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PhD Congratulations

We congratulate Dr Germaine Gerken, who recently successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled “The relationship between depression, parenting and child functioning: What about fathers?”. Germaine was supervised by Professor Janet Carter, Dr Jacki Henderson and Professor Martin Dorahy. The external examiners were Dr Kelly Jones (Auckland University of Technology) and Dr Karli Treyvaud (La Trobe University). Dr Treyvaud commented that this was “an outstanding thesis” and Dr Jones who was the oral examiner, praised Germaine’s preparation and performance in the examination.

Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pink Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser recently. Was a great way to start the day and we raised $355.00, which exceeded the goal. Our thanks go to Anna Leuzzi for arranging this.
News Snippets

Professor Neville Blampied presented a colloquium to the Sydney campus of the Australian College of Applied Psychology in April, with the title “Being/becoming a local clinical scientist: Why do it? How to do it?”

The Autism and Sleep Research group that Neville contributes to, under the leadership of Dr Laurie McLay (Health Sciences) has been invited to submit a proposal to the second round of the Marsden Grant. The project proposes to extend their research into functional behavioural assessment-informed interventions for pediatric sleep disturbances to investigate treatments for children with rare genetic neurodevelopmental disorders, such as Angelman Syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and Fragile X syndrome.

Congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Eileen Britt who was awarded a Te Pourua Reo: Diploma in Te Reo Maori at the April graduation.

Professor Brian Haig recently attended the Sixth Biennial Purdue Symposium on Psychological Sciences, which was held at Purdue University in West Lafayette. The symposium focused on the recently emergent development of Big Data Analytics. Brian was invited to give his presentation titled “Big Data Science: A Philosophy of Science Perspective”.

Professor Katharina Naswall and Dr Jennifer Wong have been successful in the first round of MBIE Smart Ideas and have been invited to submit a full proposal. Lots of hard work to follow with the results to be known in September—all the best.


Dr Kumar Yogeeswaran and Professor John Dalrymple-Alford were both successful in the first Marsden round and invited to submit a full proposal to the second round. All the best.
Adjunct Appointment

Professor Roger Mulder has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor for a three year term through until 31 March 2021.

Professor Mulder is a Professor at the Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Otago, Christchurch.

His research expertise is in psychiatry, mental health, personality disorders and psychopharmacology, and his contribution is essential for several studies that involve clinical trials. His experience and expertise will continue to be used as a co-supervisor to a number of students in his area.

We look forward to having Roger as part of our Adjunct staff through until 2021.

Recent Publications


Welcome to our new PhD and Thesis Students

We welcome **Rebecca Bodeker** to PhD studies. Rebecca completed her undergraduate BSc Psychology degree at Victoria University of Wellington and then made the move south to begin her Postgraduate study. She undertook her BSc(Hons) here at UC. Her PhD is an upgrade of her MSc research area which is looking at methamphetamine use and behavioural measures of impulsivity, under the supervision of Prof. Randolph Grace.

Welcome also to **Brogan Barr** who is doing an MA in Psychology with Dr Gini McIntosh.

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SASP Conference

**Dr Kumar Yogeeswaran** and a group of his research students recently attended the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP) conference that was held in Wellington.

Kumar presented a paper entitled “Hateful bedfellows? Examining the twitter linkages of key US politicians and hate groups during the 2016 Presidential Election”.

**Nadia Andrews**, presented a paper titled “Can that donkey at the poker table increase prejudice? Investigating the effects of positive vs negative vicarious contact on prejudice in online poker”.

**Liz Chivers** presented a paper titled “Once fat, always fat? Investigating the pervasiveness of residual obesity stigma”.

**Breanne Ealam** presented a paper titled “Investigating the potential for interculturalsism to reduce intergroup conflict in culturally diverse nations”.

**Mengjie Wang** presented a paper titled “Big data in social psychology: Methodology and application”.

The citations of the presentations are included under our Publications section of the newsletter. We have some photos taken at the conference below.
Leave and Conferences

**Associate Professor Chris Burt** is leaving later this week to attend the European Safety and Reliability Conference being held in Trondheim, Norway. He will be presenting a paper titled “Validation of a gamified measure of safety behaviour: The SBT”. Also during this trip he will be meeting up with research collaborators in Ireland and then finishing off on his way home by doing some seminar teaching at the Capital University of Economics and Business in Beijing.

**Dr Zhe Chen** is currently away attending the Association for Psychological Science Convention being held in San Francisco. She will be presenting a paper titled “Spatial congruency bias appears only when two stimuli can be perceived as two instances of the same object”.

**Professor John Dalrymple-Alford** will be attending the Cognitive Thalamus 2 conference being held in Strasbourg, France in June. He will be presenting a session titled “Optogenetic prospects: Thalamo-cortical systems and memory”. During his time away he will also travel to Bordeaux to meet with research collaborators looking at grant funding applications as well as colleagues in Oxford.

**Henrieta Hamilton Skurak** (PhD Student) will be attending the Institute of Work Psychology International Conference being held in Sheffield in mid-June. She will be presenting a paper titled “What is the role of self-determination in corporate volunteer motivation?”

**Professor Simon Kemp** leaves mid-June to attend two conferences. The International Congress of Applied Psychology is being held in Montreal where he will be presenting a paper titled “Lay attitudes to restrictions on importing foreign goods, workers and investment capital”. He will also be attending the Economic Psychology Conference in London to present a paper titled “Lay estimates of ten-year rates of return on investment in New Zealand shares, real estate, and term deposits”.

**Professor Katharina Naswall** leaves at the end of the week to attend the Institute of Work Psychology International Conference being held in Sheffield to present a paper titled “Well-being works: Building a business case for employee health and well-being”.

**Adekunle (Tosin) Olateju** (PhD Student) attended the 33rd Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Inc (SIOP) in April to present a paper titled “The impact of high-performance work practices on project success”.

**Fleur Pawsey** (PhD student) will be attending the Institute of Work Psychology International Conference in Sheffield in mid-June to present a paper titled “Rumination and recovery: A daily diary study of mindfulness, rumination, and recovery from work stress amongst sport coaches”.

**Professor Julia Rucklidge** recently attended the Annual Nutrition and Health Conference that was held in Boston. Julia chaired a concurrent (breakout) session titled “Can broad spectrum micronutrients treat childhood psychiatric disorders?” She also presented a Plenary presentation titled “Broad spectrum micronutrients as a treatment for psychiatric disorders”.

**Geoff Sutton** (PhD Student) will be attending the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Montreal in late June to present a poster titled “Being sinister during selection: The dark triad in an organisational context”.

**Dr Jennifer Wong** (Postdoctoral Fellow) is attending the Institute of Work Psychology International Conference in Sheffield in mid-June to present a paper titled “Character strengths-opportunities alignment as a determinant of affective well-being”.


Thesis Congratulations

Congratulations to Chelsea Robinson who was recently awarded her MSc with distinction for her thesis entitled “Are you in the right headspace? Using a mindfulness-based mobile application as a wellbeing intervention in the workplace”.

Congratulations to Abbie Schultz who was recently awarded her MA with Distinction for her thesis entitled “Does dissociation produce shame? An exploration of adults with sexual abuse histories”.

Te Reo

Whakataukī (proverbs) play a large role within Maori culture. They are very important with Maori society, with a meaning often based on Tikanga or history; and can help understand and explore te reo.

During the Te Reo in the workplace course, it was suggested that a whakataukī can be included with your mihi.

Whakataukī for this month:

“Waiho I te toipoto, kaua I te toiroa”
Let us keep close together, not wide apart.

Other useful Te Reo to practice is our Department name:
Department of Psychology: Te Tari Mātai Hinengaro
University of Canterbury: Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha.

Remember that the ‘ng’ in ‘nga’ is a nasal sound and said without the hard ‘g’ - as in singer not finger.

Reception Area Freshen Up

Our Psychology Reception area on Level 2, Lab Block, recently had a freshen up with new paint and opening up the space to make the area look and feel more inviting to all of our students and visitors. I think this has been achieved with a much softer colour palette (a change from the dark orange) and more wide open spaces. Not to mention a plant! We are hoping to also continue to improve this with new furniture in the waiting area in the near future.

We are also very privileged to have piece of art created by Femke McLean as part of our new area.

Thanks also to our FM painting and plastering team for all their hard work.
UC PSYC—Message from the Exec

2018 marks the 7th executive to take on the UC PSYC mantle and we’re going to give it one hell of a go! This year’s exec currently consists of 12 members and we’re from all over the show. We’ve got a few from Child and Family, APSY, Masters, Honours and a handful of experienced undergrads in the mix too.

In a nutshell we’re here for the betterment of all psychology students, whether that be providing a tutor for all those stats, shining a light on potential career pathways or introducing you to a whole hoard of new social circles. Our major directives are to provide a strong sense of community along with solid academic support to attract, develop, and motivate students to ultimately achieve their highest potential in the field of Psychology while at UC.

This year we’re also very excited as we become more involved with the Psychology Department, which is a bit of a first. We’ve already had a meeting and everything! We look forward to collaborating with them to provide a bunch of events for postgrads plus mixers with our Department’s awesome staff!

See you all soon

UC PSYC

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/UCPSYC1/
INSTAGRAM: @_ucpsyc
TWITTER: @UC_PSYC

2018 Teaching Assistant Positions—Semester 2

We will be calling for expressions of interest for the Second Semester Teaching Assistant Positions in the very near future. Once these are available to apply for, an email will be sent to all Postgraduate students.

Courses requiring Teaching Assistants in Semester Two include:

- PSYC106 Introductory Psychology—Social, Personality and Developmental
- PSYC208 Cognition
- PSYC211 Personality
- PSYC213 Introduction to Social Psychology
- PSYC341 Environmental Psychology
- PSYC344 Research Methods
- PSYC348 Contemporary Issues in Family Psychology

College of Science Social Media

Keep up with the news and information from the College of Science by following them on Twitter and Facebook.
Health, Safety & Wellbeing

All staff, students, postdoctoral fellows, and long term visitors are required to do the complete the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Annual Induction and Refresher. An email was circulated on 13 February about this so please ensure that the quiz is completed and the back page of it printed off, signed and returned to Silvana de Freitas Costa (via her pigeonhole or email).

Health and Safety information is below:

- Visitors and Contractors must be inducted to the Department at all times. The paperwork is located at the Main Office.

- If you are involved in a Health or Safety incident at work all reports are filed and sent to H&S Central, but they are also the basis of discussion for the Department and sometime higher Health and Safety Committees. These reports are not confidential but they are no-fault documents, and the idea is to use them to make work-life healthier and safer. Event reports must be signed off by the H&S Chair—Katharina Naswall and/or must be reported to the Department Safety Officer. Link to RMSS Event Report.
  - Check out the Health and Safety Reform Bill.
  - NZ Emergency Service 1-111
  - UC Security = Emergency on Campus 6111 or 0800 823 637
  - UC Non-emergency = 6888
  - The Health & Safety Toolkit on the intranet is Health and Safety Intranet site and H&S Toolkit.
  - The Department H&S Action Plan is available for staff on Y drive and also available on the Department Health and Safety website.

Please also note the evacuation assembly area for the Psychology Building below. Re-entry to the building is NOT when the alarms stop sounding, but when the all clear is given by the Building Warden.

See information on advice help and support on campus below.

Advice, help and support on campus

- Medical care, counselling, travel advice, or physiotherapy. UC Health Centre healthcentre.canterbury.ac.nz
- Upskill your academic writing and study skills. Academic Skills Centre academicskills.canterbury.ac.nz
- Are you Māori and need advice, cultural or academic support? Māori Student Development Team maori.development.canterbury.ac.nz
- A disability or medical condition affecting your study? Disability Resource Service disablitycanterbury.ac.nz
- Feel more energised. Lift. Move. Play. Compete. Excel. UC RecCentre UC RecCentre UC Sport UC Sport
- Have issues? Need help? Students’ Association (UCSA) help@ucsa.org.nz
- Need to talk things over? Practical guidance, advice and support for our domestic and international students. Student Care students@angocanterbury.ac.nz
- Are you Pasifika and need advice, cultural or academic support? Pacific Development Team pasifika.canterbury.ac.nz
- Feeling unsafe or need emergency help? UC Security 0800 823 637
- Check your uclive emails regularly. You can have them forwarded to another email account—see the IT Services webpage for more info.
Fundraiser Event to Support The Rose Centre

On Saturday June 2, 3.00pm, Moon under Water in Beckenham are doing a Karma Keg to support the Rose Centre. Every cent from each pint of the “karma keg” goes to support the Rose Centre. This sounds like a fun event, so get along and support Professor Maggie-Lee Huckabee’s Rose Centre this Saturday.

https://www.facebook.com/events/2048538428735440/?ti=ia