Welcome to the Fall Psychology Department Newsletter!

This Fall is indeed a momentous time in the history of the Psychology Department at Oklahoma State University. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the first Ph.D. awarded by the Department, and just as importantly, it marks the 35th Anniversary of the Psychology Diversified Students Program (PDSP). We will celebrate our history over the Homecoming Weekend (October 21-23) with a series of very special events. Bob Provine, PhD, an OSU alum, will present on the “Neuroscience of Laughter” on Thursday night as part of the Goldman Colloquium series. On Friday, Gloria Valencia-Weber, the founder of the PDSP, will lead an expert panel discussion on diversity in psychology. That night, a social hour for all of our alums will take place, and the following day involves tailgating before OSU romps over yet another team in red. Please see the schedule of events in this newsletter for more details. We strongly encourage all Psychology alumni to attend this very important event!

In this same vein, this newsletter also highlights part of our history with a series on Department Heads who have served in this leadership role. I think you will find this history reflects the dramatic change that has also accompanied the discipline of psychology over time. We also have chosen to highlight the accomplishments of a number of other alums of this program who have gone on to establish themselves as true leaders in the discipline, with contributions to science, policy, training, and service. These faculty include Dr. Barbara Bonner, Dr. Terry Cline, Dr. Terry Shaw, and Drs. Joe and Carol Conner. We have also chosen to pay homage to a number of our Emeriti faculty, individuals who have truly made a difference in the lives of many, many students. Indeed, we have much to be proud of as a Department.

Finally, I would like to welcome the three newest members of our Department, Dr. Robert Sternberg, our new Provost, Dr. Karin Sternberg (Adjunct Assistant Professor), and Dr. Lana Beasley (Assistant Professor). We will be highlighting each of these outstanding individuals in this and the next newsletter.

We certainly look forward to seeing all of you this month in Stillwater. It is indeed a great time to be a part of the Cowboy Nation.

Go Pokes!

Larry L. Mullins Ph.D.
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PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT HOMECOMING 2010

50 & 35 YEAR CELEBRATION

The Psychology Department is joining the University to celebrate Homecoming 2010 “Cowboy Nation.” We are also celebrating fifty years since awarding the first Ph.D. in Psychology and Thirty Five years of the psychology Diversified Students Program (PDSP). Your alma mater would like to welcome you back for Homecoming 2010: “Cowboy Nation.”

The Psychology Department is planning an exciting weekend of activities and events for you. We look forward to welcoming you back to enjoy the activities and get reacquainted with your classmates and faculty.

Use this link to register for the Psychology Reunion and related Department activities or contact Patricia Alexander at 405–744–7591

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Sol Goldman Colloquium Series

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

9:00 - noon
Opening and Main Speaker
STUDENT UNION BALL ROOM

Noon - 1:30 pm
Lunch on your own

1:15 - 2:15pm
35 Years of the Psychology Diversified Students Program
PANEL DISCUSSION (MURRAY HALL – PARLOR)

2:30 - 3:20 pm
Leadership and Administrative Roles in Psychology
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5:00 - 10:00 pm
Psychology Department Come–and–Go Reception
Join us for Hour d’ours and get reacquainted with faculty, staff and Graduate students from the Psychology Department. COME AND VISIT US BEFORE OR AFTER WALKAROUND – WE’LL BE HERE

Transportation to Walkaround
OSU Transit Services will be providing FREE shuttle between Walkaround and Stillwater hotels beginning at 6 p.m. The bus schedule (PDF format) will be available in the fall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

9:00 am
2010 Homecoming Parade
“Cowboy Nation”
If you want to walk in the parade with the Psych Club please contact Silvia Daggy at Silvia.Daggy@okstate.edu or call (405) 744–5543 for time and location.

3:00 - 5:00 pm**
Psychology Department Tailgate Party
Join us for Hotdogs and Hamburgers (FRONT PORCH OF NORTH MURRAY HALL)

6:00 pm**
Nebraska vs. OSU (game)
** TV SCHEDULE NOT SET.
IF GAME STARTS AT 2:00 PM THE TAILGATE PARTY WILL BE FROM 11:00 – 1:00 PM
The Triarchic Accomplishments of our New Provost and Psychology Department Faculty Member, Dr. Robert Sternberg

Dr. Sternberg named as the new Provost at OSU.

As the chief academic officer of our institution, Dr. Sternberg’s responsibilities will include oversight of the colleges, including the Honors College and Library, as well as scholar development, academic services to students and assessment. Dr. Sternberg is “…thrilled about this wonderful opportunity. OSU is on course to be among the top tier of state universities and land-grant systems in the country and it is an honor to join the OSU team. I look forward to working with OSU’s outstanding faculty and helping OSU’s talented students succeed at the highest level.” When asked about choosing a position at a public institution, he stated that he believes “state schools, with their emphasis on service and ‘giving back,’ represent a crucial direction for this country. We need to emphasize wisdom and giving back, not just narrow academic intelligence and how to use it to take more. Oklahoma State, I found, had the same core values I do.”

Dr. Sternberg’s has demonstrated success as a provost, vice president, faculty member, and researcher. Upon obtaining his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his Ph.D. from Stanford University, Dr. Sternberg became the IBM Professor of Psychology and Education at Yale University. He then moved on to Tufts University as it’s Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, where he improved the quality of faculty and students through programs that enabled the University to help faculty reach their potential and identify students with leadership skills.

Dr. Sternberg has been President of numerous organizations, including the American Psychological Association, and is the author of over 1200 journal articles, book chapters, and books. The focus of his research, for which he has received over $20 million in grants and contracts, is on intelligence, creativity, wisdom, learning styles, and leadership. Additionally, he was listed as one of the “Top 100 Psychologists of the 20th Century” by APA.

Family life is certainly important for Dr. Sternberg. Dr. Sternberg and his wife, Karin, have relocated to Stillwater and plan to continue their work on the campus of OSU. In the past, they have collaborated on many research studies, articles, and books.

The OSU Psychology Department would like to extend an extremely warm welcome to Dr. Sternberg!
Dr. Solomon Reed received his B.A. and M.A. at Susquehana University in 1908 and 1910, respectively and his Ph.D. from Yale University (1913). He began teaching at OSU in 1920. In 1938, he became the first and only head of the Philosophy and Psychology Department. It wasn’t until 1946, when the Philosophy Department became its own entity, that Dr. Reed became the first “Head of the Psychology Department”. In 1921, Dr. Reed was the first Oklahoma A&M member that joined the American Association of University Professors. In 1946, he sponsored and chaired the original “exploratory” meeting, on the A&M campus, of psychologists interested in founding a state psychological association. After 35 years of teaching and 17 years as the department head, Dr. Reed retired in 1955.

Dr. Roy Gladstone was a WWII war veteran. He earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Illinois in 1949 and joined the faculty at OSU the same year. He was a Fulbright Scholar, teaching in Venezuela and India during his career. Dr. Gladstone was an Educational Psychologist and was the Acting Head of the Department during two periods of time in which the department was searching for a new leader; first to take on the position that Dr. Reed had been in for many years, and then after Dr. Scofield’s time as head. He retired at the rank of Professor of Psychology in 1980 after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the University. Following his retirement, Dr. Gladstone continued to teach both undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Robert Scofield, a social psychologist, joined the department as a faculty member in 1956 and became Head of the Department in 1960. During Dr. Griffiths’ term as Head, approval for a Doctor of Philosophy program was acquired and the Ph.D. program began in 1958. The department considers its “official” beginning to be 1958 during his administration. He strongly believed that the Department should have an “official psychology laboratory” and put a great amount of effort into making this possible. After losing this argument with the administration, Dr. Griffiths felt obliged to leave the institution.

Dr. Gary Harriman served in the military services, US Army from 1943–46 and then obtained his Ph.D in Psychology from Cornell University, 1952 in Comparative Psychology. After graduating, he taught at Trinity University (San Antonio, TX) and Ripon College (Wisconsin). In 1966, he joined the OSU Psychology department where he served as Department Head till 1967. Dr. Harriman served for 14 years (1971–85) on the OSU Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Subjects at Risk in Research where he was the chair from 1981–85. In addition, he was a Senior Scientist at the Air Force Human Resources Laboratory Williams Air Force Base, AZ for the purpose of identifying and investigating behavioral side effects of drugs with possible protective value against chemical warfare agents. After his retirement from OSU in 1991, he took a position in the Psychology Department at Southwestern University.

Dr. Jaynes earned his BA, MA, and Ph.D. from Ohio State University, 1955 in Industrial Psychology with a specialty in Quantitative Psychology. In 1967, he joined the Psychology Department where he served as Department Head till 1977. During his time as Head, several exciting events took place. In 1971, the American Psychological Association accredited the Clinical Psychology program, which had been previously supported by several traineeships from the Veterans Administration and from the National Institute of Mental Health. Additionally, the Psychological Services Center was established in 1971 to function as a training facility, thereby providing clinical psychology services for students and Oklahoma residents. Lastly, the Department also developed the Diversified Students Program to encourage more women, Native Americans, Hispanics, African Americans, and others to embark on graduate study during this time period. He retired from OSU in 1987, and moved to Mamou, Louisiana.
Dr. Phillips obtained his BA from University of Arizona in 1960 and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois in 1964. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow (NIMH) Institute for Mathematical Studies in the Social Sciences at Stanford University. From 1965–77 he taught at Michigan State University, and he then joined the OSU Psychology Department in 1977 with the rank of Professor to serve as the Department Head. After 18 years of teaching and 8 years as Department Head Dr. Phillips retired in 1994.

Dr. Vicki Green received her B.A. in Psychology in 1961 and received a M.A. in 1964 in Physiological Psychology from the University of California–Berkeley. She then received her Ph.D. at Colorado State University in 1974. While at Oklahoma State University (1976–1993), she developed and oversaw the development of a clinical child focus for the graduate clinical program. She taught several developmental courses within this track (e.g., Developmental Psychology–Life Span, Child and Adolescent Psychology, and The Psychology of Parent Behavior). After 17 years of teaching and 9 years as the Department Head, Dr. Green retired from OSU in 1993. She became the chair of the Psychology Department at Northern Arizona University that same year, and then retired from NAU in 2006.

Dr. Thomas received his B.A. in Psychology from Albion College in 1973. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Denver in 1977 and 1981, respectively. His research interests are the impacts of infant cognition and their early nutritional experiences and the neural mechanisms underlying cognitive development throughout the lifespan. Subsequent to his time as Department Head he has acted as the Associate Head. He has received many awards, including Outstanding Faculty at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Thomas has also published thirty-five articles and has presented over ninety posters/papers. He has received several federal grants and has one pending for “Iron, Zinc, Lead, and Cadmium and Cognition from 3 to 24 months.” He has also taught several developmental psychology courses in both the graduate and undergraduate level.

Dr. Sullivan received her B.S. in Psychology from Texas A&M University in 1984. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology (Clinical) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1987 and 1990, respectively. Her research interests are in parenting and child behavior problems, and long-term reactions to natural disaster in children. She was Associate Department Head under Dr. David Thomas in 1996, and became Head in 1997. Dr. Sullivan also served as Interim Head of the Speech Communication Department, which later joined the Psychology Department. Half of the current faculty joined the department during her tenure, and the Experimental Program was renamed the Lifespan Developmental Program. Dr. Sullivan was active in the Psychology Diversified Students Program, the American Indians Into Psychology Program, and the Preparing Future Faculty in Psychology Program.

Dr. Mullins received his B.A. in Psychology from Oklahoma State University in 1977. He earned his M.A. and his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1981 and 1983, respectively. His research interests are in the area of Pediatric Psychology, more specifically, in understanding how families of children with chronic health conditions cope and adapt over time. He has authored over 100 journal articles and book chapters, two books, and he currently is completing an NIH-funded intervention for parents of children newly diagnosed with cancer. He has received a number of awards, including the American Psychological Association Division 54 Levin Mentorship Award and the Oklahoma Psychological Association Teacher of the Year Award. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He has been an OSU faculty member since 1995.
Dr. Barbara L. Bonner obtained her undergraduate education at the University of Oklahoma. She then pursued her Master of Education degree in Counseling Psychology at Central State University, and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Oklahoma State University. She is currently the Director of the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) and Associate Director of the Child Study Center (CSC) in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). Dr. Bonner is also a Professor and the CMRI/Jean Gumerson Endowed Chair in Clinical Psychology at OUHSC. Her clinical and research interests include the assessment and treatment of abused children, treatment outcome and program effectiveness, prevention of child fatalities, and treatment of children and adolescents with inappropriate or illegal sexual behavior. Dr. Bonner has published over 50 professional papers and book chapters, has more than 300 presentations and has garnered numerous NIH grants supporting research on child abuse prevention and treatment. Dr. Bonner is President of the Board of Councilors of the International Society to Prevent Child Abuse (ISPCAN) and past President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). She has presented her research throughout the U.S. and internationally, and is considered to be a leading authority on issues related to child abuse and neglect.

Before obtaining her current position, she played many roles at OUHSC and also worked for the Oklahoma State Department Office of Child Abuse Protection as a program coordinator.

Dr. Joe Conner and Dr. Carol Nice Conner graduated from the Ph.D. Clinical Psychology program at Oklahoma State University. Among their accomplishments during graduate school, they are most proud of being founding members of the Diversified Students Association, which has become a vital and permanent part of the OSU Psychology Department.

In 1990, together they established Paradox Consulting on the historic Osage Indian Reservation in Fairfax, Oklahoma. Paradox Consulting is a community research and consulting firm specializing in services to tribes and federal Indian programs. They have worked for hundreds of tribes across the nation and numerous federal agencies, including the Indian Health Service (I.H.S.), Economic Development Administration, Centers for Disease Control, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute of Drug Abuse, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Conducting the first national evaluation of the effectiveness of tribal substance abuse treatment programs and a health survey for the Osage Nation (two-thirds of the 10,000 member adults of the tribe were assessed!) are just a few of the recent accomplishments by Paradox Consulting.

Before initiating Paradox Consulting, Dr. Joe Conner established the only I.H.S. inpatient substance abuse facility in Oklahoma as the Chief of Mental Health and Social Services. Dr. Carol Conner was a consultant for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention in Rockville, MD and a Professor of Psychology Northeastern State University where she aided in the development of the Masters Degree program in counseling before beginning Paradox Consulting.
Terry L. Cline, Ph.D., earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma in psychology in 1980. He then received both a master’s degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University. In the summer of 2009 he was appointed by the Oklahoma State Board of Health to be Oklahoma’s Commissioner of Health and has been serving in that role since then.

Before his appointment to his current position, Dr. Cline completed a post as Health Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, where he advised the U.S. Ambassador, the Iraqi Minister of Health, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on health-related challenges in Iraq under both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. He also previously held an a position as the administrator for the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration during which he directed agency responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation’s substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment, and mental health service delivery systems.

Dr. Cline has extensive experience in overseeing health and human services at the state level as well. In 2004, he was appointed as Oklahoma’s Secretary of Health while serving as Oklahoma’s Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. During this time he actively participated in and supported the creation of grassroots coalitions to improve the health status of local communities and built strong collaborative relationships among the multiple constituency groups and government agencies that touch the lives of people with substance abuse and mental health problems.

Dr. Cline has also served as a the Clinical Director of the Cambridge Youth Guidance Center in Cambridge, Mass., and as a Staff Psychologist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. In addition, his professional history includes a six-year appointment as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Chairman of the governing board for a Harvard teaching hospital.

A native of Ardmore, OK, has involved himself in community service, including membership on a number of local, state and national committees and boards with a focus on improving the overall health of the community and the nation.

Dr. Terry Shaw is a licensed neuropsychologist currently practicing in the State of Oklahoma. He holds Diplomate status with the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology and has been a practicing neuropsychologist for nearly 30 years. Dr. Shaw received his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University before attending Graduate School at the University of Houston on an NIMH Fellowship. After receiving his Ph.D. in Neuropsychology in 1976, he then joined the staff in the Department of Neurology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Dr. Shaw published numerous research articles, books, and book chapters during this time but after serving several years as Deputy Director of the Baylor Stroke Center, he left Houston to return to rural Oklahoma to be around his aging parents. Dr. Shaw also worked as a staff psychologist with the State Department of Health for 25 years where he initially focused his efforts on evaluating indigent children. In time, he trained other clinicians through the Neurocognitive Diagnostic Program within the State Department of Health and also opened a small private practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he continues to see and evaluate patients with a variety of neurologic and developmental disorders. Dr. Shaw also lectures widely in the areas of traumatic brain injury, learning disability, neurologic bases of behavior, family adjustment to injury, and the ethics of assessment.
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