San Francisco State University
The Psychology Department’s Distinguished Speakers’ Series kicked off on October 28 with a talk by Dr. Phillip Shaver, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the University of California at Davis. Dr. Shaver is a leading expert on attachment theory. The series is coordinated by Dr. Ezequiel Morsella, with assistance from Dr. Gaurav Suri. Future speakers:

Dr. Srikantan Nagarajan, UCSF Neuroscience, November 30

Dr. Michael Spivey, UC Merced February 22, 2017

Dr. James Gross, Stanford, April 12, 2017

All talks are 12:10-1:30 pm in LIB 121

Dr. Mosier Retires

Dr. Kathleen Mosier retired this Fall after 20 years at SF State. Dr. Mosier specialized in I/O psychology, and worked with NASA on a number of research studies. She’ll continue to be active in research as an Professor emerita, but will have more time for travel and adventures on her motorcycle with her husband, Jim O’Neil. Dr. Mosier is a former chair of the Department, and also Chaired the University’s Graduate Council. We will miss her, and we wish her the best. Faculty will get a chance to say good-bye at the Department’s annual end of the year party on Dec. 14, at 12:10 — 1:30 pm.

Dr. Gaurav Suri Joins the Faculty

The Psychology Department welcomed its newest faculty member, Dr. Gaurav “Rav” Suri, this Fall. Dr. Suri was a research scholar at Stanford University. His research focus is analyzing the role of cognitive factors such as attention and learning in value-based decision-making. He joins the faculty in the Social Psychology concentration and will teach courses in social psychology and statistical methods. Prior to academia, Dr. Suri was a Managing Director at a global management consulting company. He is the co-author of A Certain Ambiguity: A Mathematical Novel.
**Upcoming Events**

Monday, Dec. 5—Thursday, Dec. 12
Psi Chi Holiday Food Drive
Barrel located outside EP 301

Tuesday, Dec. 6
COSE Faculty & Staff End of Year Celebration
11:45–1:30 pm, Vista Room
BH 4th floor

Wednesday Dec. 7th & 14th
China Study Abroad Open House
6–7 pm EP 304

Thursday Dec. 8
President & Mrs. Wong’s Faculty & Staff Holiday Reception & Food Drive
3–6 pm Seven Hills

Wednesday, Dec. 14th
Psychology Department Winter Wonderland Party for Faculty and Staff
12–1:30 pm EP 304 RSVP to cablejac@sfsu.edu by Dec. 7

Wednesday, Dec. 14th
Last Day of Instruction

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Last Day of Finals

Monday, Dec. 26–Monday, Jan. 1
Winter Break Campus Closed

Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Fall Term Grades Due

**PSYCH NEWS LOGO CONTEST**

As part of the Psychology Department’s effort to involve our community, we are running a design contest for the Psych News logo. The final form will be a jpg file, but submissions can be in any format readily convertible to that format. So put on your creative hat and make a sketch, doodle, paint, crank up Photoshop, etc. Submit your idea of what our Psych News newsletter logo might look like.

All are welcome to enter! The last date of entry will be **January 31, 2017**, at 5 pm. Entries should be submitted to EP 301 or emailed to schen9@sfsu.edu. Please include your name, email address, phone number, and the best time to reach you. The winner will be announced in the Spring issue of Psych News.

**Psi Chi Holiday Food Drive**

Our chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in Psychology, is carrying out a food drive for the holidays as part of its commitment to community service. Drop off canned and other non-perishable food items in the barrel located outside of EP 301 from 12/5–12/15. For more information, check out the food drive website: [https://fooddrives.sfmfoodbank.org/team/san-francisco-state-university-psi-chi](https://fooddrives.sfmfoodbank.org/team/san-francisco-state-university-psi-chi).

Psi Chi meetings are held Mondays, 12-1 pm, in EP 507 and all Psychology students are welcome. Help plan the induction ceremony and other events for Spring!

**FACULTY NEWS**


Dr. Kevin Eschleman and four of his students (see Student News) published their research suggesting stereotype activation can help explain generational differences in the workplace. Find the article here: [http://www.eschleman.com/uploads/9/2/8/0/92800488/workar.waw032.full.pdf](http://www.eschleman.com/uploads/9/2/8/0/92800488/workar.waw032.full.pdf)

Leslye Tinson, MS (who is also an alumna and a former staff member of the Department) passed the Law & Ethics exam of the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, one of the last steps towards licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT).

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**Have News for the Spring Issue of Psych News?**

Email Singing Chen, Assistant to the Chair, at: schen9@sfsu.edu
THE SFSU PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
A Summer, Study Abroad Program in
CHINA
Summer 2017

Looking for a study abroad experience in the summer while earning psychology units (6 Units)?

Would you like to represent the SFSU Psychology Department’s student body and provide services to the international community?

Learn more about this exciting opportunity at the

Open House, co-hosted by Psi Chi, to be held on:
Wednesday, December 7th & 14th
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
In EP 304

This Open House will provide you information about how you might travel to Chengdu, China with your classmates, and Psychology Department faculty, while most of your travel expenses are paid (e.g., lodging, meals, a significant portion of airfare, ground transportation, etc.). Students will earn 6 Psychology units by taking PSY 300 Current Issues in Psychology in June and then taking PSY558/559 Field Service Seminar and Psychological Field Service in China during July all while working with pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade students. Details are provided on the application regarding the selection process. Interested students are also encouraged to attend one of the two open houses to learn more about the program and have specific questions answered about the course work, field experience, travel and more.

For more information about our China Summer Program and for application form, please visit: http://psychology.sfsu.edu/Study_Abroad
From the Chair

Have you ever heard the saying, “We plan, and God laughs?” That describes my path to the Chair’s office. I was beginning to plan for my life after teaching at SF State when I was asked to consider becoming Department Chair. I had little time to think about what that might mean before I was elected and suddenly attending meetings with Dr. Jeff Cookston, the outgoing Chair, who graciously helped in the transition. Since many of my close colleagues in the Department have sat in this office before me, I had good role models (Ken Monterio, Caran Colvin, John Kim, Sacha Bunge, and Julia Lewis to name a few). I even have mementos from former chairs who are no longer with us: a photo from Susan Hartman Taylor (our Hartman scholarship is in her honor), and a card from Lilly Berry, who passed away this fall (next year, we’ll be offering scholarships in her honor as well). So I’ve had a lot of support in becoming Chair and in psychology we know how important social support can be in handling stressful roles. However, unlike some of the other leadership positions I’ve had, being Chair is more engaging and less stressful than I anticipated. That’s because it calls for a different kind of leadership: being a leader among peers rather than a manager. My main tasks are listening to others and trying to help them achieve their goals and the department’s objectives. It reminds me of my first leadership role in Psi Chi ‘back in the day.’ To be honest, being Chair is not as much fun as being a student leader in Psi Chi but it is fun when something good happens like when the Curriculum Committee’s Student Success grant proposal is successful or when our first Study Abroad program, put together by Dr. Jae Paik and Dr. Rita Rodriguez, is launched. Or when we re-launch the Department newsletter so we can share information about what is happening in the Department with others. Hope you enjoy reading the latest Psych News!

M. Dawn Terrell

Alumni News

Rose Broome, MA, a graduate of our Mind, Brain, and Behavior program was recently featured as part of the NationalSwell.com/AllStars campaign recognizing social entrepreneurs who are creating innovative solutions using technology. Broome co-founded and is CEO of HandUp, a crowdfunding site that helps individuals who are homeless raise funds for housing assistance and other needs. Read about her work [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nationswell/giving-homeless-people-a_b_12762434.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nationswell/giving-homeless-people-a_b_12762434.html)

Dr. Alec Munc, a 2013 graduate of the IO graduate program, recently received his PhD in IO Psychology from Clemson University and joined Johnson & Johnson as a Senior Organizational Analyst. He published an article on the importance of supervisor support in Stress and Health. Find the article here: [http://www.eschleman.com/uploads/9/2/8/0/92800488/munc_20et_20al_202016-2.pdf](http://www.eschleman.com/uploads/9/2/8/0/92800488/munc_20et_20al_202016-2.pdf)

Dr. David Wellisch, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UCLA, a graduate of the Clinical Psychology program, recently made a generous donation to the Department to support the Clinical program, its Test Library, and graduate student research.

Want to Help the Psychology Department?

Please consider a donation to help fund scholarships, student travel, and other needs of the Department.

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Student News

Michael King, David Mast, Rebecca Ornelas, and Darryl Hunter, graduate students in I/O, recently published a paper with Dr. Kevin Eschleman in the journal, Work, Aging, and Retirement. Check out the link in Faculty News to read the article.

Pre-Psychology student, Erika Castellanos, put together the interesting display on the PSY 200 extra credit board outside EP 113. She’s working on a new one. Stop by and check it out!