Welcome to 2018 academic year, albeit almost at the end of the first term. Great to see new faces around the Department again and the campus buzzing.

Remember to send me your newsworthy items as they occur in readiness for the next one. The next newsletter will (hopefully) released around April 20 April, 2018. Send to Robyn Daly, robyn.daly@canterbury.ac.nz by Friday 13 April 2018.

PhD Congratulations

We congratulate Dr Zhiyan Basharati, for ably defending her PhD thesis recently. The work, entitled “MCMI-III Personality typologies of incarcerated male child molesters”. The external examiners were Assoc. Prof. Ian Lambie (University of Auckland) and Professor James Ogloff (Swinburne University of Technology).

Zhiyan’s primary supervisor was Professor Randolph Grace. Professor Katharina Naswall was the Oral Chair.

Recent Author Accolade

Professor Brian Haig, launched a new book recently “The Philosophy of Quantitative Methods: Understand Statistics”. Published by Oxford University Press.

The book is concerned with the conceptual foundations of research methods. In particular, it undertakes a philosophical examination of a number of different quantitative research methods that are prominent in, or relevant for, the conduct of research in the behavioural sciences. By doing so, the deep structure of the methods is examined in order to overcome the shallow and uncritical understanding that is typically provided by textbooks and other instructional sources. The methods submitted to critical examination are important and mostly well known. They are exploratory data analysis, statistical significance testing, Bayesian confirmation theory and statistics, meta-analysis, and exploratory factor analysis.
Staffing News

New Personality Lecturer

We are delighted that Dr Andrew (Andy) Vonasch has accepted a position to replace Dr Kyle Nash to teach Personality Psychology. Andy will start in June and be Course Coordinator of the PSYC211 Personality Course and look to develop a new 400-level course related to personality for the future.

Andy comes from the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill where he holds a Postdoctoral Research Fellow position.

His research uses experimental and correlational methods to explain superficially irrational behaviors and judgments using the perspective that people are social and moral animals.

We are looking forward to welcoming Andy to our Department and finding out more about him.

Adjunct Reappointment

Dr Audrey McKinlay has been reappointed as an Adjunct Fellow through until 30 April 2020.

Audrey is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Melbourne School of Psychology science, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Science at the University of Melbourne.

Her research continues to look at the prevention of adverse outcomes in childhood traumatic brain injury and also the developmental outcomes of traumatic brain injury.

Audrey also is a Clinical Psychologist and consulting Clinical/Neuro Psychologist to Astech SRS and holds the paediatric brain injury assessment South Island New Zealand contract for the Accident Compensation Corporation.

We look forward to our ongoing relationship with Audrey through until 2010.

Staff Snippets

Dr Ewald Neumann presented a seminar in February at the New Zealand Institute of Language Brain & Behaviour. His presentation was “Bilingual lexical modulation using positive and negative priming within and across languages”. Ewald will also be presenting at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society meeting in Boston in April.

Dr Neil Thompson and Silvana de Freitas Costa both completed the Field Activity risk training.

Prof. Katharina Naswall completed the Risk Management training.

Silvana de Freitas Costa completed the First Aid Refresher training.
Visitors

We have some visitors in the Department at the moment.

Professor Lianne Woodward, Adjunct Staff member, and former colleague is visiting us through until the end of the month. Lianne is currently the Director of Research at the Department of Pediatric Newborn Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston.

Watch out for the seminar she is presenting today, Wednesday 21 March, 4.00pm, in Room 252, titled “Parenting a high risk infant: From the lab to the bedside”.

Dr Samudragupta (Sam) Bora is also visiting us this month to further his collaboration with Dr Jacki Henderson and the Canterbury Child Development Research Group. Sam is a PhD Alumni of our department who is now at Mater Hospital, University of Queensland and holds a Mater Foundation Senior Research Fellowship where he leads the Neurodevelopmental Follow-Up and Outcomes Research Group. His lab has 13 researchers and he has indicated that if any of our students are interested in pursuing an internship (short or long) then he would be happy to chat with you about this possibility. He is also offering a new course at Harvard University called “Children of the 21st Century: Emerging perspectives for developmental science.

Mater Research is a recognized leader in medical research working alongside Mater Health’s hospitals and health services, The University of Queensland, and the world-class Translational Research Institute.

Recent Publications


Welcome to our new PhD Students

Welcome to the following new PhD students. Good luck with your studies and we look forward to your involvement in our Department.

Jennifer Brown, Jenny graduated with a BA in Psychology from UC and is taking her Masters research into a PhD. Her research is examining the risk and protective factors for developing PTSD after an earthquake. She is working with Assoc. Prof. Eileen Britt and Professor Martin Dorahy.

Georgina Carvell is commencing her PhD under the supervisor of Professor Randolph Grace. Georgina graduated with a BSc from the University of Auckland and an MSc from UC. Her area of research is in the area of comparative cognition.

Taylor-Jane Cox has joined us from the University of Otago where she graduated with a BSc and also BSc(Hons). Taylor-Jane was also accepted into the PGDipClinPsyc programme in 2018. Her research will be investigating well-being and resilience in late adolescents under the guidance for Dr Seth Harty.

Kalie Evans arrived in Christchurch from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in early February to take up a PhD Scholarship to work with Dr Seth Harty. She graduated with a Masters of Science in Counselling Psychology from Chatham University, a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology from the University of Pittsburgh and a BSc in Biology from Eastern Washington University. Kalie’s research area will be in the emotions and effects on risky decision making and other cognitive functions.

Tim Kelly upgraded his Masters thesis early this year to a PhD. Tim graduated from the University of Ireland with a BSc and an MSc and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education from the University of Bristol. His area of research in looking and youth and the environment and the psychological factors governing pro-environmental behaviours under the guidance of Professors Simon Kemp and Randolph Grace alongside Dr Katharina Vadura from the UC National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE).

Emma Peterson, who graduated with a BSc at UC, upgraded her Masters thesis in December 2017 to a PhD to continue her research in EEG correlates of combined cognitive and exercise enrichment in patients with Parkinson’s, working with Professor John Dalrymple-Alford and Professor Richard Jones. Emma is based at the New Zealand Brain Research Institute.

Christian Ruzibiza joined us last year in the PGDipClinPsyc programme. He graduated from the University of Otago with a BSc and MSc. His research is in the area of child sexual abuse prevention. He is working with Dr Sarah Christopherson.

Chris Stevens has been awarded a Department of Corrections Scholarship and was accepted into the PGDipClinPsyc programme in 2018. Chris graduated with a BSc, BA with First Class Honours and an MSc from the University of Canterbury. His research area is looking at emotion recognition of child sexual offenders and his supervisor is Professor Randolph Grace.

Hazel Williams arrived in Christchurch early this year to undertake her PhD. She graduated for a BA(Hons) and MSc from the University of Sussex, and has a Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Practice as well as a Postgraduate certificate in Teaching in Higher Education from Middlesex University. Her research area is in the psychological support in the workplace under the supervision of Professor Katharina Naswall.
Welcome to our new Research Students

We would also like to welcome the following new MSc/MA Thesis students to our Department research community from late last year and early this year:

- Christina Bond
- Deeptanshu Basu
- Elle Cradwick
- Elizabeth Shepherd
- Maryna Verynska
- Gareth Faulkner
- Hannah Jones
- Thomas Nolan
- Tania Phillips
- Michelle Pope
- Annalice Rayner
- Elizabeth Shepherd
- Kate Stuart
- Rebecca Then
- Maryna Verynska
- Gareth Faulkner
- Thomas Nolan

Clinical News

We are very happy to report the results of the two PGDipClinPsyc Diploma Examinations that were held in February. All the following students have passed.

- Jack Carrell
- Karen Davies
- Simon Goss
- Latarsha Green
- Kate Harris
- Ashleigh Hooper
- Candice Roulston
- Jamie Stringer
- Alyshia Averill, with Distinction

MSc APSY News

We would like to welcome the following students to the MSc in Applied Psychology (APSY) Programme for 2018:

- Rosemary Armour
- Jessica Bishop
- Timothy De Vries
- Scott Hallaway
- Samantha Locke
- Aidan McCarthy
- Elise McLeod
- Shannon Miller
- Sushmita Morajkar
- Georgia Payne
- Ruth Pettengell
- Robert Schmidt
- Manshil Sharma
- James Thomas
Thesis Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ailsa Humphries** who was recently awarded her MSc with distinction for her thesis entitled “Comparing repetition priming in words and arithmetic equations: Robust and comparable priming is resistant to feature changes and relies on empirically sound design and data analysis”.

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Leave and Conferences

**Nadia Andrews** (PhD) will be attending the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP) conference being held in Wellington in early April to present a poster.

**Professor Martin Dorahy** recently attended the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation conference in Chicago where he presented two sessions “A possible future? Past Presidents Reflect” and also “The impact of the ‘Memory wars’ on the Trauma Field and the ISSTD: The Past and the Present”.

**Professor Randolph Grace** is attending the Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society Conference being held in Oxford, UK in early April where he will be presenting a paper titled “How do we compare stimulus magnitudes? Evidence from Artificial Algebra”.

**Dr Ewald Neumann** will be attending the Cognitive Neuroscience Society annual convention this month in Boston. He will be presenting a poster titled “Cross-language positive and negative priming effects reverse when priming manipulations proceed from L2 to L1, compared with L1 to L2”.

**Mengjie Wang** (PhD) will be attending the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP) conference being held in Wellington in early April to present a poster.

**Dr Anna Wilson** will be attending the Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society conference being held in Oxford, UK in early April to present a poster titled “Nonsymbolic arithmetic with continuous magnitudes: Evidence from an artificial algebra paradigm”. She will also be part of a symposium to present a talk titled “Neural basis of comorbidity of dyscalculia and dyslexia in adults”.

**Dr Kumar Yogeeswaran** will be attending the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP) conference being held in Wellington in early April to present a paper.
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 years 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 Departments awesome staff!

See you all soon
UC PSYC

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

400-level / APSY Orientation

This year was the first year we held a combined PSYC400-level and MSc in Applied Psychology orientation. The event was on the first day of term, Monday 19 February at The Shilling Club on Campus. It was a great opportunity for students to mix with others who were also about to embark on PG study within our Department.

We had some speakers who talked about what to expect and Professor Simon Kemp welcomed our new 400-level Students to the Department along with our Head of Department, Professor Katharina Naswall.

It was great to have Brogan Barr available to talk about her 400-level experience from 2017 and how she transitioned from UG to PG study. It is always good to hear experiences from your peers.

We had a representative from the UCSA to talk about the Postgraduate representation on the UCSA and what was on offer through them as well. All in all, a very worthwhile opportunity to get together. There are some photos of the event at the back of the newsletter.

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.
**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:**

“Whāia te īti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei”

*Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain.*

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.

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**Photos to share...**

Some photos from our 400-level Orientation Event.

Brogan Barr giving some experiences to new students

Emma McConne, PG Representative on UCSA explaining the role they have to play in the life of a Postgrad student.
Photos to share (Continued)...

Some photos from our 400-level Orientation Event.

Simon Kemp and Katharina Naswall welcoming our new PG students

Our Staff Block elevator is being modernised and is due for recommissioning soon. Thanks for your patience.
Some interesting photos taken by Jon Wiltshire.