture with Mike Dee, retired General Curator.