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WELCOME NEW FACULTY!



*Dr. Darby Saxbe
with Henry and Violet*

Although I am new to the faculty, I am already a familiar face on campus. After completing my Ph.D. in clinical psychology at UCLA in 2009 and my clinical internship at the Sepulveda VA, I received an NRSA post-doctoral fellowship to work with Gayla Margolin on the USC Family Studies Project. While at USC, I have studied the association between family conflict and adolescents' development, including their cortisol patterns and their neural responses to social and emotional stimuli. As a graduate student, I explored how everyday marital functioning shaped couples' cortisol patterns at the Center for the Everyday Lives of Families. Before shifting careers into psychology, I majored in English at Yale and spent four years in NYC working in the media industry. In the future, I plan to continue studying how relationship contexts influence health, especially during critical life junctures like the transition to parenthood and the transition to puberty.

When not on campus, I can usually be found with my husband Dan, a music producer, and our two kids: Violet, 3, and Henry, 1.

WELCOME New Business Officer!

Cynthia Schirmer has been with USC for 7 years. She started out at the Keck School of Medicine working with the Pathology department as an Accounting Technician. She quickly moved into the role of Accountant for the private practice side of the Pathology department, working closely with physicians and lab managers to reconcile and monitor their private practice accounts. Cynthia has been working at the Dornsife Business Office since December 2010, where she's worked closely with the Dean's Office, Dornsife Advancement, and Dornsife Technology Services. In December 2012, she was asked to take over as Psychology's Business Officer, which she so happily accepted! Cynthia has a degree in Economics from Cal State Fullerton, is the proud mother of two little ones--Jameson (3) and Andrew (1)--and is currently working towards obtaining her MBA at the University of La Verne. Cynthia will hold weekly office hours on Thursdays from 1pm—4pm in SGM 530. Please drop by and welcome her!



Cynthia Schirmer

WELCOME New MHB Program Specialist!



Donald Ward

Donald is native of Los Angeles, CA and grew up in the shadows of the University of Southern California and the Coliseum. A 30-year veteran of Student Affairs and Higher Education, Donald has assisted thousands of students both at the four-year university and community college levels. After graduating from Los Angeles High School, and five years in the United States Army, Donald realized one of his personal dreams of attending The University of Southern California as a Psychology major. Additionally, Donald worked for the university for four-years as a Senior Financial Aid Counselor. Don has his bachelor degree in Human Resources and a Masters in counseling. Areas of interest: Leadership and Social Change, Social Justice, Integrating Experiential Education into the Four-year Career Plan.

Did You Know?

- **Jason Goldman** (advisor, Dr. Frank Manis) has been named associate editor of *Science Seeker* <http://scienceseeker.org/about> . For the entire story, please go to <http://blog.scienceseeker.org/jason-goldman-named-associate-editor/>
- **Caitlin Smith** (advisor, Dr. Stan Huey) received a dissertation grant from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) for her study titled “Motivational Interviewing in a Program for Unemployed Young Adults without High School Diplomas”
- **Martin Reiman** (advisor, Dr. Antoine Bechara) has been selected as a 2012 AMA Consumer Behavior Special Interest Group –CBSIG Rising Star.

Have You Read Anything Good Lately?

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http://dornsife.usc.edu/psyc/around_the_department/departamental-calendar.cfm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come meet Professors **DAPHNA OYSERMAN** and **NORBERT SCHWARZ**,
who will be visiting us on February 6TH and 7TH

Daphna Oyserman, PhD
Professor of Psychology
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor



Norbert Schwarz, PhD
Charles Horton Cooley Collegiate Professor of Psychology
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

9:30 am—10:30 am—SGM 501—Daphna Oyserman and Norbert Schwarz—Psychology Department Coffee

12 pm—1 pm—HNB 100 -Daphne Oyserman -Colloquium : “Culture as situated cognition”

3 pm—4 pm—SGM 514—Norbert Schwarz, PhD—Conversation Hour
“Situated Cognition: Implications for social science measurement”

Thursday, February 7, 2013

12 pm—1 pm—Ronald Tutor Campus Center Forum Room –Norbert Schwarz
Colloquium: "Sensory experiences in judgment and decision making: Of fishy smells, dirty hands,
and heavy weights”

3 pm—4 pm—SGM 514—Daphna Oyserman—Conversation Hour:
“Identity-based motivation: When small interventions can have big effects”

Contact Sandy Medearis, medearis@usc.edu for appointments

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



2/06—Meet Daphna Oyserman and Norbert Schwarz
2/13—Meet Frank Manis and his lab
2/20—Meet new faculty member, Darby Saxbe
4/17—Meet Antoine Bechara and his lab

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