- **Dr. Darby Saxbe** will be joining the department January 2013 as our newest Assistant Professor. Welcome Darby!

- **Dr. David Pan** (2011) will be joining the faculty at New Mexico Highlands University, near Sante Fe, NM as a tenure track assistant professor in the Psychology Department in Fall 2012.

- **Dr. Nashla Feres** (2010) will be joining the faculty at Keene State College in New Hampshire in Fall 2012.

- **Dr. Louise Cosand** (advisor, Dr. John Monterosso) has accepted a position as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Pomona College for the 2012-2013 academic year with a joint appointment in Psychology and Neuroscience.

- **Dr. Sarah Bezdjian** (2009) has accepted a position as Research Psychologist, Air Force Research Group, US Air Force Medical Operations Agency (Department of Defense) in Monterey, CA doing research on psychopathy and criminal behavior in the military.

- **Dr. Hao Wang** (advisor, Dr. Tobin Mintz) has successfully defended his dissertation and has accepted a position at IBM’s Silicon Valley Lab.

- **Dr. Carol Prescott** has been elected as incoming President of the Behavior Genetics Association.

- **Dr. Mary Helen Immordino-Yang** has been awarded an NSF Career grant which is a 5-year study involving students from three LA-area public schools, entitled: A longitudinal, cross-cultural investigation of psychosocial and neurobiological aspects of emotion development in adolescence.”

- The Psychology Department congratulates **Drs Miranda Barone, Irving Biederman and Justin Wood**, who have been nominated for a 2012 USC Steve B. Sample Teaching and Mentoring Award.

- **Dr. Nicholas Scurich** (advisor, Dr. Richard John) received a USC PhD Achievement Award. Nick was one of five students from the USC Graduate School to receive this award, highlighting the most exceptional candidates of the academic year.

- **Vanessa** (advisor, Dr. Antonio Damasio) won 2nd place in the Graduate Student Poster Symposium for her poster titled, “Neural correlates of judging morality and emotions in everyday life situations.” Additionally, Vanessa was awarded a Gold Family Graduate fellowship for which she receives a summer stipend and a summer research fund.

- **Dr. Kelly Young-Wolff** (advisor, Dr. Carol Prescott) has received the "Anne Anastasi General Psychology Graduate Student Recognition Award" from the American Psychological Association and also received Honorable Mention in the USC PhD Achievement Awards.

- **Shenandoah Munoz** (advisor, Dr. Ann Renken) Psychology undergraduate Honors Student, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society on March 30.

- **Julie Guerin**, Psychology undergraduate received a Renaissance Scholarship for 2012.

See pdf of **Dr. Rand Wilcox**. It is from Chapter 5 of the new textbook, *Discovering Statistics Using R*, by Andy Field, Jeremy Miles, and Zoë Field.

The quote reads: “The absolute legend that is Rand Wilcox, who is the man you almost certainly ought to thank if you want to do a robust test in R”
Have You Read Anything Good Lately?


*Articles are posted outside SGM 538*

In May, the department said a heartfelt thank you and a tearful goodbye and Happy Retirement to Dr. Elaine Andersen. Elaine’s love of teaching and joyful smile will be missed.

In April, the department said goodbye to our business officer, Raquel Yarber and Hello to our new business officer, Renee Perez. Thank you Raquel for your years of service and Welcome Renee!
On March 24, 2012 the Sierra Vista High School Psychology Club visited SGM and our Psychology Department. Approximately 100 students were greeted in an open forum in SGM 101, led by graduate students Ilana Kellerman, Ryan Essex, Jen Labreque, and Alison Balbag, with faculty members Drs JoAnn Farver, Rachel Beattie and Margaret Gatz. Undergraduates Jaime Wu, Rachel Piperno, and Harry Fowler also helped to lead the tour.

After the welcome and Q & A, the students broke out into groups and rotated through 4 labs, where they learned about the background of work in that lab and participated in research demonstrations: Ilana Kellerman, Family Studies Lab; Jen Labreque, Social Behavior Lab; Ryan Essex, Neuroimaging; Alison Balbag and Meghen Miles, Music and the Brain.

The SVHS students were clearly excited to be in our department learning about Psychology and interacting with the graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and staff. They quickly followed up with Thank You notes to each of their hosts and guides. Below is a sampling of comments.

♦ “The tour was awesome…I really liked that a lot of things about majoring in psychology were clarified. I enjoyed learning all the wonderful things psychology has to offer. I would really like to thank everyone of your students who helped out with the great presentations”…..Jorge

♦ “I would like to thank you for your time and dedication to teaching us about psychology and USC’s system. I really enjoyed all the different presentations that were provided for us. It was very informative while being fun at the same time.”…..Adilene

♦ “The staff and presenters were very helpful and informative as well as kind. I can honestly say that my interest in the field certainly grew after that visit.”…..Roxana

♦ “Before coming to USC, I thought to myself, this is going to be boring because I personally hate presentations from schools. But the presentations from your students were wonderful! I love how each one of them explained some field of psychology. I learned more about fMRI and how family psychology works, it was very interesting to listen to.”…..Kevin

♦ “I had a splendid time exploring your psychology facilities with your wonderful students. They were all so very nice and extremely knowledgeable of their topics. Right now as a senior in high school, I am taking AP psychology and have only scratched the surface. The studies at your campus left me open to see and truly made me realize how interesting the major is. I am not planning to major in psychology but I am now willing to look into it further before I look past it.”…..Giovanni

And… most of all, they all appreciated the snacks, the time that was spent touring them, the explanations of what psychology entailed and the ability to get a glimpse of what college life at USC might possibly be like.

REMEMBER to Check the Department Website Calendar for more details
http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/around_the_department/departmental-calendar.cfm