NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Michael Griffin, Chair

I would like to welcome you to the latest edition of the Department newsletter. I will note that the newsletter had a one-year hiatus so this edition actually covers news from the past two years. There are a number of changes that have happened in the Department over that time span. Dr. George Taylor stepped down as Chair after five years of service. I would like to thank him for his dedication and hard-work. Dr. Taylor was one of the first to arrive each day and one of the last to leave each night as well as working most weekends. He ushered in many positive changes in the Department and we owe him a debt of gratitude. Dr. Taylor has returned to his first love, which is conducting research in his laboratory. He reminds me often about how much more time he has now to pursue those interests. Dr. Ann Steffen was named the interim Chair for one year as we did a national search for a new Chair. I would like to thank Dr. Steffen for her willingness...
to step in and keep the department on track and for doing such a terrific job. I was named Chair and started in August 2014. I selected Dr. John Meriac as Associate Chair and I have been very fortunate to have his sage advice over the past 10 months. Finally, I thank Dr. Therese Macan for taking on the task of pulling together the newsletter this year. Please read through the newsletter to catch up on the latest happenings. As always – we appreciate your support.

### REMEMBERING FACULTY

**Donald Dennis (“Denny”) Lisenby**, Ph.D., passed away Monday, February 23, 2015 at his St. Louis home. He was 78 years old. Lisenby was instrumental in developing the department, and LGBT education and advocacy at the university. Prior to his appointment as one of UMSL’s first psychologists in 1964, Lisenby received an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a doctorate in experimental psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. Lisenby shared a group office in the old Country Club Building with some of UMSL’s earliest faculty members, including John Boswell, Lyle Dorsett, Lyman Sargent and Blanche Touhill, who remembers Lisenby as an exceptional teacher who cared very much about his students.

Throughout his long career at UMSL, Lisenby taught thousands of students through courses in introductory psychology, child and adolescent development, and psychopharmacology. Remembered for his stimulating and challenging lectures and exams, Lisenby also served on a large number of thesis and dissertation committees. Graduate students viewed first with dread and then with pride (if they passed, of course) the oral final exam for his doctoral psychopharmacology course. Lisenby’s office door was always open, and he provided...
support and mentoring to numerous students. As Associate Chair for many years, he made significant contributions to the undergraduate program and managed with diplomacy and humor the many details of course scheduling. He was a strong promoter of excellence in undergraduate education, and he won university and alumni awards for his work in the classroom, in the mentoring of students and in service to the department.

Lisenby was a key faculty advisor for the first LGBT organization at UMSL – Gays & Lesbians Out in the World (GLOW) – which was renamed the UMSL Lesbian and Gay Campus Organization (LG-CO) before later evolving into PRIZM. Along with faculty and student colleagues, he advocated at the campus and University of Missouri System level for inclusion of sexual orientation in non-discrimination policies and met with Missouri state legislators to promote LGBT-affirmative laws. As a contributor to the St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Anti-Violence Project, he trained student volunteers for the telephone hotline and was instrumental in providing science-based and practical education on sexual orientation and affirmative practices. The professionals he taught ranged from nursing students and psychiatry residents from local medical schools to the St. Louis City Police Department.

After his retirement in 1999, and as his earlier interests in cycling and hiking changed, Lisenby’s friends continued to benefit from his entertaining conversation, mischievous sense of humor and skill in selecting wine and crafting the perfect cocktail. An accomplished classical pianist and audiophile with widespread musical tastes, he enjoyed both “low-food” and gourmet cooking, etymology, and seemed to know something substantive about almost everything. He stayed connected with faculty through social gatherings and the UMSL Neuroscience Reading Group. Dr. Lisenby played a key role in the development of the Department and leaves an enduring legacy as teacher and champion of LGBT inclusion.
DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

We have a new name...

DEPARTMENT of PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

This past year faculty voted to change the name of the department to one that would better communicate and reflect faculty focus on conducting scientific research, and the integration of behavioral and neuroscience research. The department’s new name is: Department of Psychological Sciences. This new name keeps with the department’s mission statement of “active engagement in research” and faculty’s commitment to “generating knowledge through research that can be applied to problems at the regional, state, national, and international level.”

Thus, in addition to laboratory research being conducted in each of the three graduate programs (i.e., behavioral neuroscience, clinical and industrial-organizational), many psychology faculty members are engaged in field research that has practical implications in mental health, medicine, and business. Our department continues to operate three mental health clinics that provide needed services to local residents at affordable rates. Many faculty members also provide technical assistance to public and private agencies in the St. Louis region. Taken together, we are now known as the Department of Psychological Sciences!

Dr. Miles Patterson

MILES PATTERSON IS NOW PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Miles Patterson was granted Professor Emeritus status but don’t be surprised if you see him smiling at robots. That is because along with two robotics researchers from Korea, Miles is
working on what might be described as a systems-approach to the development of truly social robots. Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) is a rapidly evolving field, with research focusing on robots capable of social interaction. There is a gap though in adequately integrating the subtle, nonverbal communication processes characteristic of human interactions into the programming of social robots. Miles’ responsibility on the project has been representing the dynamic nonverbal processes operating in the sending and receiving of communication. Much of this is an extrapolation from his recent systems theory of human nonverbal communication to human-robot communication. His Korean colleagues are focused on the physical architecture of a truly social robot and the programming necessary to drive the robot’s rapid decoding and encoding processes. This project has been an interesting detour from his usual research endeavors – and something else to keep him busy in his (semi-) retirement.

**WELCOME NEW FACULTY**

The Department welcomed three new faculty members in Fall 2014 and will welcome one more in Fall 2015. The four new faculty members are:

**Dr. Emily Gerstein**

**Emily Gerstein**, Ph.D., joined our department and the clinical program this Fall 2014. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a child and family emphasis from Arizona State University in 2012, and did her clinical internship at Rush University Medical Center. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Waisman Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before coming to UMSL. **Dr. Gerstein’s research focuses on developmental psychopathology, family processes, and risk and resilience in children born preterm or with other early-identified risk factors. She is specifically interested in**
how early developmental risk affects the interactions among parental stress and wellbeing, parenting and family interactions, and early social emotional development.

**Dr. Sandra Langeslag**

*Sandra Langeslag, Ph.D.*, joined the department and the Behavioral Neuroscience program in the Fall. She received her Ph.D. in Biological and Cognitive Psychology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands. Her research focuses on the neurocognition of emotion and motivation. For example, topics she researches include the effects of emotion and motivation on attention and memory, and the cognitive regulation of emotions and motivations. In particular, she studies the neurocognition of romantic love, using event-related potentials (ERP) and behavioral methods. This research is extremely relevant and important because virtually everyone falls in love at least once and falling in love has a major impact on people’s lives. In past studies, she has shown that infatuated individuals have increased attention and memory for their beloved and for information that has to do with their beloved. Currently she is examining how this might distract infatuated people from doing other things, such as their work or homework. Finally, she is also studying whether it is possible to up- and down-regulate love feelings using cognitive strategies. If you would like to learn more, her research was featured in The UMSL Daily (link provided): [http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2015/04/22/in-love/](http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2015/04/22/in-love/)
John Nanney, Ph.D., is Clinical Assistant Professor and the new Director of the Community Psychological Service (CPS). CPS is today a million dollar operation serving thousands of residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area and providing training opportunities and funding for the Clinical Ph.D. students. Dr. Nanney’s professional interests are in clinical training and supervision, psychological assessment, and the development and provision of evidence-based behavioral health services for disadvantaged urban communities. He is particularly interested in the potential role of such services in reducing urban community violence, including gun violence. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at UMSL in 2012. Prior to returning, John served as Research Associate for the Department of Veteran Affairs and Research Coordinator for LSU’s Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Welcome back, John!

Carissa Philippi, Ph.D., will join our faculty in Fall 2015 as member in the Behavioral Neuroscience program. She comes to our Department from a postdoctoral position at the
University of Wisconsin – Madison after earning her doctorate in Neuroscience at the University of Iowa. Dr. Philippi has research interests in the area of the neural basis of self-related processes (e.g., self-reflection) and how these processes interact with cognitive, emotional, and social behaviors in psychopathology such as anxiety disorders. We express a warm welcome to Carissa!

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

![Dr. Rob Paul](image)

**Rob Paul**, Ph.D., is the new Director of Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH). Dr. Paul, Professor of Psychology, transitioned to this position of Director of MIMH in July 2014. MIMH is a research unit of UMSL that has led cutting-edge research initiatives in the field of mental health for more than 50 years. The vision of MIMH is to improve lives through the promotion of mental health. This vision is achieved through four clusters of expertise including innovative basic science, program evaluation, professional training and community outreach.

Over the past year MIMH has significantly increased funding from federal agencies to conduct innovative research focused on mental health outcomes associated with acute HIV infection. This work is conducted in Africa and Thailand and is a collaborative partnership with the Military HIV Research Program, Yale University, University of California, San Francisco, and MIMH.

Additionally, MIMH has hired a leading researcher in the field of advanced neuroimaging. Dr. David Tate has joined MIMH as a principal investigator with expertise in blast-related traumatic brain injury. Tate trained at Brown Medical School and then held
positions at Harvard and Brooke Army Medical Institute prior to joining MIMH. Finally, MIMH has hired Dr. Chin-Zu Peng as a full-time academic statistician. Peng completed her training at Washington University and she brings to MIMH significant expertise in management of large and complex datasets. We wish you all the best, Rob, in your new role!

**FACULTY PROMOTION AND NEW ASSOCIATE CHAIR**

![Dr. John Meriac](image)

**John P. Meriac, Ph.D.,** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. He joined the department and the Industrial-Organizational Psychology program in the fall of 2008. He received his Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from the University of Tennessee in 2008 as well. His research is primarily focused on personnel assessment and performance management issues. Within these broader domains, he is specifically interested in the assessment of individual differences and their role in the prediction of work outcomes. Additionally, he conducts research on the conceptualization and measurement of work performance, including in-role behavior and extra-role behavior (i.e., counterproductive behavior and organizational citizenship behavior). Across these areas his research has also addressed psychometric and methodological issues related to the measurement and prediction of work performance. John is also serving in the role of Associate Chair since Fall 2014 when Mike Griffin began as Department Chair. Congratulations, John!
BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

The BN program has seen several significant changes over the past year. These include Dr. Rob Paul taking over as the Director of the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) in July. Dr. Paul remains as a tenured, full professor in the Department but has new responsibilities to lead MIMH as they transition into more of a research institution (see featured profile in this Newsletter). Dr. Paul will still mentor graduate students admitted through the BN program.

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Carissa Philippi who was hired to fill the void left by Dr. Paul’s departure to MIMH. Dr. Philippi will start in August 2015 as an Assistant Professor in the BN program. One of the other consequences of Dr. Paul leaving to take over MIMH has been that Dr. George Taylor has returned as director of the BN program last Fall. However, Dr. Taylor took a much-deserved sabbatical in the Spring semester, and Dr. Suzanne Welcome became the interim director of the BN graduate program during that period. Dr. Taylor will return as the BN director next Fall. In other news, the BN program is set to admit the largest graduate class in our history. The class starting in the Fall will be comprised of 3 new doctoral students and 6 masters students.

CLINICAL PROGRAM

The Clinical program has had a busy time this past year. In April 2015, we received notice from the APA Committee on Accreditation for a full 7 year renewal. The report noted strengths in our training and placement of students and alumni. We appreciate the efforts of all involved—students, faculty and alumni—to make this happen.

We have added 2 new faculty this past year; Dr. Emily Gerstein, a graduate of Arizona State, whose research interests include mental health of infants and their families, and Dr. John Nanney, the new CPS Director, who is a graduate of our program. We are most fortunate to have them join our program and they are featured in profiles in this Newsletter.

The program also has a new DCT. After almost 9 years of indefatigable service that has enhanced the program in many ways, both large and small, Dr. Ann Steffen has stepped down. Dr. Brian Vandenberg has assumed the daunting task of stepping into her shoes.

Our students continue to receive exceptional internship placements, and over the last 3 years, we have a 100% placement rate—considerably higher than the national average of about
Students also have secured very competitive post docs as well. Recent internship placements include the VA’s at Palo Alto, Charleston Consortium, Ann Arbor, Central Texas, St. Louis, Miami, Naval Medical Center San Diego, Southern Arizona, Tampa, Central Western Massachusetts, as well as at the University of Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine. This is a testament to the strength of our students and the quality of our training.

INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAM

The Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology program continues its tradition of producing innovative research and applying what we learn to help organizations worldwide. We congratulate Drs. Wanyi Lai, AJ Marsden, Cari Rottman, Maria Spilker, and Graham Wohler on completing their doctoral dissertations. Congratulations to Jenny Morton, John Slifka, and Bre Wexler on the completion of their master’s theses and to Sarah Hill, Ryan Hirtz, Kelli Huber, and Rob Synovec on advancement to doctoral candidacy. Adnan Smajic is this year’s recipient of the Gary K. Burger Award. In addition, several of our students were authors on accepted publications, chapters, and conference presentations this year, including Christina Banister, Will Bryant, Sarah Hill, Kelli Huber, Emily Ingalls, Heidi Kuehn, Lauren LaBat, Debbie Lee, Jenny Morton, John Slifka, Amanda Thomas, Jenna Unnerstall, and Bre Wexler.

On the faculty front, we congratulate Dr. John Meriac on his promotion to Associate Professor with tenure and Dr. Miles Patterson on becoming Professor Emeritus as of June 1. We also send congratulations to Dr. Ekin Pellegrini for winning the Anheuser-Busch Excellence in Teaching Award in 2014. And big drum roll please...we have a new Program Director! Dr. Stephanie Merritt has taken over the role and is doing a great job. Dr. Therese Macan is now freed up to take on other duties. She is currently serving as President of Gateway Industrial-Organizational Psychologists (GIOP).

Internships – we continue our tradition of maintaining strong relationships with industry in the St. Louis metro area and beyond. If you have an opportunity or would like our graduate students to help with a project, please e-mail Dr. Stephanie Merritt at merritts@umsl.edu.

We were happy to visit with our alumni at SIOP in Philadelphia last month, who included: Jenna Cox, Jake Fischer, Jeff Foster, Jessica Gilmore, Lynn Kalnbach, Lee Konczak, Jim Matchen, Kim Perry, Cari Rottman, Maria Spilker, and Lisa Veldman. Tom Fletcher,
previously on our faculty, also joined us. A number of alumni have been promoted or have taken new jobs. Alumnus Lisa Roberts was promoted to Department Leader, Financial Advisor Leadership Development at Edward Jones. Katie Thenhaus has been promoted to Senior Director, Organization & Leadership Development at Express Scripts. Denise Champagne is Program Director at The Conference Board. Kim Perry has a new position as Personnel Research Psychologist at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Alumni, we want you to keep in touch! If your contact information changes, please e-mail me at merritts@umsl.edu to keep us up-to-date! If you would like to support our I/O program via a charitable donation, please visit https://fusion.umsl.edu/devsystems/University_Relations/makegift1.cfm and select “Other” from the dropdown list, then specify the Gary K. Burger Fund in the write-in box.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS AND NOTES

PSI CHI

Psi Chi has completed another successful year, under faculty advisor, Dr. Suzanne Welcome. Members participated in information sessions for graduate school, received Departmental and University awards for scholarship and research, and presented at professional conferences. This spring, XX new members were inducted. The new Psi Chi members are:

Anderson, Christie
Anderson, Max
Arms, Chloe
Bailey, Laura
Blash, Daniel
Blechle, Evan
Brooks, Aliyah
Charles, Kiarra
Crawford, Amanda
Crisman, Amber
Edler, Hannah
Ferguson, Ryan
Floyd, Tasheia
Garrett, Jacob
Gregson, Samantha
Henning, Kaitlin
House, Tasha
Johnson, Alicia
Klein, Juliana
Lambur, Katherine
Lewis, Scott
Lococo, Amanda
Martin, Star
Mason, Michael
May, Kaitlyn
McCarthy, Ariana
Moore, Richelle
Morlock, Bradley
The Psi Chi Annual Invited Seminar event was held on Thursday, April 29. The guest speaker was Robert Cloninger, M.D., Professor at Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. He spoke about his current research on schizophrenia.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FAIR SYMPOSIUM
SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, EDUCATION

HONORABLE MENTION: Evan Blechle, Sarah Mitchel and Lauren Kanyuck
Poster Title: Self-Efficacy mediates effects of stereotype threat on academic outcomes
Mentors: Bettina Casad, Ph.D. and Breanna Wexler, M.A.

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESEARCH FAIR COMPETITION
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CATEGORY
SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, EDUCATION

FIRST PLACE: Cazzie Steinzor
Poster Title: Empirical support for delineating ecologies of childhood complex trauma: Investigating the Child-Perpetrator attachment relationship
Mentors: Rachel Wamser-Nanney, Ph.D., and Jerry Dunn, Ph.D.
Emma Trammel received the John J. Boswell Psi Chi Scholarship Award, given in memory of our faculty member, John Boswell who, for many years, taught Introductory Psychology, Research Methods and served as the faculty mentor for Psi Chi. The award is given to recognize a Psi Chi member who has demonstrated academic excellence and commitment to the field of scientific research in Psychology. Emma has worked in Dr. Suzanne Welcome’s lab since Fall 2013, assisting with research investigating hemisphere differences in word finding using an ERP system to monitor electrical activity in participants’ brains. Emma also proposed her own independent project and was awarded an Undergraduate Research grant from UMSL’s College of Arts and Sciences to examine the relationship between priming effects and orthographic processing skill. She has also helped in the department by serving as the assistant for our Human Subject pool for the last year, further demonstrating her commitment to scientific research in Psychology. Congratulations, Emma!
Kruti Surti

Kruti Surti received the Kathy Van Dyke Undergraduate Scholarship Award, named after a former student and honors an outstanding undergraduate student who displayes academic excellence. Kruti is currently a research assistant in Dr. Sandra Langeslag’s Neurocognition of Emotions and Motivations Lab. She presented some research on love regulation that came out of the lab at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on campus in May. She has also served as an undergraduate teaching assistant. Kruti is currently the Secretary for Psi Chi and fundraising chair for UMSL Colleges Against Cancer. Congratulations, Kruti!
GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS AND NOTES

The Graduate School and Sigma Xi cosponsor a Graduate Research Fair each year. Graduate students from all departments are invited to present their research. Posters are evaluated by a panel of judges. This year two graduate students from our Department received awards.

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESEARCH FAIR COMPETITION
SIGMA XI AWARD
SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION

FIRST PLACE: Omar Cabrera, M.S., M.A.
Behavioral Neuroscience
Poster Title: Caffeine and midazolam are synergistically neurotoxic to developing brain: Implications for preterm infant neurodevelopment

THIRD PLACE: Renee Boeck, M.A.
Clinical Psychology
Poster Title: Utilizing the impact statements in cognitive processing therapy as a novel measure of idiosyncratic change in psychosocial functioning
Katherine Judd, M.A., is this year’s recipient of the Department of Psychological Sciences Award for Outstanding Graduate Instructor. Katie is a student in the Clinical Program who has a passion for teaching and aspires to a university teaching career. She participates in the Certificate in University Teaching program and has sought opportunities to obtain teaching experiences. She has been the instructor of record and TA for a variety of courses providing her with a wide range of teaching experiences: online, seminar and large lecture. She received high teaching ratings across these courses. She was described as bringing “energy, enthusiasm and attention to student learning” in her courses with innovative assignments and engaging lectures.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Jill Pine
Jillian Pine, M.A., received the Department’s Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA). Jill is a student in the Clinical Program who has been the GTA for a large number of courses (and 7 faculty members) since she entered the program in 2013. She received high praise from all her faculty supervisors, describing her as a “valued, reliable and effective graduate teaching assistant who is proactively helpful in assisting students and supporting the work of instructors.” Jill was seen as willing to “jump in and help in any way she could” even if it meant creating “fake” dirty diapers for the Child Maltreatment course she served as GTA.

KATHY VAN DYKE GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
AND
OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD FOR A GRADUATE STUDENT IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

Lauren Salminen, M.A., is this year’s recipient of two graduate awards. Lauren received the Kathy Van Dyke Award, created in memory of Kathy Van Dyke, an esteemed UMSL alumnus, to honor the graduate student who best exemplifies outstanding academic performance, research productivity and potential for contributing to the discipline of Psychology. Lauren is a student in the Behavioral Neuroscience program working in Dr. Rob Paul’s lab who has demonstrated remarkable research productivity; she is co-author of 15 publications including six as first author in highly respected journals. Lauren has also submitted a NIH F31 application this year to examine the impact of genetic polymorphisms on oxidative stress in the brain using diffusion...
tensor imaging and neuropsychological measures as outcomes, receiving an “Outstanding” priority score. With such a record, it is no surprise that Lauren also received the Outstanding Research Award for a Graduate Student in Behavioral Neuroscience being described by her faculty mentor as “the best student I’ve ever seen.” Congratulations, Lauren, on both awards!

GARY K. BURGER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Adnan Smajic

Adnan Smajic, M.A., received the Gary K. Burger Scholarship Award, which was established in honor of longtime Department Chair, I-O faculty and quantitative teacher and mentor, Dr. Gary Burger. The award is given to an I-O student who possesses strong quantitative/analytical/measurement skills, performs well in course work, demonstrates excellent progress on research and displays citizenship in the I-O program. Adnan is a student in the I-O program who has displayed a passion for statistical methods. One faculty member noted that “out of all the students I’ve encountered, Adnan has the greatest zest for exploring new (quantitative) methods.” Many of these statistical techniques Adnan explores involve fairly complicated methods, and when no program was available to compute specific statistics he created one using Excel macros. Similarly, his fellow students described him as “the first person people turn to if they get stuck on something stats-related, especially in the computer programming language R.”
Nicholas Brown, M.A., received the Lewis J. Sherman Memorial Scholarship Award, which was established in the 1980’s by family and friends of Dr. Lew Sherman. Dr. Sherman was the first Director of Clinical Training and former Department Chair. The Award is given to the Clinical student who has evidenced the best overall performance in the program, across all areas, including coursework, research progress, clinical skills and overall program citizenship. Nick’s research focuses on trauma and PTSD in veterans. He is examining the stigma associated for veterans seeking such treatment as well as telemental treatment possibilities for veterans. Nick has presented his research at national conferences. He has demonstrated exceptional clinical skills at both the Community Psychological Services and Center for Trauma Recovery. Nick has also excelled in his coursework. A faculty member noted that Nick’s “generosity, good will, and good cheer have an uplifting influence on both faculty and classmates,” making him an ideal choice for this award. Congratulations, Nick!
Sara Gonzalez-Rivas, M.A. and Allison Warren, M.A., are the co-recipients of the Jayne E. Stake clinical training award. This award is given in honor of Jayne Stake, retired former Director of Clinical Training for more than 20 years. It is given in recognition of promise in the practice of clinical psychology to an outstanding student in the Clinical graduate program chosen for clinical skills. Dr. John Nanney is currently the clinical supervisor for both Sara and Allison. Dr. Nanney described Sara as having “a breadth and depth of both knowledge and clinical skill that exceeds her years.” He said of Allison, “She has successfully managed very challenging therapy relationships this year while encouraging these clients to grow in ways that are difficult if not frightening to them.” Congratulations to both Sara and Allison!

**FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP**

Listed below are selected publications and other noteworthy accomplishments by faculty (* denotes students):

**Dr. Steve Bruce:**


**Dr. Bettina Casad:**

**Dr. Emily Gerstein:**

**Dr. Michael Griffin:**

**Dr. Sandra Langeslag:**
Dr. Therese Macan:


Dr. John Meriac:


Dr. Stephanie Merritt:


Dr. Miles Patterson:

Dr. Zoë Peterson:

Dr. Ann Steffen:

Dr. George Taylor:

Dr. Brian Vandenberg:
DOI:10.1080/13674676.2013.856001
**Dr. Suzanne Welcome:**

**Dr. Kami White:**

**FACULTY GRANTS**
Our faculty has also been productive in securing grants. This past year, together faculty have been awarded grants from various federal, state, local, university and private agencies and foundations. Those receiving grants include Dr. ’s Steve Bruce, Bettina Casad, Jerry Dunn, Sandra Langeslag, Rob Paul, Zoe Peterson, Ann Steffen, and George Taylor.
**Jaimi Mathias Ramsey** received her Ph.D. in the child clinical program at SIU-Carbondale and completed an internship focused on child trauma at Dartmouth College in 2012. She is now working at Children’s Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis as a post-doctoral fellow. Jaimi received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology in 2008.

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