Welcome New NTT Teaching Faculty

I am excited to be joining the department as full-time NTT faculty and clinical supervisor at the Psychology Services Center. I'm returning to the Trojan family after a year as a postdoctoral fellow at UCLA's Counseling and Psychological Services. I completed my clinical internship at USC's Student Counseling Services in 2011. I received my PhD in Clinical Psychology from George Mason University, where I was the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor award for my work as a university psychology Instructor. Prior to attending George Mason University I received my M.A. in Social Psychology from UC Davis. My scholarly work has appeared in the edited volume *The health of sexual minorities: Public perspectives on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations* and in *The Journal of Counseling Psychology*. I continue to see clients in private practice at the Center for Panic and Anxiety Disorders in Beverly Hills, where I have worked since 2009.

Dr. Regina Chopp

I come full circle by joining the Department of Psychology as a Lecturer, as I completed my doctoral studies here in Brain and Cognitive Sciences in the late ’90s. I then stepped into a project management role at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, where I coordinated research needs across multiple NIMH-funded longitudinal treatment and outcome studies in schizophrenia spectrum disorders for nearly a decade.

My love of teaching started when my doctoral studies began, and I eagerly assisted and later taught various foundational courses in research methodology and elective courses (psychophysiology, neuroscience, mental illness) related to my USC studies. In 2003, I assumed coordination of research and evaluation studies of science instructional initiatives in the Los Angeles Unified School District, many supported by state and federal grants. In 2009, I began independent evaluation work on instructional innovations in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). I am excited to be back in the classroom, applying what I have learned about teaching and learning from my research in schools. I look forward to meeting as many students as possible in my courses!

Dr. Kimberle Kelly

Welcome New Psychology Department Staff

I am a recent graduate of the University of Southern California (May 2011). During my undergraduate career at SC I double majored in Political Science and Sociology with a minor in History. In addition to academics, I was also part of the Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (SJACS) and was fortunate enough to work for the Scholar’s Program (at SC), which assisted transfer students from local community colleges. Some of my highlights during my undergraduate career include being chosen as a Norman Topping Student Aid Fund recipient, working with JEP, and assisting organizations, which facilitated access to higher education for high school students. During the fall of 2012 I will begin my pursuit of a master’s degree here at USC in Educational Counseling, while also working as an advisor for the Psychology and Economics departments. I look forward to the challenge of applying what I learn in the classroom and using this to better assist the student population here at USC. Once I earn my master’s degree I plan on enrolling in either a JD or Ed.D program to better serve my community in either law or educational policy. My extracurricular hobbies include collecting toys, attending sporting events, and just spending time with friends and family.

Fight On!!

Jorge Castro
Undergraduate Student Services Advisor
Welcome back to the Department! Dr. Gerald Davison, professor and member of the clinical area, and Dr. Jerald Jellison, interim director of the MHB program

Dr. Gerald Davison has been invited to become a Member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Ageing. The World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Councils make up the world’s foremost intellectual network convening the most relevant and knowledgeable thought leaders from business, government, academia and civil society to address key global issues. The next Summit on the Global Agenda will be held on 12-14 November 2012 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Look for a photo in an upcoming newsletter!

Dr. Carol Prescott is President-Elect of Behavior Genetics Association

Aubrey Rodriguez (advisor, Dr. Gayla Margolin) was awarded a 2012 Fabs-Beck Doctoral Dissertation grant for her project titled “Interactions between Adolescents and their Non-Military Parent during Parental Deployment”

Emily Schoenhofen Sharp (advisor, Dr. Margaret Gatz) is winner of the 2012 APA Division 20 Dissertation Award for her work titled “Sources of Stability and Change in the Trajectory of Openness to Experience across the Lifespan”

Lauren Ng (advisor, Dr. Beth Meyerowitz) is winner of the 2012 APA Division 52 Student International Research Award for her work titled “Risk Pathways for 1994 Rwandan Tutsi Genocide Exposure to Distress”

Kelly Young-Wolff (advisor, Dr. Carlo Prescott) is winner of the 2012 APA Division 56-Trauma Psychology Award for Outstanding Dissertation for her work titled “Investigation of risk and resiliency factors for stress-related drinking among adults: The moderating roles of early life stressors and alcohol-related cognitions”

Jason Goldman (advisor, Dr. Frank Manis) was included in Huffington Post’s list of 30 “high-profile neuroscientists that tweet” (on slide 31) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/08/neuroscience-on-twitter-3_n_1581969.html#s=more231478

Susan Geffen (advisor, Dr. Toben Mintz) will be a Center for Excellence in Teaching TA for 2012-2013

Miao Wei (advisor, Dr. Zhong-lin Lu) has been selected by the USC Graduate School Academic Professional Development Program for the Fall 2012 Ten-Week Series

Alexandra Cram (advisor, Dr. David Schwartz) and Ilana Kellerman (Advisor, Dr. Gayla Margolin) have been awarded a USC Diploma in Innovation grant for their project titled “Social Networkology: Developing a Facebook Application to Understand Online Networks, Peer Relationships and Mental Health”

In Memoriam: Denis Mitchell

Denis Mitchell, who retired from the department of psychology in in 2007, died Aug. 21, 2012, from brain cancer. Mitchell joined our faculty in 1977. His research focused on animal models of phobias and eating disorders. Arguably, his greatest passion was teaching undergraduates. He was a primary figure in the creation of the psychobiology program, which later became the neuroscience undergraduate program, now a popular major. In 1987, Mitchell was presented with a USC Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor university faculty bestows on its members for outstanding teaching. In 2006, he received the General Education Teaching Award from USC Dornsife for his contribution to the general education program, with his course “Love and Attachment.” See article in Dornsife news at http://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/1230/in-memoriam-denis-mitchell/
Have You Read Anything Good Lately?


Articles are posted outside SGM 538

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9/26—Dr. Matthew Lieberman—Colloquium—12 noon—HNB 100
10/10—Undergraduate Research Faire—11:30 am—1:30 pm—SGM 5th floor

Psychology Department Wednesday Coffee
9:30 am—10:30 am
Please drop by!

9/12—The Immordino Yang Lab  **9/19—The Moll Lab—MID-LA ** 9/26—The USC VIM LAB
10/3—The Gatz Lab -SCRAP ** 10/10 -The Wendy Wood Lab ***10/17—The McArdle Lab

REMEMBER to Check the Department Website Calendar for more details
[http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/around_the_department/departmental-calendar.cfm](http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/around_the_department/departmental-calendar.cfm)
Welcome Doctoral Students - Class of 2012

- Leslie Berntsen  Brain and Cognitive Sciences  Advisors, Dr. Antonio Damasio and Dr. Laura Baker
- Tracy Jinshu Cui  Quantitative  Advisor, Dr. Richard John
- Justin Hummer  Clinical  Advisor, Dr. Gerald Davison
- Nicholas Jackson  Quantitative  Advisor, Dr. Laura Baker
- Kate Johnson  Social Psychology  Advisor, Dr. Jesse Graham
- Derya Kadipasaoglu  Developmental  Advisor, Dr. Henrike Moll
- Rubin Khoddam  Clinical  Advisor, Dr. Carol Prescott
- Kelly Miller  Clinical  Advisor, Dr. Gayla Margolin
- Marie Gillespie  Clinical  Advisor, Dr. Stanley Huey, Jr
- Bryan Shilowich  Brain and Cognitive Sciences  Advisor, Dr. Irving Biederman
- Felix Hao Wang  Brain and Cognitive Sciences  Advisor, Dr. Toben Mintz

Felix, Rubin and Nick

Justin and Kate

Marie and Bryan

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