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Psi Chi Newsletter

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Holy Accomplishments!

Dr. Kristin August has had many accomplishments this year. She has had two publications in journals such as the *Journal of Family Psychology* and *Health Psychology* for her work in health psychology on type 2 diabetes and spousal involvement. Dr. August, with co-authors (and Rutgers graduate students) **John Abbamonte, Caitlin Kelly, and Melanee Nugent**, will present at the Gerontological Society of America 66th Annual Scientific Meeting in November with their work titled "Relationship Status Differences in Self-Rated Health, BMI, and Health Behaviors in Mid- to Late Life." In September, Dr. August gave a talk at the Mount Laurel Public Library entitled, "Be Proactive in Your Health! Managing Your Health and the Health Care System in Mid-to Late Life." She gave this talk again in October at the Moorestown Public Library, as well as a similar talk at the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Dr. August has been featured on several news sites

such as *nj.com*, *courierpostonline.com*, and *news.rutgers.edu* for her current study "Diabetes Experiences Study."

Congratulations to **Dr. Courtenay Cavanaugh** on her multiple publications this year. Dr. Cavanaugh's extensive research on violence against women and women's health has earned her publication in such journals as *Journal of Urban Health*, *Social Work Research*, *Journal of Adolescence*, and *Journal of Traumatic Stress*. This past August, Dr. Cavanaugh received an external grant from the Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology for Drug Abuse and Sexual Risk Behavior for her project entitled *HIV Prevention Implementation Science for Women in Domestic Violence Shelters*.

Great job to one of our newest faculty members **Dr. Wayne Chan** on his publications in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* and *Journal of Research in Personality* featuring his work on

stereotypes. Dr. Chan has also presented both papers and posters in Washington, D.C., San Diego, California, and Trieste, Italy on research balancing, personality, and stereotypes, respectively.

Dr. J.J. Cutuli presented "Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Lessons from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey" highlighting results from his school-based survey on homelessness at Meeting the Challenge: Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program. Be on the lookout for upcoming publications from Dr. Cutuli. Welcome to our team!

Excellent work **Dr. Daniel Hart**, who has several publications in the works. Dr. Hart has worked on *Handbook on moral and character education* (2nd edition), which is to be published this year. He also has work being featured in *Handbook of Child Well-being, Theories, Methods and Policies in Global Perspective* ("Civic



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Check out Dr. Markey's Facebook page promoting her new book "Smart People Don't Diet: A Scientific Approach to Eating for Life" to be released in 2014:
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Engagement and Child and Adolescent Well-being"), *Exemplar Methods and Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Strategies for Investigation* ("The Study of Exemplars and Psychological Knowledge"), *The Complexities of Raising Prosocial Children* ("The Social Construction of Volunteering") and *Handbook of Moral Development* (2nd edition) ("Moral Identity and Community"). His piece "Review of *Resilience: The science of mastering life's greatest challenges*" has also appeared in *Psycritiques*.

Dr. Charlotte Markey has had an exciting 2013! She has been published in the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Health Psychology* with her research on health and same-sex relationships. Dr. Markey has also had several mentions in media such as *South Florida Gay News*, *philly.com*, *The New York Times*, and *Health Day*. She has also had recurring attention in the blog *Science of Relationships* and produced her own blog on her website markey.rutgers.edu. In April, Dr. Markey appeared with Rutgers alumni **Jessica Schulz**

and **Emily Wood** at biannual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development in Seattle, Washington to present their paper titled "Relationship Status, Reality Television, and Emerging Adults' Interest in Cosmetic Surgery." " This October, Dr. Markey and alumna **Lindzee Bailey** have presented a paper titled "Understanding Lesbian Women's Restrained Eating in the Context of Their Romantic Relationships" at the International Association for Relationship Research conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Markey also did a poster presentation at the 6th conference on Emerging Adulthood in Chicago, Illinois titled "Correlates of Muscularity Concerns among Emerging Adult Men and Women" this October. Last Spring, Dr. Markey spoke at Hofstra University and Rutgers University—New Brunswick about eating habits and relationships, and obesity, respectively. She is also honored as a recipient for one of the top 5 articles of 2013 for her piece titled *The Psychology of Popular Media Culture*. Your vast achievements this year are very impressive! Congrats! Be on the lookout for Dr. Markey's book *Smart People Don't Diet: A Scientific*

Approach to Eating for Life to be released in 2014!

Dr. Naomi Marmorstein presented at the Research Society on Alcoholism conference as a discussant for a symposium entitled "Do Youths Drink to Self-Medicate? When? How? Factors Influencing Self-Medication Pathways to Drinking in Adolescents and Young Adults."

Congratulations to **Dr. Angela Meluso-Scafidi** on her recent board certification as a doctoral level behavior analyst (BCBA-D)! Dr. Meluso-Scafidi does research children's eyewitness testimony and autism in children, which her board certification will directly benefit. Great job and good luck this year!

Dr. Ira Roseman along with **Erica King** (RU-C alumna), **Melanee Nugent** (RU-C graduate student), and **Patricia Gordon** (RU-C undergraduate student) presented their paper "Are Positive Emotions Empirically Distinguishable?" at the 20th Conference of the International Society for Research on Emotions in Berkeley, California. The results of their paper found distinct response profiles for emotions such as joy, relief, hope, love,

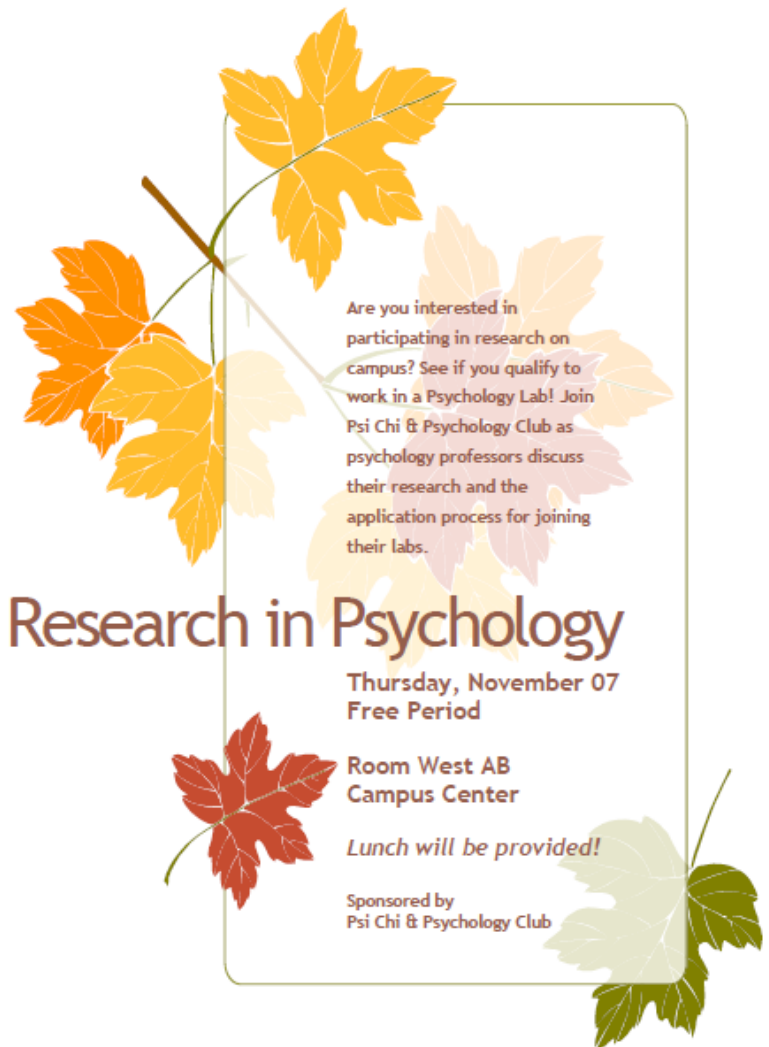
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and pride including action tendencies.

Great job **Dr. Elena Ragusa** who has presented research at the NASPA Conference this past March, the NOSCA conference ("Destination Equity 2013: Charting Bright Futures for All Students") this past April, and the ACT Conference this past July. Dr. Ragusa will also be presenting her work "Mission Possible: Transforming the Future through College Access" in two sessions at a Rutgers-hosted conference in the weeks to come.

Dr. Robrecht van der Wel has published two papers this year in *Cognition* and *Psychological Science* with his work on psychological processes through the lens of physical action. He, with alumni **John Huhn** and **Kimberly Schimpf**, will present at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Toronto, Canada with "Bimanual Object Manipulation is driven by Object Symmetry." Dr. van der Wel will also be presenting "Planning of action sequences and bimanual object manipulations" at Moss Rehab in Philadelphia, PA and "Minds in Action" for the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Exercise at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Well done to **Dr. Bill Whitlow** on his publications in journals *American Journal of Psychology* and *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology* featuring his work on learning, memory, and judgment; specifically: patterning. Dr. Whitlow with current Rutgers grad student **Douglas Zacher** presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in New York, New York titled "Working Memory Capacity and Patterning Discriminations." He also presented with recent Rutgers graduate school alumnus **Philip Loatman** presented a paper titled "Finding Features in a Configural World" at the annual meetings of the Conference on Comparative Cognition in Melbourne Beach, Florida.



Are you interested in participating in research on campus? See if you qualify to work in a Psychology Lab! Join Psi Chi & Psychology Club as psychology professors discuss their research and the application process for joining their labs.

Research in Psychology

Thursday, November 07
Free Period

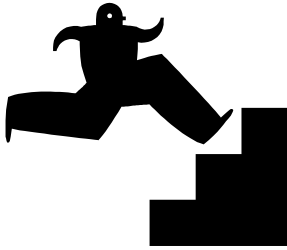
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Campus Center

Lunch will be provided!

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OCTOBER
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH



Any undergraduates studying psychology are welcome to meet with Dr. August for advising. Her office hours are Monday 4:30 to 5:30 pm and Wednesday 11 am to noon.

Movin' on Up!

Congratulations to Drs. Markey, August, Duffy, Chan, and Whitlow on their new roles in the department:

Dr. Charlotte Markey

Chair of the Psychology Department

Dr. Sean Duffy

Director of Graduate Program

Dr. Kristin August

Director of Undergraduate Program

Drs. Wayne Chan and Bill Whitlow

Faculty Advisors of Psi Chi and Psychology Club

Welcome to the Team

Welcome our new faculty members **Dr. Wayne Chan** and **Dr. J.J Cutuli**.

Dr. Wayne Chan earned his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. His research areas of interest include stigma and prejudice, intergroup person

perception, and personality across culture and age. Welcome to our Department!

Dr. J.J Cutuli earned his PhD from the University of Minnesota. His research areas of interest include resilience in development: processes of positive

adaptation and maladaptation among children and families who experience adversity, and multiple levels of analysis. Welcome to Rutgers, Camden!

Babies on Board

Best wishes to the faculty members who have welcomed new additions to their family in 2013!

Dr. Sarah Allred: Booker Brashears, born August 24

Dr. Courtenay Cavanaugh: Sol Fontanez, born April 11

Dr. Naomi Marmorstein: Jonah Ari Marmorstein, born January 31

Dr. Bill Whitlow: Cora Katherine Villers (*grandchild*), born May 20



Psi Chi & Psychology Club

Congratulations to the new officers of Psi Chi and Psych Club for the 2013-2014 academic year!

PSI CHI:

Kelli Berger (*President*)
Randi Pfaff (*Vice- President*)
Morgan Rubeo (*Secretary*)
Michelle Stetser (*Treasurer*)

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB:

Patricia Gordon (*President*)
Namrata Wunnava (*Vice- President*)
Morgan Rubeo (*Secretary*)
Michelle Stetser (*Treasurer*)
Nate Delmundo (*GAO Representative*)



Psi Chi & Psychology Club Officers promoting psychology organizations on campus to new students at the Raptor Welcome (Left to Right: Morgan Rubeo, Kelli Berger, Randi Pfaff, & Michelle Stetser).

The Out of the Darkness Walk: Team RUC Psych Club

"For those wavering between wanting to live and wanting to die, every moment counts."

On Sunday, October 20th the Psychology Club participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk at Gloucester County Institute of Technology in Sewell, New Jersey.

This walk was sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to promote suicide awareness and to raise funds for suicide prevention. The Psychology Club extended invites to the walk outside of the Rutgers community and welcomed non-Rutgers family and friends to participate.

Team RUC Psych Club raised \$450 through online contributions for AFSP's efforts.

Suicide Prevention Hotline

1-800-273-TALK

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Applying to Psi Chi at Rutgers -Camden

If you are interested in joining Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology, then apply soon! Please note that the application process will be completed differently from now on, and it is to be done online through psichi.org. In order to be approved for Psi Chi

membership, you must have a psychology GPA of 3.5 or above and an overall GPA of 3.25. You must have completed at least 9 psychology credits at the Rutgers-Camden campus as well. The deadline for the fall semester is December 11th and the deadline for the spring semester is March 1st, 2014. All new

members that applied in the fall and spring semesters will officially be inducted May 2014. If you do not meet the requirements this semester, there are more opportunities to apply in the semesters to come. If you have any questions, please contact the Psi Chi officers.

