DATES TO REMEMBER:

FEB. 1ST
LAW & CHILD INTERVIEWS*
Thursday night’s dinner will be held at Wilhagans at 7 pm. Jennifer & Jason Wilson will be hosting the Friday evening party.

FEB 8TH
EXPERIMENTAL INTERVIEWS*
The location of the Friday evening party is at Patrick Ewell’s.

FEB 15TH
HEALTH & GERO. INTERVIEWS*
Thursday night’s dinner will be held at Wilhagans at 7 pm. Morgan and Bryan Eichorst will be hosting the Friday evening party.

*Note: We encourage all graduate students to participate during the application process. There are many opportunities for you to help out, including: housing, transportation, interviewing, tours, and attending the applicant parties and dinner. Please also take some time to thank the hosts of the Friday parties for extending their homes.

MARCH 1ST
BATSOWITZ LECTURE
Richard Petty, a social psychologist from The Ohio State University, will be the guest speaker for the Batsowitz Lecture. Petty’s research focuses broadly on the situational and individual difference factors responsible for changes in beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors. Much of his current work is aimed at examining the implications of the Elaboration Likelihood Model of persuasion for understanding prejudice, consumer choices, political and legal decisions, and health behaviors. Further details on lecture topic and time will be announced soon.

MARCH 15TH
DESEGREGATION CONFERENCE
The psychology department is planning to have a poster exhibition on March 15th that would allow students (both undergraduate and graduate) as well as faculty to present posters exploring Psychology’s involvement with issues pertaining to race relation, diversity, integration, etc. as it relates to Psychology. This event represents the effort of the Psychology Department to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the University of Alabama. The event is tentatively set for 6:00 PM and is titled “Integration now, integration tomorrow, and integration forever.” This title is intentionally titled in defiance to Wallace’s famous “Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever” quote during the blocking of the Foster Auditorium. Graduate students are encouraged to submit posters and/or to serve as mentors for undergraduate posters.

APRIL 19TH
DINOFF LECTURE
Donald Bersoff, the American Psychological Association (APA) President, will be presenting at the Dinoff Lecture. Dr. Bersoff is a nationally renowned expert on legal and ethical issues in mental health, developmental disabilities and education, as well as ethics and the law. Professor Bersoff has extensive professional experience in both law and psychology. Further details on lecture topic and time will be announced shortly.
DR. NATALIE DAUTOVICH
GEROPSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Describe your research in 10 words or less: Behavioral, circadian rhythms in relation to sleep and mood in older adults.

What is your favorite grad school memory: I had an amazing stats professor who made it understandable. I remember that moment of getting it, of thinking ‘Okay, I can do this.’

If you could give your grad-school-self one piece of advice, what would it be? So much of grad school is just getting through. I think it would be to take time for yourself and find out what interests you. This is the time to learn.

On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being not at all) how funny are you? Probably a 10.

If you had to give up one of the 5 food groups for the rest of 2013, which would you give up? Well, I already gave up meat, so I think I’m good.

What is your favorite spot in Tuscaloosa? The river at dusk.


What excites you most about your job? Seeing students get empowered, especially students who may be from an underrepresented group. Seeing them have a moment where they think, “I can do this.”

What was your earliest career ambition? I wanted to be a doctor until I saw my best friend fall off her bike and hurt her knee. I knew I wanted to be a psychologist in the 6th grade. I also wanted to be an anchorwoman on the news. I haven’t given up on that one...

DR. ANDREA GLENN
DEVELOPMENTAL CONCENTRATION

Describe your research in 10 words or less: How to use biological information in treating antisocial behavior

What is your favorite grad school memory: Once, at a conference, my advisor and entire lab piled in a cab with this Romanian cab driver. Seeing my advisor squirm as the cab driver alluded to his involvement in the Romanian mafia was fun.

If you could give your grad-school-self one piece of advice, what would it be? Try to stick to one line of research—don’t try to explore everything that’s interesting.

On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being not at all) how funny are you? 5

If you had to give up one of the 5 food groups for the rest of 2013, which would you give up? Meat

What is your favorite spot in Tuscaloosa? The Riverwalk for the Farmer’s Market and I like to run.

Who do you admire and why? My sister. She tried to start a sustainable clothing business based on principles she believes in.

What excites you most about your job? The idea that I could help improve how we treat antisocial youth.

What was your earliest career ambition? I wanted to be the person who developed different soda flavors. My mom had a lot of Coca-Cola memorabilia.
DR. WILL HART
SOCIAL CONCENTRATION

Describe your research in 10 words or less: How social stimuli affect attention, judgment, and behavior.

What is your favorite grad school memory: Road trips with the lab. We went to Memphis once and rented a big van—we were lost 80% of the time. It was fun

If you could give your grad-school-self one piece of advice, what would it be? Blindly listen to your advisor.

On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being not at all) how funny are you? 5.

If you had to give up one of the 5 food groups for the rest of 2013, which would you give up? That’s a tough one—maybe dairy?

What is your favorite spot in Tuscaloosa? Home—my family is there.

Who do you admire and why? My dad because he is a great family man.

What excites you most about your job? The ability to formulate theory and to satisfy curiosity whenever I want.

Which movie have you seen so often you can recite word for word? Dumb & Dumber.

What was your earliest career ambition? Probably a firefighter. I also wanted to be a professional basketball player but that didn’t work out.

GEROPSYCHOLOGY LAB UPDATE:

SNOW LAB
Latrice Vinson recently began data collection for her dissertation, which focuses on workforce diversity management within nursing homes in the Deep South. She is also working on completing a manuscript on the metabolic syndrome among rural elders using data she helped collect on the West Alabama Mental Health Center’s mobile unit. Additionally, Latrice is collaborating on a project with Dr. Juliet Davis, in the School of Business, related to certified nursing assistant’s (CNAs) intent to stay on their jobs. Lindsey Jacobs is in the process of collecting data for her dissertation, which is a qualitative study that aims to describe how certified nursing assistants in long-term care conceptualize and enact their understanding of resident autonomy and their beneficent responsibility to the residents. She and her mentor, Lynn Snow, have been writing a chapter on pain management in older persons with dementia. Lindsey is also currently collaborating with faculty in business, health promotion and wellness, and nursing on several manuscripts for publication.

HART LAB
The Hart lab studies social stimuli that influence the way people think and behave. Specifically, the lab research topics such as (but not limited to) selective exposure bias, motivation and goal systems, and interpersonal persuasion. Ultimately, our hope is that a better theoretical understanding of these topics will enable leaders in public policy, education, business, and social entrepreneurship to encourage increased societal prosperity and prosocial behavior. The graduate students in this lab are John Adams, Wyley Shreves, and Alex Burton.
**GABLE LAB**

Research in the SCEN lab investigates the interplay of motivation, emotion, and cognition. To provide a better understanding of the processes involved in these areas, our research integrates multiple measures such as personality traits, attitudes, and reaction times. Furthermore, we incorporate neurophysiological measures such as regional brain activation through electroencephalography (EEG), reflex physiology, and event related brain potentials (ERP). Utilizing these methods allows us to not only better understand the neural correlates of emotion and cognition, but more importantly identify the critical role of motivational and emotional processes when individuals do not or can not fully report them. Philip Gable is the director of the SCEN lab, and our graduate students are Bryan Poole, David Adams, and Nicole Mechin.

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**HAMILTON LAB**

The Illness Behavior Research Group studies the motivational bases of exaggerated or feigned illness behavior. Our work is expanding to understanding the general interpersonal dynamics of reactions to victimization, sympathy, empathy, and pity. We are also in the process of understanding psychological adjustment to the April 27, 2011, tornado that struck Tuscaloosa.

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**ONLINE SOCIAL INFLUENCE LAB**

The Online Social Influence Lab (OSIL) is being mentored by Dr. Hamilton. Nicole’s research focuses on the impact of technology (social media, smartphones, and computers) on social interaction. Specifically, she examines social processes such as social influence (i.e., persuasion, compliance, and social norms), self-presentation, and self-regulatory processes as they occur in online contexts. Her examination focuses on communication via social networking websites and interpersonal interactions via email, instant messages, and chat rooms. More broadly, her research incorporates a person by situation perspective and often includes an examination of a variety of individual difference variables (e.g., gender and personality). In Patrick’s side of the Online Social Influences lab, he investigates the many ways that Media and technology influence people’s lives. Current projects are investigating how cooperation influences the way we perceive violence in video games. He is also investigating priming effects of facebook and studying effects of minority candidates in voting behavior.
The Witness Research Lab is spearheaded by Dr. Stanley Brodsky. The lab focuses on research aspects of forensic assessment, expert witness testimony, trial consultation and nonverbal behavior in the courtroom. Graduate student members include Caroline Titcomb, Jennifer Wilson, Jacklyn Nagle, Jessica Boyle and Michelle Jones. Lab members have recently published in *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law, The Jury Expert, Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice,* and *Behavioral Sciences and Law.* Dr. Brodsky has published 14 books on topics related to psychology and the law.

**SELLBOM LAB**

The Personality, Psychopathology, and Measurement Lab (PPM) headed by our fearless leader, Dr. Martin Sellbom, is as busy as ever with research. Martin continues to be an exemplary mentor and researcher in the field earning honors such as the Department of Psychology Faculty Research Award and Saleem Shah Early Career Achievement Award from APA Division 41. Our most senior student, Brandee Goodwin, focuses her research on psychopathy while she rounded out 2012 with nuptial bliss. Rachel Rock completed her master’s thesis on adult psychopathy and childhood trauma. Third-year student Becca Kastner also successfully defended her thesis on the relationship between psychopathy and aggression mediated by hostile attribution bias. Jaime Anderson has continued to hone her interest on personality psychopathology while taking the lead on our greater lab project of psychopathy and related factors in community members. The PPM lab welcomed our newest member, Al Johnson, this year and has supported her as she begins her research on personality factors related to externalizing behaviors. Future projects include undergraduate externalizing behaviors and multi-purpose data collection at a near-by prison - stay tuned. The PPM group is also thankful for our dozen-odd undergraduate research assistants who have been invaluable to our productivity. Outside of research, we enjoy bocce ball, bagels, and beaches.

**SALEKIN LAB**

The Intellectual Disability and Law Lab focuses on issues pertaining to the decision in Atkins v. Virginia (2002) in which the United States Supreme Court banned the execution of individuals with intellectual disability (ID). As it is a relatively new field of research, our lab is focusing on a number of issues, including assessment of ID in death penalty cases, judicial decision-making, etc. Deb Chen, who could not be in the lab photo due to internships, is currently working on her dissertation, which examines factors thought to influence jury decision-making in Atkins cases. Krystal Hedge is also working on her dissertation, which focuses on judicial decision-making in Atkins cases. M.E. Wood is currently working on her thesis, which is designed to investigate commonly held beliefs about individuals with ID and their abilities across contexts. Rachel DeLacy is currently working on her thesis. Rachel is interested in researching ways to assess comprehension for offenders with ID as it relates to pre-trial issues. Hannah Brewer is a student in the honors program and is working on a project that examines the impact of measured intelligence and disability on jury decision-making.
STANEK LAB

The Stanek Lab is broadly interested in the interplay of health and neuropsychology. Much of the lab’s most current research investigates the neurocognitive correlates of obesity. Phoebe Block is currently conceptualizing and planning her master’s thesis, which will be an examination of the association between cognitive functioning and emotional eating. Phoebe and Dr. Stanek are preparing to launch the Healthy Brain’s study (an investigation of various health and neurocognitive variables) in association with WellBama. Zach Fetterman is working on completing and defending his thesis on various profiles of body image disturbance and their external correlates. Zach also currently oversees the lab’s Health and Neuropsychological Functioning project that involves the creation of a large database of health, neurocognitive, and biopsychosocial information for future lab projects.

LICHCSTEIN LAB

The Sleep Research Project lab investigates the mechanisms and treatment of sleep disorders from a behavioral sleep medicine perspective. The lab particularly studies insomnia with an emphasis on insomnia in older adults and college students. Drs. Lichstein and Scogin currently have an NIH grant to test the feasibility of delivering video conference cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia and depression to older adults in rural Alabama. The lab, in addition, is conducting a study to test the delivery of video recorded sleep treatment in a health care facility.

THORN LAB

The Thorn Lab (Pain Management Team) researches ways to understand and improve pain management in individuals with chronic or recurrent pain. Bev recently received a research grant funded by the new Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). This is a large three-year award to study health-literacy–adapted psychosocial interventions for individuals with chronic pain and low socioeconomic standing. Dr. Josh Eyer will be staying on after his postdoc as Research Psychologist on this project. Mel Day is completing data analysis on the 6-month follow-up of her dissertation, a trial of MBCT for chronic headache pain. Anna Smitherman is hard at work collecting data for her dissertation project investigating situational versus dispositional influences on pain catastrophizing and also validating a new, expanded measure. Martha Combs has also begun collecting data on her dissertation project investigating attitudes toward yoga in older adults with chronic low back pain. Julie Cunningham is forging ahead with her dissertation as well, having recently completed data collection on the pilot phase of her project examining variables that predict rates of exercise in a university wellness program. Shweta Kapoor is breaking new ground investigating chronic pain among young adults and has just completed a round of qualitative data collection that has provided valuable information to shape her dissertation proposal. Ben Van Dyke, is excited to get started examining social support on the perception and experience of pain. Several other projects are underway, as well. Exciting times, indeed!
ROSKOS LAB

Dr. Beverly Roskos and her graduate student Sara Steele (see photo) study various aspects of visual spatial cognition. The lab is currently working on a relatively new approach to understanding sex differences in spatial ability.

* Note: Dr. David Boles and Dr. Sheila Black's Labs will be featured in the next newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil & Mary E. Wood

Phil and M.E. got married at The Conservatory at Waterstone in Acworth, Georgia on November 9th, 2012.

Jillian Pierucci

accepted an assistant-professor position in Psychology at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas starting in August 2013. Chris O’Brien and Jillian Pierucci ran a marathon throughout Disney World on January 12th, 2013.

Patrick Ewell was invited to present at a brown bag lunch in March at the University of Florida.

EXPERIMENTAL PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentations
Muscanell, N. L., & Guadagno, R. E. (January, 2013). On the Internet, she’s more credible to him but less likable to her. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Ewell, P.J., Guadagno, R.E. (January 2013). Media effect on implicit and explicit attitudes: An investigation of the linguistic intergroup bias. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.


Symposium

Manuscripts
Muscanell, N. L., Guadagno, R. E., Rice, L. M., & Murphy, S. Don’t it make my brown eyes green? An analysis of Facebook use and romantic jealousy. (Manuscript in press) CyberPsychology, Behavior, & Social Networking