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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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APS UPDATE

This past May, the APS conference was held in San Francisco. Dr. Dehart traveled to the conference along with members of the Relational Aggression, Conflict, Prosocial, Social Engagement, Assertive Affiliative, Sarcasm, and Latino coding groups, who each presented their posters at the conference. The SPRG group also attended a baseball game together (pictured left).



Say Hello to the New Head RAs

Pictured to the left are the current Head RAs for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. Bridget Sovocool (left) is a senior in the Assertive & Affiliative Language coding group. Daria Seifert (center) is a senior in the Aggression coding group. Brianna Heuser (right) is a senior in the Conflict coding group. We are excited and lucky to have them as our Head RAs this year!

Distinguished Teaching Professor

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has recently named our very own Dr. DeHart a Distinguished Teaching Professor of Psychology. This honor recognizes the highest achievement in instruction by the university system on state-operated campuses. Dr. DeHart was described by the board as “an outstanding professor who has introduced scores of students to the field of developmental psychology.” In order to receive such an award, the faculty member must demonstrate consistent superior mastery of teaching, outstanding student service, adherence to rigorous academic standards, as well as commitment to students’ ongoing intellectual and professional growth. Having began her teaching career at Geneseo in 1988, Dr. DeHart has published widely in the field of developmental psychology, and has prepared her students for professional success by working with them on over 100 paper and poster presentations. She has received other noteworthy awards in the past such as the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2010, the Geneseo Alumni Association Supported Professorship from 2007-2010, and the Carol and Michael Harter Mentoring Award in 1999. We are all very proud to be a part of Dr. Dehart’s research team. Congratulations, Dr. DeHart. You deserve this honor!





The Bailey Building

We are happy to announce that SPRG has fully moved into the new and beautiful Bailey building. Our current location is Room 34 A-D in the basement.

On Saturday, October 18th, Geneseo will have a Baily Hall Open House Reception that will include Psychology Conference posters on display in the lobby, student guided tours of the building, including the labs, as well as panels hosted by a variety of departments on topics such as Student

Research Presentations and Alumni Career Panels. The various panels will take place from 2-3pm.

If you would be willing to be on an alumni panel talking about your experience since graduating, please let Dr. DeHart know.

We hope to see you alumni weekend and can't wait for you to see the beautiful new Bailey building!

For more information, please visit http://www.geneseo.edu/webfm_send/10345.

APS IN NEW YORK CITY



This year, we are excited to announce that the 2015 APS conference will be held in New York City from May 21st to May 24th. Several SPRG groups are planning to attend the conference and are working very hard to prepare their posters! We are planning a SPRG reunion for everyone who lives in the NY area.

SPRG NEWBIES

This semester, a number of newbies have joined the SPRG lab. Almost every coding group in SPRG has welcomed newbies and the Social Engagement group was brought back this year.

Below, we are proud to introduce to you some of our SPRG newbies!



Geneviva Dodoo is a junior psychology major. She is now a part of the Caribbean coding group.

Courtney Owens is a sophomore psychology major and sociology minor from Rochester, NY. She is now part of the Relational Aggression coding group.

Marylen Santos is a junior from Jamaica Estates, NY. She is part of the Prosocial coding group.

Sarah Prieto is a senior from Queens, NY. She is now part of the Relational Aggression coding group.

Meghan Berman is a junior psychology major and anthropology minor from Clifton Park, NY. She is part of the Prosocial coding group.

Olivia Wolfram is a junior psychology and communications double major from Syracuse, NY. She is part of the Sarcasm coding group.

Joseph Venticinque is a junior from Gates, NY. He is now part of the Sarcasm coding group.



Victor Borges is a junior psychology major and math minor from Walden, NY. He is now part of the Assertive/Affiliative coding group.

Genesis Dias is a junior from Queens, NY. She is now part of the Latino coding group.

Nadir Mahmood is a junior biology major from Staten Island, NY. He is now a part of the Social Engagement coding group.



SENIOR UPDATES

It is no surprise that last spring's graduates have been very busy planning and preparing for the next phase of their lives. I was able to catch up with a few of the recent grads to find out what they what their current pursuits entail.

Brittany Love (former Head RA) is in the process of applying and interviewing for research assistant positions around the country. She currently lives in the Bay Area as a volunteer coordinator for Oakland Unified School District. In the next few years, she wants to pursue a PhD in Educational Psychology.

Daniela Trocchia (former Head RA) is currently in the process of applying to PA school. She will be working in a hospital for the upcoming year.

Kathryn Leinung is attending Pace University for a Psy.D in School-Clinical Child Psychology. She hopes to work in a primary or elementary school as a school psychologist.

Brian Penly is attending RIT to pursue a Master's Degree in Human-Computer Interaction.

Carmela Taylor is attending the University at Buffalo to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Nicholas Palumbo is attending Syracuse University to pursue a Master's Degree in Special Education.

Molly Vierhile accepted a position as a Research Coordinator at the University of Rochester examining the health outcomes of poor sleep.

Lena Freed is attending the University of Vermont to pursue a double Master's Degree in School Counseling and Mental Health Counseling.

Dan Volk is currently working as a teacher's assistant within a classroom for a private agency on Long Island, DDI, which runs a school program for autistic adolescents. He is looking into doctorate programs in school psychology and plans to begin pursuing his doctorate in the fall of 2015.

Joanna Santos is a Graduate Counselor with the Transitional Opportunity Program at Geneseo.

Lauren Aulet is currently applying for Ph.D programs in cognitive psychology / cognitive development and plans to continue work with Dr. Mounts in the Psychology Department.

Cheyenne Midi is applying for grad schools in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Childhood Education.

Diana Edouard plans to attend nursing school at Farmingdale. She aspires to become a midwife or psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Gabby Formica is currently teaching in the Marshall Islands as part of the World Teach Program.

SPRG would like to wish our graduates the best of luck in these endeavors and much continued success!

If you would like to send in news or updates, please email us! We would love to hear what you are up to!

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