Dr. C. J. Smith Selected for APS Recognition

The Association for Psychological Science has awarded Constance J. Smith, Ph.D. the status of Fellow in recognition of her sustained outstanding contributions to the advancement of psychological science. This distinguished, international recognition places her in the company of the most prominent scientists in the discipline of psychology. The formal announcement to the public will be made in the February issue of the APS Observer. Dr. Smith’s research has focused on examining neuroendocrine correlates of stress-induced alteration in behavior including depression, reproductive function, coronary artery disease, and eating disorders in humans and animals. She has more than two decades of experience that encompasses instructional leadership, academia, and outreach. In her current capacity, she teaches and conducts research in the areas of physiological psychology, psychopharmacology, and neuroendocrinology.

Spring 2012 Golden Axe Award

Psychology senior Emily Appleton received the Golden Axe Award at the senior awards ceremony held on April 17, 2012. Emily graduated in the spring 2012 semester with a degree in psychology. Her interests include clinical psychology and public health. In the fall 2011 semester, Emily was an intern in the division of Community Living Services at The Guidance Center. She is shown here with her parents, Cynthia Drasler and David Appleton. Emily is pictured with President Haeger and with Dr. Walters whom Emily listed as her “Educator of Influence” at NAU.

Dr. Andy Walters Wins Student Life Award

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, Dr. Andy Walters was honored as a co-winner of this Student Life’s 2012 Service Learning Award at the family weekend “Celebration of Academic Achievement” for his excellent redesign and supervision of psychology’s fieldwork program (PSY 408c). The NAU Service Learning Award recognizes the important and unique nexus between academic and service learning opportunities by encouraging and recognizing student involvement as citizens of the larger community.

Dr. Melişah Demir Edits Oxford Handbook

The long-awaited Oxford Handbook of Happiness (edited by David, Boniwell, & Conley Ayers, 2013; 1,136 pages), the most comprehensive handbook on happiness, was published early in 2013. Our very own Dr. Melişah Demir was the section editor on Relationships and Happiness. Dr. Demir also has two chapters in the handbook. His chapter on friendship and happiness is one of the first empirical reviews of the topic in the literature. The coauthors of this chapter were our former graduate students, Haley Orthel and Adrian Andelin.

News in March

Look for news about the Compassion Conference that was held in October 2012 and winners of the Fall 2012 Golden Axe Award.
Psychology Students Study in Italy

Dr. Chad Woodruff accompanied seven NAU students to Siena, Italy to take courses during the spring 2012 semester. Studying at the Siena School for Liberal Arts, in cooperation with the NAU Center for International Education, NAU students learned much about Italian art, culture, and about being global citizens. In Dr. Woodruff’s social psychology class, students learned about the ways in which culture and society influence individuals' thoughts and behaviors and how membership and identification with historical neighborhoods impacts one’s sense of community and one’s perspectives on global communities.

Fall Fieldwork Luncheon

Fall semester was an exciting time for students enrolled in Psychology 408, Fieldwork and Clinical Internship. Students served as interns in thirteen community settings and completed over 2600 hours of supervised psychological and behavioral-intervention services. Students were placed at a variety of sites around Flagstaff including Northland Family Help Center, NAU’s Behavioral Pediatric Clinic, Sharon Manor, and Victim Witness Services. This semester interns worked on targeted interventions to prevent self-injurious behavior among children with autism, provided support to children and adolescents living in a residential treatment facility, structured activities and life skill development sessions for women who have experienced intimate partner violence, and served as liaisons for persons attending court trials. The luncheon celebrated the many accomplishments psychology interns accomplished during an intense but rewarding semester applying their psychology course work into an applied setting. For further information on Psychology 408c, contact Professor Andy Walters (andy.walters@nau.edu).

Alumni News

- **Shelley Klein**, an NAU double major in psychology and biology who graduated in spring of 2011, is currently doing an internship at the Clearwater Marine Hospital in Clearwater, Florida.
- **Kendra Marum** has been accepted as a trainee for the AZLEND program at the University of Arizona.
- **Jophina Joe**, a psychology graduate in 2009, works for the State of Arizona under the Department of Economic Security for Child Protective Services (CPS) as an Adoptions Specialist II.
- Psychology major **Melissa Nadel** was accepted to the master’s program in criminal justice at Florida State University with a research assistantship and fellowship.
- Graduate student **Candice Perks** successfully defended her thesis, *Effects of Role Conflict and Facilitation on Individual Strain*, last April. She was accepted into the University of Houston’s industrial-organizational psychology program with full funding and has been additionally awarded the University of Houston’s Presidential Award for her academic achievements.
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- **Stephanie Rojas**, a recent NAU psychology master's graduate, accepted a four-year full ride to the doctoral program in clinical psychology at the University of Kentucky.
- **Gabe Rice** has been accepted to the pharmacy program at Creighton University.
- **Kayla Balus** was accepted into the mental health counseling program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Psi Chi Convention Coming Soon

If you have been participating in undergraduate research this year and would like the opportunity to present at the Psi Chi Research Conference, pick up a flyer from the bulletin board outside the psychology main office. There you will find the registration application and the submission application.

Where:  Northern Arizona University  
When:    April 26-27, 2013  
Register by:  April 12, 2013  
Fee:    $10.00  
Submission Date:  April 5, 2013  

The event is being hosted by the Northern Arizona Psi Chi Club and the Psychology Department.