Changing the conversation about gun violence

by Troy Rummler, Letters and Science

Janet Fitch (’99 MA, Mass Communication) has been studying gun violence prevention for nearly fifteen years as a filmmaker and activist. Her experience has led her to a single, driving conviction – that the conversation about gun violence needs to shift away from politics and toward a discussion about public health. In other words, we can approach the problem of deaths and injuries from gun violence the same way we approach deaths and injuries from drunk driving, child abuse, or infectious diseases.

“In a state like Wisconsin, home to a rich array of non-violence advocates and responsible hunting organizations that promote safe use and storage of firearms, the problem needs to be framed differently,” she stated.

Fitch’s past community involvement in this and other fields has earned her recognition as Milwaukee Activist of the Year by a Shepherd Express readers’ poll and as a Woman of Influence in Public Policy by the Milwaukee Business Journal. Now she wants to help urban and suburban Milwaukeeans talk together about guns in a non-political way. Her project is called “Guns: Changing the Conversation,” and it launches this spring with a series of public dialogues put on by the Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion.

“The current climate of political polarization induces many of us to be closed to each other. These conversations are about becoming open to each other,” Fitch explained.

Unlike other public health campaigns, which commonly advertise facts and statistics to promote a specific course of action, Fitch’s project is encouraging participants to learn from each other and arrive at their own conclusions. At the first discussion, selected members of the community will share personal stories relating to guns. Subsequent events will use trained facilitators to prompt those in attendance to discuss their own views and experiences in small groups.

The public discussions are designed for a large group. Fitch, however, wants similar discussions to take place in a variety of settings and among different demographic groups. She has, therefore, assembled a team that includes faculty from six local colleges and universities, including UWM and the Medical College of Wisconsin, as well as faith leaders and community advocates. This team is helping Fitch replicate the goals of the Zeidler discussions into a program guide and video toolkit that will offer suggestions for holding future discussions in different formats, particularly among small groups in rural areas and small towns.

Fitch doesn’t claim to have a panacea for all gun violence. The breadth of incidents she wants to address includes suicides, homicides, accidental deaths, and mass shootings, each laden with complex issues of their own. But she does believe that when concerned, unified community members have this conversation, they will discover ways to address the issues that are most important to them individually and as communities.

Fitch’s interest in gun violence prevention developed shortly after receiving her master’s degree from UWM in Mass Communication, during which time she had discovered filmmaking as an outlet for her creative ambitions. She submitted as her master’s thesis a documentary she co-produced while interning for Duncan Entertainment, “Through One City’s Eyes: Race Relations in America’s Heartland,” which later aired nationally on PBS. She had found that film was not only a way to reach a larger audience, but also a way to share the stories that she strongly felt needed to be told. “I love to feel like I’m taking people along with me in these films, but I’ve discovered also that it’s almost like introducing people to each other,” said Fitch.
When David Kaplan and collaborators complete their analysis on a recently discovered pulsar grouping, what they find could settle an important question about the nature of gravity that Albert Einstein proposed.

Kaplan, an assistant professor of Physics, is part of an international team of astronomers who have detailed their discovery of this stellar triple system, consisting of two white dwarf stars and a pulsar, all packed within a space smaller than Earth’s orbit around the Sun.

The team, led by Scott Ransom of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), outlines the discovery in a paper published online January 5, 2014, in the journal Nature. The closeness of the stars, combined with their nature, has allowed the scientists to make the best measurements yet of the complex gravitational interactions in such a system.

Kaplan’s role was to home in on a more precise location for the grouping and to identify the other two objects near the pulsar, a rapidly spinning, super-dense neutron star that is so massive it has collapsed in on itself.

The dying star emits radio waves in a form that resembles a lighthouse beam that can be seen with a radio telescope as a pulse for every rotation it makes. In this case, the pulsar rotates every three milliseconds.

“This is the first millisecond pulsar found in such a system, and we immediately recognized that it provides a tremendous opportunity to study the effects and nature of gravity,” Ransom says. Gravity has a powerful effect on neutron stars, says Kaplan, who likens the difference between a neutron star and a white dwarf to “going from the size of the Earth to the size of Milwaukee.”

White dwarfs are considerably less massive stellar remnants that shine for billions of years, cooling as they age. Measuring the temperature allowed Kaplan to estimate the age of one of the white dwarfs as only about 100 million years: quite young compared to many pulsars which may be billions of years old. In fact, it was this white dwarf that helped Kaplan locate the pulsar which is in our Milky Way galaxy, but about 4,000 light-years away.

Within the range of sky indicated by the Green Bank Telescope (GBT) in West Virginia, which was used to find the pulsar, Kaplan used ultraviolet light to identify a star with a blue tint as a young and hot white dwarf.

These data also show that the hot white dwarf is the inner member of the triple. Both it and the pulsar orbit around a second white dwarf.

“We know they are together because in tracking the orbits, the points agree with the pulsar’s radio data,” says Kaplan.

The pulses, along with Kaplan’s optical data, will provide precision tools to test a tenet of Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity called the equivalence principle – that objects being pulled by gravity move at the same rate, regardless of their respective masses.

One of the most famous experiments illustrating the equivalence principle occurred in 1971 when Apollo 15 Commander Dave Scott dropped a hammer and a falcon feather while standing on the airless surface of the Moon.

“If the pulsar and closer white dwarf are ‘falling’ toward the outer white dwarf at the same rate, then Einstein was right,” Kaplan says.

“While Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity has so far been confirmed by every experiment, it is not compatible with quantum theory. Because of that, physicists expect that it will break down under extreme conditions,” says Ransom.

The scientists began an intensive observational program using the GBT, the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico, and the Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope in the Netherlands. They also studied the system using data from the

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Sloan Digital Sky Survey, the GALEX satellite, the WIYN telescope on Kitt Peak, Arizona, and the Spitzer Space Telescope. Kaplan has studied the system further using the Gemini telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

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Passings

John Bibby. Emeritus Professor of Political Science, passed away on December 26, 2013, age 79. John was a beloved UWM colleague for 34 years, known as a “go to guy” who got things done. He was active in faculty governance and service to the campus, leading several search committees for high-profile positions including Chancellor and Dean of the School of Business. His impact on students was recognized with teaching awards throughout his career, and John’s scholarship substantially advanced our understanding of Congress and political party organization.

Upon his retirement in 1999, John was recognized for having served as National President of Pi Sigma Alpha and the Political Science Honor Society and as the Executive Director of the Committee on Platform Resolutions for the 1968 and 1972 Republican National Conventions. Shortly before retirement, he also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Political Science Association.

His colleagues used words like “professional,” “kind,” and “integrity” to describe him at his retirement.

John was an avid golfer and left instructions for memorials to go to the Evans Scholars Program, a fund for young golfer/scholars, or to the UWM Outstanding Scholars program.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lucile; sons John (Karen) and Peter (Kristen) Bibby; and grandchildren Kate, Meg, Jane, Thomas and Erin. See more at: http://bit.ly/KC4NEB

Peter Salamun died on January 15, 2014, at the age of 94. He gave 36 years of service to UWM, as a professor and chair of what was then the Botanical Department. He is credited with an instrumental role in the development of UWM’s Field Station at the Saukville Bog Area, 320 acres of natural areas used for teaching and research, and was a published authority on the flora and geology of the Great Lakes. A Wisconsin native, he served his country before attending graduate school through the U.S. Army where he was assigned as a weather observer in Alaska. In that role, he helped plan combat missions in the Pacific Theater.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lorraine, eight children, twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three sisters, his godchild, and other friends and relatives. See http://bit.ly/1f4hbGb for more information.

Alan Wetherbee Thompson, a 33-year staff member in the Chemistry Department, passed away on January 6, 2014, at the age of 72. At his retirement in 2011, it was noted how he served the needs of faculty, students and teaching assistants as an Innovator/Instrumentation Specialist, going above and beyond to save many a research group from disaster and advance research with creative solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

Alan held a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh and did post-doctorate work at Pennsylvania State University, Oregon State University and the University of Nebraska. From 2001 until his retirement, he edited Amalgamator, the magazine of the local American Chemical Society section, ensuring its continuity from its inception in 1945.

Away from work, he was a member and librarian of the Waukesha Choral Union, a member of Vernon Presbyterian Church Choir and Carroll Bibliophiles. He was a world traveler and loved the theater, classical music and singing.

Most important, though, was his family. He leaves behind Linda, his wife, three children, and four grandchildren. He is further survived by his two sisters, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends. Online messages may be left at www.waukeshafunerals.com.
After receiving her degree in 1999, Fitch undertook a project the following year to document the Million Mom March, a Mother’s Day rally for sensible gun laws held primarily on the Washington D.C. National Mall. Impressed by the people she met and their stories, she expanded that project from a single film to a series known collectively as “Guns, Grief, and Grace in America”, which was released in three parts between 2001 and 2009. Her films raise questions about the community impact of gun violence at the local, state, and national levels. They tell the stories of an 11-year-old girl who was killed by a stray bullet, families converging at the Million Mom March in memory of lost loved ones, and attempts to pass gun legislation in Wisconsin. Fitch will be sharing clips from these films as part of the public dialogues and will focus the discussions on many of the same talking points that these films raise.

“For me, it’s always been about bringing people together to create something larger than ourselves which serves the public good. And I love the energy that collaborations and diverse volunteer interests bring to these challenges,” she said.

Although her filmmaking career has predominately focused on stories about gun violence, Fitch said she is interested in pursuing projects in other areas after the public discussions begin to take shape. “I just did a fun piece on women in politics, and I have another documentary – a huge project in mind – as soon as I feel this is moving the way I want it to move.”

Updates about Guns: Changing the Conversation events will be posted on Fitch’s website, changegunviolence.com and on the Zeidler Center’s website, zeidlercenter.org.


Ayala Y. Gorodzinsky (MS ‘10, PhD ’13, Psychology), W. Hobart Davies (Psychology), Susan T. Tran (grad student, Psychology), Gustavo R. Medrano (grad student, Psychology), Jessica M. Bernacki (MS ’09, PhD ’12, Psychology), Lisa M. Burks (MS ’13, Psychology), Kimberly Anderson Khan, Keri R. Hainsworth (PhD ’94, Psychology), and Steven J. Weisman, ‘Adolescents’ perceptions of family dynamics when a sibling has chronic pain,” Children’s Health Care, Vol. 42(4), pp. 333-352, November 2013. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02739615.2013.842460


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Nonprofit program meets community need
by Troy Rummler, Letters and Science

Fifteen years ago, Milwaukee leaders had a common concern – the nonprofit sector was struggling to meet the needs of the city. Organizations were underfunded, staff and volunteers were under-trained, and with every government cutback on social services, a greater burden was being placed on these already-strapped organizations.

UWM’s Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Leadership ultimately emerged from this concern. First, though, in 2001, came the formation of the Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management (HBI) at UWM, the first academic center in Wisconsin focused on nonprofits. Faculty and staff of the Institute engaged in original research, presented findings within the community, and developed the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management, administered jointly by the College of Letters and Science and the Lubar School of Business.

In 2006, HBI expanded its offerings to include the Master’s in Nonprofit Management and Leadership. That program began attracting a broad range of students – nonprofit employees updating their skills, corporate employees transitioning to nonprofit work, recent college graduates looking to build their skill set, and established nonprofit board members.

In December 2012, the program awarded 11 master’s degrees. It was the largest graduating class in the program’s history and a cause for celebration. But according to Doug Ihrke, HBI Executive Director and Professor of Public and Nonprofit Administration, the success of the program isn’t measured by how many students it graduates. “We’re sort of a bottom line program. Do our students get jobs? And once they’re in jobs, do they do well?” Answering that question has relied on feedback from current and former students. Three alumni from the 2012 graduating class share their stories:

New to the field
Sarah Guerrero decided to enroll in the program while working as a volunteer at the Milwaukee Public Museum. There, she had met the museum’s development team who are chiefly responsible for fostering community support and fundraising. This was Guerrero’s first exposure to the field of nonprofit fund development, but she was impressed with how employees cultivated personal relationships with their supporters, and she could see herself working in a similar role. “I really like working with people every day,” which is a must-have attribute in development, she said. Guerrero enrolled in the master’s program to learn about fund development and the skills she would need to work in that area.

Guerrero’s experience was as challenging as it was rewarding, since each course was entirely new to her, but her confidence grew with each completed class. After receiving her master’s degree, Guerrero returned to the Milwaukee Public Museum to complete an internship in fund development.

The program, said Ihrke, is designed to prepare students for professional roles by enlisting adjunct instructors with significant experience in nonprofits in addition to a core of UWM faculty. For example, “Business Management 721: Fundraising and Development for Nonprofit Organizations” has been taught in the past by Patricia Borger, Vice Chancellor of Development and Alumni Relations at UWM, and is taught this semester by Jason Parry, Vice President of Development and Communications at Penfield Children’s Center. Research suggests that nonprofit academic programs are most effective when taught with a balance between academic and industry perspectives.

Career beginnings
“I would encourage anyone who thinks the path they are on is not quite right for them to explore nonprofits,” said Megan Anderson.

Anderson received her bachelor’s degree from Marquette University in speech pathology, but instead of following the traditional track to graduate school, she went to work for the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee, a resource center for other nonprofits that operates the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee. She had made connections with many Milwaukee nonprofits in college through a job arranging service learning opportunities for other students, and close ties developed between Anderson and her network of organizations. “Nonprofits have given me a sense of community,” she said, which has led her to seek a career in that field.

With volunteer work at the heart of many nonprofits, people are sometimes surprised that these organizations can offer long-term careers, said Ihrke. It’s true that wages in nonprofits tend to be lower than in comparable jobs in for-profit businesses, but it’s also true that wages and job creation within the nonprofit sector have been increasing. According to estimates from the Urban Institute, a Washington D.C.-based economic and social policy research center, employment in U.S. nonprofits rose 17 percent from 2000 to 2010 and wages rose 29 percent after adjustment for inflation.

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Anderson enrolled in the master’s program after deciding that advancing in her career path would require an advanced degree. She kept her full-time job and completed her degree through evening and online classes. She now works as the Assistant Director of the Internship Program at Alverno College and hopes to direct a program in higher education in the future.

Leadership development
By the time Ellen Mutter enrolled in the program, she had a teenager at home and a long résumé of experience working for nonprofits. But her job at Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, a nonprofit serving older adult needs, was the first to put her in a management position. Mutter at that time managed a staff that ran the organization’s community services (such as the local Meals on Wheels program). “I knew that I wanted to improve my skills,” said Mutter, but she felt like her situation didn’t fit the mold of a typical business manager’s. “At that time I had a fairly large staff, and I started to look around for a graduate program that would be a good fit for me.”

Conventional for-profit business wisdom doesn’t always work in nonprofits. “Most of the labor for nonprofits is provided by volunteers...which is not like a public organization and not like a for-profit organization,” said Ihrke. “If you think about nonprofit management, one of the most unique features is that you don’t have the same types of incentives to induce the majority of the workforce as you do in a for-profit organization.”

Coursework provided Mutter with a variety of leadership styles, skills, and theories that she could draw on and match with her own personality. The information, she said, was immediately applicable, and Mutter was soon asked to accept a challenging new role as Executive Director of one of Lincoln Lutheran’s residence facilities. She currently works there, overseeing all of the facility’s daily operations.

Delivering on a mission
HBI’s mission statement is to “improve the leadership and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations through education, research and service,” and Ihrke emphasized that the value of the Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Leadership is that it accomplishes that mission through its graduates. Although the program is still relatively young, he said, “We’ve been around long enough to where our folks are moving from entry level to mid-level to top-level leadership positions in nonprofits. Not only are we getting them in, but once they’re in, they do well.”

The organization also has a goal to be one of the top ten nonprofit academic centers in the country, and Ihrke added that success in reaching that goal is measured by the effect faculty and graduates are making in communities, locally and nationwide.

In Mutter’s words, “Having this graduate degree available is going a long way toward professionalizing the entire field.”

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Video story

Recent graduate, Brenden Dorn (’13, BA Economics) is working as a Performance Analyst at Environmental Systems Incorporated. http://youtu.be/TstHbq7B3MMY
Upcoming events

February 7 through February 28
Science Bag: Scientists Who Turned the World Upside Down. 8:00 pm Fridays. Physics Building, Room 137. Bart Adrian, Department of Mathematical Sciences, will discuss how the scientific work of each of Galileo, Newton, Einstein, Richardson and Lorenz impacts the world today. bit.ly/1g4KsG1

January 17 through March 7
Planetarium Show: Colorful Nebula. 7:00 pm Fridays. UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium. Marvel at the beauty of space through celestial clouds such as the Eagle, Horsehead and Cat's Eye, and learn how nebulae are connected to the age of stars. $2 admission. http://bit.ly/WJ7lUO

January 29

Urban Studies Seminar: An Interactive Visualization of Segregation in Milwaukee. 3:00 pm. UWM Libraries' Digital Humanities Lab. Alumnus Jerome Knapp presents an interactive application driven by real-world data that allows users to visualize how key segregation indicators impact and are impacted by other, standard economic and social indicators. http://bit.ly/1bpQ99U

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Upcoming events

February 7
Neuroscience Seminar: Endocannabinoid Signaling: A stress-responsive system. 2:00 pm. Lubar Hall, Room S230. Cecilia J. Hillard, Medical College of Wisconsin, presents. [http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm)


Biological Sciences Colloquium: From Micron to Megameter; Drivers of Population Genetic Structure in Giant Kelp. 4:00 pm. Lapham Hall, Room N101. Mattias Johansson, Biological Sciences, UWM, presents. [http://bit.ly/1azgk3x](http://bit.ly/1azgk3x)

February 9
Transportation, Trade & Treacherous Waters: Maritime Archaeology from the Irish Coast to Lake Michigan’s Shores. 3:00 pm. Sabin Hall, Room G90. Kevin Cullen, Neville Public Museum, highlights recent maritime archaeology expeditions off Achill Island, Co. Mayo, Ireland, as well as new and old discoveries pertaining to Wisconsin's maritime heritage. Co-sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America-Milwaukee Society and UWM Departments of Foreign Languages and Literature-Classics, Anthropology, and Art History. [http://www4.uwm.edu/archlab/AIA/lectures.cfm#talk4](http://www4.uwm.edu/archlab/AIA/lectures.cfm#talk4)

February 11
Fireside Forum on Foreign Policy: Beyond Obamacare: Comparing Healthcare Systems Abroad. 7:00 pm. Union Fireside Lounge. Susan Giaimo, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marquette University, and Robert Kraig, Exec. Dir., Citizen Action of Wisconsin will examine how other industrialized nations provide healthcare for their citizens. Part of the UWM Institute of World Affairs for the 2014 Fireside Forum lecture series. Look for opinion pieces by three leading experts in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's Sunday Crossroads section before each talk. [http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/iwa/events/event_details.cfm?event_id=4862](http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/iwa/events/event_details.cfm?event_id=4862)

February 12
Planetarium AstroBreak: Taurus, the Bull. 12:15 pm. UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium. Thirty minute lunch break program. [http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/astrobreak.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/astrobreak.cfm)

Planetarium Stargazing. 8:00 pm. UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium Observation Deck. Weather permitting. [http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/stargazing.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/stargazing.cfm)

February 13
Geosciences Colloquium: Reservoir response to CO2 injection at Cranfield Field. 3:30 pm. Lapham Hall, N101. Presented by Jiemin Lu from the University of Texas-Austin. [http://bit.ly/1dZaQ2h](http://bit.ly/1dZaQ2h)

United We Read: A Student Faculty Reading Series. 7:00 pm. Riverwest Filling Station, 701 E. Keefe Ave. [http://bit.ly/1ff8Amx](http://bit.ly/1ff8Amx)

February 14
Neuroscience Seminar: Strategic memory-guided exploration with and without awareness. 2:00 pm. Lubar Hall, Room S230. Joel Voss, Northwestern University, presents. [http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm)


Upcoming events

February 14
Biological Sciences Colloquium: Interaction of Phizobium sp. IRGB74 with Rice and Other Non-legumes to Extend the Possibility of Biological Nitrogen Fixation in Cereal. 4:00 pm. Lapham Hall, Room N101. Shubhajit Mitra, UWM, presents. [http://bit.ly/1azgk3x](http://bit.ly/1azgk3x)

February 18
Fireside Forum on Foreign Policy: The Use and Abuse of Data in the 21st Century. 7:00 pm. Union Fireside Lounge. Jay Stanley, Senior Policy Analyst, ACLU, with Michael Diedrick, President, Byte Studios and member of the Milwaukee Data Initiative will examine the perils and potential for the collection and use of data in our society. Part of the UWM Institute of World Affairs for the 2014 Fireside Forum lecture series. Look for opinion pieces by three leading experts in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s Sunday Crossroads section before each talk. [http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/iwa/events/event_details.cfm?event_id=4863](http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/iwa/events/event_details.cfm?event_id=4863)

February 19
Planetarium AstroBreak: Gemini, the Twins. 12:15 pm. UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium. Thirty minute lunch break program. [http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/astrobreak.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/astrobreak.cfm)

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February 21 through February 23
Center for Celtic Studies Irish Language Weekend. Milwaukee Irish Fest Center, 1532 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa. A warm welcome awaits you at Tionól Gaeilge, our Irish language program, with classes at every level from absolute beginner to almost fluent. The event also features our annual Douglas Hyde commemorative lecture and the popular Siopa Leabhar bookshop. $90 weekend tuition; free for UWM students. [http://www4.uwm.edu/celtic/speakers.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/celtic/speakers.cfm)

February 26
Planetarium AstroBreak: Perseus, the Hero. 12:15 pm. UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium. Thirty minute lunch break program. [http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/astrobreak.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/planetarium/shows/astrobreak.cfm)

February 28
Neuroscience Seminar: Behavioral Economics in the Clinic: Demand Elasticity, Substitutable Commodities, and the Treatment of Behavior Problems. 2:00 pm. Lubar Hall, Room S230. Iser DeLeon, Kennedy Krieger Institute, presents. [http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm)

Biological Sciences Colloquium: Maternal Effects Contribute to Adaptive Evolution – The Cascading Effects of Phenology. 4:00 pm. Lapham Hall, Room N101. Laura Gallaway, University of Virginia, presents. [http://bit.ly/1azgk3x](http://bit.ly/1azgk3x)

Laurels and accolades

Jane Halonen (PhD ’81, Psychology) received the American Psychological Association’s “Award for Distinguished Contributions of Applications of Psychology to Education and Training” for her distinguished lifetime contributions. Jane has been Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of West Florida.
People in print
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Amanda Brouwer (MS ’09, PhD ’12, Psychology), Katie Mosack (Psychology), Angela Wendorf (grad student), and Liliya Sokolova (BS ’11, Health Care Admin.), “Patterns of missing data in immigrant health research: A survey project with elderly Russian-speaking women living with hypertension,” Research and Theory for Nursing Practice, Vol. 27, pp. 276-295, 2013.


In the media and around the community

Graduate student Jenna Mortensen (Anthropology) was featured in Wings, a publication of the Milwaukee Public Museum. As part of her master’s thesis, Jenna is sampling residue from ancient Roman vials and bottles in the Museum’s collection to test the hypothesis that the objects were used to store body care or medicinal substances. Working with UWM Chemistry Professor Joseph Aldstadt, Jenna will use newer technology to analyze bottles that have no modern branding and labeling to identify their purpose, with the findings serving as the basis for her thesis which will be supervised by Anthropology Professor Bettina Arnold.

Ayala Y. Gorodzinsky (MS ’10, PhD ’13, Psychology), A.L. Drendel, and W. Hobart Davies (Psychology) presented “Parental pain catastrophizing influences decision making around managing children’s pain” at the International Forum on Pediatric Pain held in October in White Point, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Diane Reddy, Ray Fleming (both Psychology), and Laura Pedrick (Academic Affairs) presented “Advancing excellence in teaching and learning” in November at the WCET 2013 Annual Conference in Denver.

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Adam Greenberg (Psychology) made two presentations at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting held in November in San Diego: “Functionally Defining the Neural Correlates of Music Processing” and “Improving Quality of Sensory Representations with Prismatic Adaptation”

Karyn Frick (Psychology), with students and colleagues, had posters accepted by the Society for Neuroscience:
- J. Kim, M.I. Boulware, and K.M. Frick – Role of G-protein-coupled estrogen receptor (GPER/GPR30) in hippocampal memory and cell signaling in female mice
- M.I. Boulware, J.D. Heisler, and K.M. Frick – “Activation of mGluR1 and ERK are essential for ERAlpha and ERbeta to enhance hippocampal memory consolidation”

Christine Larson (Psychology) and graduate student Daniel Stout made two presentations at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research held in October in Florence, Italy: “Controlling cognition: Implications of cognition-emotion interactions for internalizing psychopathology” and “Neural measures of the access of threat to working memory in anxiety.”

Christine Larson (Psychology) and graduate student Lauren Taubitz presented the poster “Lifetime major depressive disorder and low reward responsiveness are associated with reduced ability to use reward to enhance visual search” at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy in November in Nashville, Tennessee.

Katie Mosack (Psychology) and students made two presentations at the American Public Health Association annual conference in Boston:
- Katie Mosack, Rachael Wandrey (grad student, Psychology), and AngelaWendorf (grad student, Psychology) – “Nobody should die from HIV: Patient and provider perspectives on death and the relevance of early end-of-life care decision-making in the context of HIV”
- Ashley Billig (grad student, Psychology), AngelaWendorf (grad student, Psychology), Amanda Brouwer (MS ’09, PhD ’12, Psychology), Cami Thomas (grad student, Africology), Rachael Wandrey (grad student, Psychology) and Katie Mosack – “Effects of partner support on relationship conflict and depression among HIV-positive dyads”

Christina L. Casnar (grad student), Kelly M. Janke (grad student), Faye van der Fluit (grad student), Natalie Brei (grad student), and Bonita P. Klein-Tasman (Psychology) presented their poster “Relations between fine motor skill and parental report of attention in young children with neurofibromatosis type 1” at the National Academy of Neuropsychology annual conference in San Diego.

Scott Adams (Economics) was interviewed for the National Public Radio show “All Things Considered” on the impact of laws against texting and driving. [http://www.npr.org/2014/01/19/263921159/nys-texting-patrol](http://www.npr.org/2014/01/19/263921159/nys-texting-patrol)

Panther Pride!

The next four men’s home basketball games are:
- Thursday, January 30 vs. Wright State, 7 pm
- Sunday, February 2 vs. Oakland, 12 pm
- Saturday, February 15 vs. Valparaiso, TBA
- Tuesday, February 25 vs. UIC, 7 pm