Note from the Chair
Hello to all of our Psychology Alumni!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It’s been a pleasure to hear from many of you this past year – thank you for staying in touch with us.

This has been an exciting year for the Department of Psychology, not least because we moved back into a beautifully renovated McCreary Hall after our 8-month stay in trailers. Our offices have been re-painted and carpeted and given new windows, our vintage HVAC has been replaced with a system that actually works, we have new energy-saving lights, and several of our labs have been renovated. The former Infant and Child Study Center (308, known to us affectionately as the “Baby Lab”) is now a cutting edge Olfaction and Taste Laboratory for Psychological Science. Among other things, the lab contains a kitchen for producing solutions with various odors and tastes, and stations with sliding windows that allow up to six participants at a time to receive, smell, and taste concoctions with scents such as raspberry, lavender, vanilla, and anise. The photo to the left shows Chase Leonard ’13 (facing forward) and Haley Stauch ’13 utilizing one of the new testing stations. Dan’s former lab (312) is now my Social Development lab. It’s a pleasant, open space with lots of work areas for student research assistants and a convertible play area for filming children.

I became the chair of the department this summer, and we are all grateful to Steve Siviy for his excellent work as chair for the past four years – a three-year term plus an extra year. In other departmental news, Becca Fincher-Kiefer recently celebrated her twenty-five year anniversary at Gettysburg College and was recognized for her many contributions to the department and to the college as a whole. Natalie Barlett, a developmental psychologist, has joined us for a full-time visiting position. Nina Tarner and Kathy Delaney are also in full-time visiting positions, and we’re delighted that they are with us again. We need Natalie, Nina, and Kathy in particular at this time, because Kevin Wilson and Richard Russell are both on sabbatical this year (see below). In addition, we’re so pleased to have Erin (Ashenfelder) Clark ’99 teaching Psychology 101 both semesters this year. I’m sorry to say that Julie Chen has left Gettysburg College for a position at the University of Illinois, Chicago so that she can be closer to her husband. They’re expecting their first child in October, and we wish her all the best in everything. Because of Julie’s change, we are conducting a tenure-track search this year to hire a new cultural psychologist.

Our students continue to do outstanding work. In May, many of them presented posters describing their research at Celebration 2013. Students also presented their work at professional conferences around the country, including the biennial meeting in Seattle of the Society for Research in Child Development and the annual meeting in Washington, DC of the Association for Psychological Science. Also, if you look at our departmental website, you’ll see stories about just a few of the 21 different internships our students pursued this summer. And as you can see below, our 2013 graduates are going on to graduate school and starting a wide variety of jobs.

We really love to hear from our alums. We miss you! In addition, knowing what you’re doing now really helps us – you inspire our current students, and you also help us to attract great new students in the future. This past summer, several admissions tours a day stopped and looked at our bulletin board showing what our alums are doing, and the prospective students and their parents were really quite interested in your work. If we haven’t heard from you recently, please send an email to Carolyn Tuckey (ctuckey@gettysburg.edu) to tell her what you’re doing now – whether you graduated this past May or many decades ago, whether you’re in psychology or in a field far from psychology. And if we have heard from you recently, please know that we’re always glad to hear more, so don’t be shy about staying in touch.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy, peaceful, and productive year.

Homecoming Colloquium
We hope to see many of you back for Homecoming next week! Please stop by to visit and if time permits, join us at the Annual Psychology Homecoming Colloquium when we welcome back Michele (Tully) Tine, Ph.D. ’01. Michele will present her research entitled, “The Context of Poverty Matters: Children Living in Rural and Urban Poverty Exhibit Distinct Working Memory Profiles.” The lecture will be held in Bowen Auditorium, McCreary Hall 115, on Friday, September 27th @ 4:00 pm. More...

Michele is an Assistant Professor in the Education Department at Dartmouth College. She received her Ph.D. from the Lynch School of Education at Boston College in 2009 and her B.A. from Gettysburg in 2001. Her research focuses on the ways socioeconomic status impacts malleable cognitive processes associated with academic achievement.
PLEASE NOTE! – due to a scheduling conflict we have had to cancel the social hour that was to follow the colloquium. If you were planning to stop by, please let us know...we definitely want to see you! Maybe we can make other arrangements.

**Samuel A. Mudd Award**

Christiana Martin was the recipient of the Samuel A. Mudd Award during Springs Honors Day this past May. This award, established by Paul M. Muchinsky ’69 in honor of his former mentor, Sam Mudd ’57, is presented to a graduating senior psychology major who has demonstrated a high level of personal integrity and outstanding scholarship. Christiana graduated with a double major in Psychology and Biology, receiving departmental honors in both. She credits a few key biology classes and her Abnormal Psychology class, taught by Dr. Anne (Fleischhauer) Sauvé ’94, as well as her involvement with Disciplemakers Christian Fellowship, with helping influence her decision to pursue a career in clinical psychology.

In additional to DCF, Christiana was active in the College Choir and several musical ensembles, and volunteered through the Center for Public Service. She studied abroad at Rhodes University in South Africa and had the opportunity to tour in Nicaragua with the College Choir. These experiences, as well as a service trip with Professor Fee’s First Year Seminar on Homelessness, helped shape her Gettysburg experience.

Christiana worked several summers at the National Cancer Center studying genomics and HIV. She also served as a J. Douglas Shand Fellow the summer following her junior year, working with Dr. Kathy Berenson to study Borderline Personality Disorder and PTSD. During her senior year, Christiana conducted an independent project with Dr. Kathleen Cain which focused on anxiety in children. She continues to collaborate with Dr. Berenson and Cara Dochat ’13 on their research on Borderline Personality Disorder. Christiana is currently seeking a full-time research position in child attachment or trauma recovery (anxiety, PTSD, TBI) prior to pursuing her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Congratulations, Christiana!

**Commencement ’13 - Prizes and Awards**

Graduating this past May with Departmental Honors were Paula Eichner, Christiana Martin, and Qian Wei. Graduating Phi Beta Kappa were Cara Dochat, Paula Eichner, and Alexa Kundla. Christiana Martin received the Betty M. Barnes Memorial Award in Biology, Maggie Tostten was awarded the Robert E. Curtis Award, Emma Randles received the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Award in Spanish, Shruti Naik received the Franklin Moore Award, and Qian Wei received the Psi Chi Junior Award. Cara Dochat was the Psychology Department banner carrier and Jacob Treinish was the Neuroscience banner carrier.

**Updates from Alums**

We were blown away by the response from our previous newsletter! From as far back as the class of ’67 and as far away as Australia, our alums are doing great things:

**Gene Stull ’67** - Retired Director of the Institute for Law Enforcement Education (PA Dept. of Education). Currently General Manager of Strategic Training and Consulting Associates, developing and delivering applied psychology training to professionals in the fields of law enforcement and drug and alcohol enforcement/counseling.

**Kathleen Frederick ’73** – Assistant Public Advocate at State of Alaska, Office of Elder Fraud. Litigates cases statewide on behalf of Elders who are victims of financial exploitation. She’s also an avid dog sledder.

**Cynthia (Erdley) Gardella ’86** – Earned MA and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana. Currently Professor of Psychology at the University of Maine, Orono.

**Karen Mooney ’97** – Earned MS from Purdue University and her Ph.D. from Florida Atlantic University. She is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at SUNY, Geneseo.


**Michele (Tully) Tine ’01** - Earned Ph.D. from Boston College in 2009 and is currently in her 4th year as Assistant Professor of Education, Dartmouth College.

**Monica (Ahuja) Mayeski ’01** – Missionary with Go To Nations.

**Devin Blaine ’04** – Earned an MS in School Psychology from Touro College. Has been a School Psychologist in Bronx, NY for past 5 years. Currently working on masters in Oriental Medicine.

**Bill McCale ’05** – Earned an MSW from SUNY, Albany. Is a NY State Licensed Social Worker. Currently a Captain in US Marines (Reserve) and Patient Advocate with US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, working with transitioning Iraq/Afghanistan veterans.

**Anna Jordan ’06** – International Credential Evaluator, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

**Melanie Blount ’06** - Received a Masters in Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University. Just completed a PsyD in clinical psychology from Massachusetts School of Psychology (MSPP). Her dissertation focused on military families and she is now completing a post-doc with under-served children and families in the Boston area. Anyone interested in MSPP or wanting to shadow, etc. Melanie, can contact her melanieblount@gmail.com

**Jackleen (Smink) Leed ’06** – Currently finishing a Ph.D. program in developmental psychology at Tulane University.
Meet the Barlett’s

We are so fortunate to have Christopher (Chris) Barlett and his wife, Natalie, join us this past year! Chris (Assistant Professor) has been teaching Introduction to Statistics, Social Psychology, and Advanced Experimental Social Psychology. Natalie (Visiting Assistant Professor) has been teaching General Psychology and Social Psychology. Their one-year-old son, Eric, has been a welcome addition to the department as well. We just can’t help but smile when he’s around!

Chris earned his Ph.D. in social psychology from Iowa State University and has a M.A. and B.S. from Kansas State University. His current research focus is on cyberbullying, specifically what variables either increase or decrease the likelihood
that an individual will cyberbully another person. Natalie earned a Ph.D. and M.S. from Kansas State University and B.A. from Kansas Wesleyan University. Her research interest focuses on understanding children’s use of interpersonal manipulativeness and relational aggression.

**Faculty News**

During the 2013 – 2014 academic year, Richard Russell will be an Academic Visitor at St Andrews University in Scotland. Prof. Russell will be based in the Perception Lab, where he will collaborate on investigations with other researchers who study face perception.

Kevin Wilson is on sabbatical for the whole year. He’ll spend the Spring 2014 semester at The University of Auckland in New Zealand, where he’ll be joining the labs of Dr. Lynette Tippett and Dr. Paul Corballis. His project examines the neural systems involved in visually recognizing rotated objects by testing patients with Huntington’s disease. Kevin was awarded a James McKeen Cattell Sabbatical Fellowship for this work.

Kathy Cain was presented with the 2013 Outstanding Faculty Mentor for Undergraduate Research Award at Celebration 2013 this past May.

Brian Meier and Abby Scholer ’00 (Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Waterloo) ran another session of Camp Psych. Thirty-two high school students from several different U.S. states and Greece spent a week learning about Psychological Science at Gettysburg College. Student Co-Counselors Christina Soma ’14, Christine Lobosco ’14, and Tim Claus ’14 enjoyed their various roles including helping students format research projects and lining up fun evening activities. The students received a taste of Gettysburg with an evening ghost tour and several trips around the square. Brian is teaching a new first-year seminar in the Fall 2013 semester. The course is titled “Do’h! Psychology and the Simpsons,” and it allows Brian to combine his love of the Simpsons with his fascination for psychology. First-year students in the course are learning how the Simpsons can be used as a guide to understanding and appreciating psychological science. Last but not least, Brian will be publishing a co-editing book scheduled to come out in November: Landau, M. J., Robinson, M.D., & Meier, B. P. (Editors; in press). The power of metaphor: Examining its influence on social life. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association. [http://www.amazon.com/The-Power-Metaphor-Examining-Influence/dp/1433815796](http://www.amazon.com/The-Power-Metaphor-Examining-Influence/dp/1433815796).

Steve Siviy was recently awarded a grant of $298,480 from the National Institutes of Health for a 3 year project titled “Early experiences, oxytocin, and dysfunctional play of the Fischer 344 rat.” This project will use an inbred rat strain (Fischer 344) that is uniquely lacking in play behavior to investigate the neurobehavioral mechanisms that may be responsible for the dysfunctional play of this strain. Steve and his students have been studying this particular strain off and on for a number of years and funds from this grant will be used to upgrade some behavioral observation software, add new equipment, and support student research assistants during the academic year as well as the summer. The primary hypothesis to be tested is that the dysfunctional play of the Fischer 344 rat is due to a complex interaction between the genetic background of this strain and early post-natal and early juvenile social experiences. One of the upgrades to our equipment will allow students to observe both maternal behavior and juvenile behavior remotely by way of network cameras. Once this system is up and running later this semester, students enrolled in Steve’s 200-level courses will be able to log onto the College network and conduct behavioral observations unobtrusively from the comfort of their room, library, computer lab or even from home. Funds are also available for sending students to the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands over two summers to work in the laboratory where Steve spent his last sabbatical. While there, students will pick up a variety of techniques that they can use for senior projects when they return.

Dan McCall and Nathalie Goubet continue to be involved in collaborative work with a team of French researchers. This past year they and five psychology majors collected data from about 300 children at an elementary school in Gettysburg as part of a study on the associations between odors and colors in French and American children. They presented their data on French children at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development in Seattle in the Spring. They also published an article (their first together!), along with Jennifer Ducz ’11 and Megan (Eberly) Bingham ’08, in Developmental Psychobiology reporting a study of semantic access of odors in preschoolers. Dan and Cara Dochat ’13 also presented a poster about their olfaction research at the Association for Psychological Science conference in Washington, D.C.

**Summer ’13 Student/Faculty Research**

Christina Soma ’14 finished serving as a Camp Psych counselor and promptly went to work as a J. Douglas Shand Fellow. In her own words, “The summer was a great opportunity to work more closely with professors, enrich my relationship with the psychology department, and see different ways in which research can be conducted.”

Caroline Garliss (’15) worked in Steve Siviy’s lab as his NIH project (see Faculty News) got off the ground. Caroline spent the summer learning how to process and quantify oxytocin neurons in the brain and collected some baseline data from Fischer 344 rats when compared to the more playful Lewis strain.