



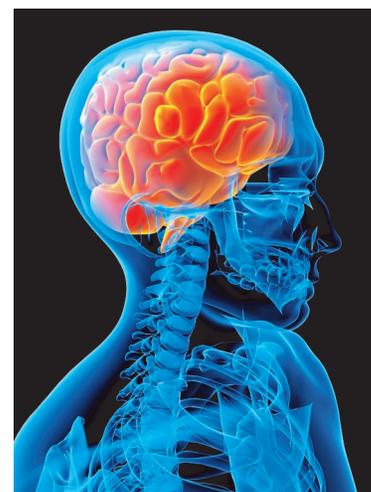
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The Synapse

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Psychology Department Student Newsletter. We hope this newsletter serves as a helpful resource in providing you with important information about Departmental events and topics of interest within Psychology.



Meet the Faculty

We welcome **Dr. Jarret Crawford** and **Dr. Julie Hughes** who have joined our department this fall in full time faculty positions. Dr. Crawford will affiliate himself with the social specialization. His research interests include political social cognition, focusing on how political beliefs shape our perception of the social world. Dr. Hughes will affiliate herself with the developmental specialization. Her research interests include children’s attitudes and reasoning about race, social inequality, and race-related social and educational policy. Contact either of them to get involved in their new research labs next semester.



Interesting Psychology Fact...

Want to predict the outcome of a spousal spat? Tally up pronouns. The person who says "we" the most during an argument puts forward the best solutions, according to a study in *Psychological Science*. "We"-users may have a sense of shared interest that sparks compromises and other ideas pleasing to both partners. "You"-sayers, on the contrary, tend to criticize, disagree, justify and otherwise team with negativity.

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/articles/pto-20060323-000006.html>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I find out about internship opportunities?

A: Updated internship opportunities are listed on the psychology website each year. (<http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu/internships/index.html>). Students can contact the organizations they are interested in working with to set up an internship.

Q: My friend wants to become a psych major too, how can she switch into the major?

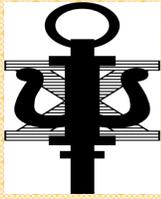
A: We have a new process where you must apply to the major. The application process is only open twice a year (September 15-Oct 1 and Feb 15– March 1). Check the Psychology homepage during those times for more information.

Q: Where can I find out more about the specialized courses being offered next semester?

A: All of the 300 and 400 level specialized courses are listed for each semester on the psych website with a full description. The link is <http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu/specializedcourses.htm>.

Club Corner

Psi Chi and Psych Club



Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology. The officers this year are:

President: Megan Geerds
Vice-President: Ashley Butler
Secretary: Laura Harney
Treasurer: Courtney Leopold

Psi Chi meets on Wednesdays at 12 in Social Sciences 105. For more information visit:
<http://www.tcnj.edu/~psichi/>

The Psychology Club meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm in Social Sciences 130. Get involved in opportunities to enhance your understanding and appreciation of Psychology through social and educational activities.

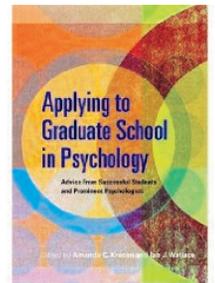
For more information visit:
<http://www.tcnj.edu/~psychclb/>

Faculty and Alumni Highlights



Dr. Nancy Breland, faculty member at TCNJ for 34 years before retiring in 2006, was well known by many for teaching PSY 101, Psychological Testing and Psychology and Art. She is also a nationally recognized quilter whose art has received numerous awards. You can see the photos of her quilts which now appear in our first floor hallway and art gallery. The quilt on the left displays many small images of the history of psychology and appeared in David Myer's textbook, *Psychology*, for many editions.

TCNJ alumnus Ian J. Wallace co-edited a new book called, "Applying to Graduate School in Psychology: Advice from Successful Students and Prominent Psychologists". This book provides prospective graduate students with the knowledge to bolster their confidence and have a competitive edge. This book delivers a student-centered perspective, fulfills the needs of applicants that "handbooks" neglect, and helps applicants improve their chances of getting into a psychology graduate program. It is published by the American Psychological Association (APA Books) and was released in May. Ian Wallace is currently a 5th year graduate student in the counseling psychology doctoral program at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. This new book is unique in many ways including that it was edited by current graduate students, has chapters written by students, for students, includes essays authored by nine of the most prominent psychologists in the U.S., including Drs. Roy Baumeister, Clara Hill, Gerald Koocher, Elizabeth Loftus, David Myers, Hector Myers, James Prochaska, Robert Sternberg, and Melba Vasquez.



Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 5** Guest Speaker from Germany on Language Development in Bilingual Children, 12-1 pm in Room 105
- Nov 12** Psi Chi "Ask the Seniors"—Sponsored by Psi Chi, 12-1pm in SSB Room 105
- Nov 12** Social Work & Counseling Programs Admissions Panel featuring UPenn, Bryn Mawr, and TCNJ, 1-2:30 in Forcina 132
- Nov 19** Psych Club Waffle and a Movie Event, 1-3pm in SSB 130
- Dec 3** Psi Chi De-Stress Event, 12-2pm in SSB Room 105

For more details on these events, please visit our website at:
<http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu/Calendar.html>

Volunteer Opportunities

The Kidsbridge Museum in Forcina is looking for volunteers to give tours of the museum and to help with the school groups that visit campus. People can learn about the program by visiting their website: <http://www.kidsbridgemuseum.org/main/>. If anyone is interested or has questions, email Dyana Reisen at reisen2@tcnj.edu.

Are you creative? Into poetry, prose, art, or photography? Submit to the Lion's Eye Literary Magazine. Email lionseye@tcnj.edu for more information.



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