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## SBS Internship Sites for 2004-2005

A record number of interns (twenty-nine) completed internships at thirty different settings during this academic school year. A complete list of psychology, sociology and criminal justice interns and sites for the 2004-2005 school year follow.

- **Ashley Hyatt**, (Psychology Major, Math Major), summer 2004, Camp Omega.
- **Cora Sylvester**, (Sociology Major), summer 2004, Bill Kelly House.
- **Robin Barrett**, (Psychology Major), summer 2004, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Ameliah Jihad**, (Psychology Major), summer 2004, The Bridge for Runaway Youth.
- **Kathryn Schaefer**, (Psychology Major, Religion Major), summer & fall 2004, Chrysalis, a Center for Women.
- **Sanni Brown-Adefope**, (Psychology Major), summer 2004, Midway YMCA Childcare/Preschool room.
- **Kristi Globe**, (Psychology Major), summer 2004, ACR Homes Inc. Toledo Home.
- **Aron Stumvoll**, (Psychology Major), summer 2004, Confidence Learning Center.
- **Jason Krier**, (Psychology Major), summer 2004, Farm in the City.
- **Melissa Johnston**, (Psychology Major, Criminal Justice Major), summer 2004, Crystal Police Department.
- **Laura Hernick**, (Sociology Major), summer 2004, Make a Wish Foundation.
- **Jacob Anderson**, (Criminal Justice Major), fall 2004, Reentry Services Eden.
- **Holly Bertelsen**, (Psychology Major), fall 2004, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Mike Conatser**, (Psychology Major), fall 2004, Fairview Recovery Services.
- **Larissa Gieseke**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, Counseling Services of Southern Minnesota.
- **Christine Evans**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, Rivereast Day Treatment Center.
- **Emily Driscoll**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, Mounds View High School Career Center.
- **Josh Menk**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, The Bridge for Runaway Youth.
- **Keith Johnson**, (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2005, Reentry Services Eden.
- **David Albo**, (Sociology Major), spring 2005, JOB Associates.
- **Jessica Gertz**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, ARC Homes, Inc.
- **Jessica Gertz**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Kate Lee**, (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2005, Parranto & Davis, Attorneys at Law.
- **Angela Fisher**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, DeAudres Wilson/Wilson Law Offices.
- **Angela Felland**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Thelma Brockman**, (Sociology Major), spring 2005, Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Center
- **Andrew Johnson**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005 Superior Search.
- **Mario Foster**, (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2005, Hennepin County Drug Court.
- **Nathan Harrington**, (Psychology Major), spring 2005, Hammer Residences Inc.
- **Adam Kroth**, (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2005, Reentry Services Eden.

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### Dr. Bransford Honored

Dr. Kris Bransford will receive the second Concordia University 2004-05 Service Learning Award at this year's annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner May 12. Dr. Bransford was selected because of her outstanding achievement in designing service activities in the community as an integral part of quality learning experiences for her students.

### Psychology Club Officers Elected for 2005-2006

President - **Lindsey Nelson**

Vice President - **Jessica Woller**

Treasurer - **Heidi Schlewitz**

Secretary - **Danielle Mitchell**

### Dr. Madson presents the Distinguished Poehler Lecture

Dr. Kay Madson, Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice presented this year's Poehler lecture. The Poehler Lecture Series is an annual lecture designed to explore how faculty in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Vocation and Ministry connect their Christian faith with their academic discipline. Dr. Madson's lecture was titled: "Theories and Miracles: The Intersection of Sociology and Christian Faith."

### Graduate and Professional Schools Accept Social and Behavioral Science Graduates

As in past years, a number of current and past social and behavioral science students have been accepted into graduate and/or professional school and will begin their studies in the Fall of 2005. Congratulations! We are proud of your accomplishments!

- **Jessica Gertz**. (Psychology Major, 2005). U W River Falls, School Psychology, MA.
- **Christine Evans**. (Psychology Major, 2005). The College of St. Catherine, MSW.
- **Jennifer Van Pelt** (Psychology Major, 2004). U W Madison, Counseling Rehabilitation, MA.

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### Psychology Students Present at MUPC & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concordia University Research Symposium

Special congratulations go to Melissa Leach, Andy Stein, Josh Menk, Robin Nelson, Christine Evans, Michael Wells, Emily Driscoll, and Maria Radmacher. These eight Concordia University Psychology students presented papers at the Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference at Bemidji State University on April 23. In addition, they and Sociology students Youa Vang, Mai Neng Vang, and Criminal Justice student Kate Lee did poster presentations on their research at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concordia University Research Symposium on April 27. Paper abstracts and links to PowerPoint slides follow:

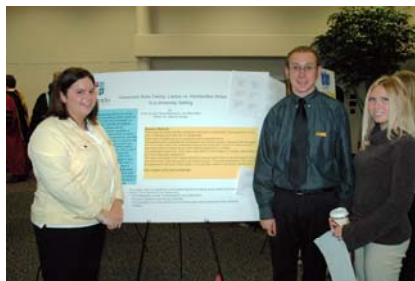


#### The Effects of Video Games: Playing Against the Computer vs. Playing Against Another Person

By Melissa Leach, Andy Stein, & Josh Menk, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Steve Morgan

It has been shown repeatedly that exposure to violent content in the media increases levels of aggression in the exposed person. What has not been

shown is whether the environment and/or company that the exposure takes place in has an effect on the emotionality of the persons. This study tested three conditions in which people play video games frequently in today's society. The research shows males are considerably more affected by playing Mortal Kombat than females.



#### Classroom Note-Taking: Laptop vs. Handwritten Notes in a University Setting

By Michael Wells, Emily Driscoll, and Maria Radmacher, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Steve Morgan

This study examined the effects of using a different style of note-taking, either typed on a laptop or written with pen-and-paper, on university students' retention of material learned in a lecture setting. Students were asked to watch an educational movie in a classroom and take notes using either their laptop or a pencil and paper. The educational movies shown differed in subject matter, with one being science-related and showing more diagrams and relationships between objects (a chemistry movie), and the other being a history movie that detailed mainly factual information. Students using their laptops were wirelessly connected to the Internet and were allowed to engage in any activity they desired while taking notes. Students were given a forty question quiz covering both observational and factual information from the movie. The students were then asked to fill out a survey detailing their note-taking style and their laptop use within a regular lecture. Our results were not significant but trended towards the laptop group performing more poorly. The study results paint a robust picture of students' laptop use in the classroom and can provide a springboard for much research on technology in educational settings.

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## The Relationship between Childhood Overindulgence and Adult Relationships

By Robin Nelson and Christine Evans,  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Bredehoft



Overindulgence and its negative effects upon children have been researched in the areas of personality development, self-concept, and health and well-being. Further, childhood overindulgence and its link to problems with dysfunctional thinking, self-concept, parenting styles, and parenting skills have also been documented. This study focuses on the link between childhood overindulgence and adult relationships: relationship locus of control, relationship satisfaction, financial difficulties, and conflict within the relationship. In addition this study explores the relationship Overindulgence Triangle: the tendency for overindulged children to be in an overindulgent relationship in adulthood.

## Religious Beliefs and Practices of Hmong American Young Adults

By Soua Lee, Kate Lee, Youa Vang, Mai Neng Vang, Ka Youa Vue, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kay Madson



The study examined the extent to which religious beliefs and practices of Hmong-Americans,

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especially young adults, are affected by their dual cultural settings. The researchers found considerable *crossover* with both Shamanists and Christians borrowing from one another's religious traditions.

### SBS Students Get Hired

**Christine Evans** (Psychology Major, 2005) was hired as a counselor at **Rivereast Day Treatment Center**. Rivereast is part of the St. Paul school system. **Andy Johnson** (Psychology Major, 2005) was hired as a job recruiter at **Superior Search** a job recruitment firm in St. Paul, owned and operated by **Rob Duncan** (Psychology Major, 1996).

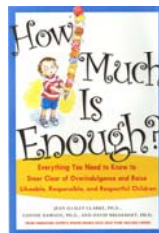
### Harrington, Conatser and Nelson Receive Bredehoft Family Scholarship

Congratulations to **Nathan Harrington** (Psychology Major, 2005), **Michal Conatser** (Psychology Major, 2005, not pictured) and **Robin Nelson** (Psychology Major, 2005), who received the **2004-2005 Bredehoft Family Endowment Scholarship**.



These scholars were selected from a field of more than 90 students to receive this scholarship. Congratulations to each of these fine scholars on their accomplishments this far in their career, and those to come!

### How Much is Enough? Translated into Icelandic



Dr. Bredehoft's book "How Much is Enough?" was recently translated into Icelandic. Iceland has a population of 300,000, roughly the size of St. Paul. Later this year a Chinese translation will be published in Taiwan. Taiwan and China have a combined population of 1.2 billion!



### 2004-2005

## Social and Behavioral Science Students of the Year

Three Social and Behavioral Science students were selected by the SBS faculty to receive student of the year awards. **Jacob Anderson** (lower left) was named Criminal Justice Student of the Year, **Ben Stevens** (standing) was named Sociology Student of the Year and **Robin Nelson** (lower right) was named Psychology Student of the Year. These students were selected because of their outstanding scholarship and achievements in their respective disciplines.



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## Dr. Bredehoft and Dr. Walcheski led an Educational Study Tour to Thailand January 2005



Dr.s Bredehoft and Walcheski led an educational tour to Thailand January 1-18, 2005. Students learned about Thailand, its culture, religion, arts, education, history, and peoples. The group

experienced a boat ride through the floating market; saw the Royal Grand Palace, the Golden Buddha, and the Reclining Buddha in Bangkok. They visited Chiang Mai's night bazaar, rode elephants, learned to cook Thai food, toured the beautiful Buddhist temple at Doi Suthep, visited Hmong villages during Hmong New Year, and found relatives at the Hmong camp in Wat Thamkrabok. The next educational tour to Thailand will be in January 2007.

### The Social and Behavioral Science Team

#### First Team

- **Dr. D. Bredehoft:** Introduction to Counseling , Seminar on Psychological Topics, Preparing to Enter Graduate School, Preparing to Enter the Psychology Workforce, Psychology and Family on Video, Marriage and Family, the History and Culture of Thailand, internships, independent research, advising, and department chair.
- **Dr. K. Bransford:** Introduction to Psychology, Child Psychology and Development, Adolescent Psychology, Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology for K-12 Educators, Introduction to Personality, Social Psychology, internships and advising.
- **Dr. K. Madson:** Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Sociology of Law, Social Welfare, Minority Groups, internships, independent study, and advising.
- **Dr. S. Morgan:** Introduction to Psychology, Child Psychology and Development, Research Methods, Cognition Learning and Memory, Sensation and Perception, Physiological Psychology, Organizational Psychology,

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independent study, internships, and advising.

- **Dr. A. Potter Mee:** Research Methods and Statistics, Seminar in Sociology, and Social Theory.

#### Supporting Team

- **Dr. S. Arnold:** Adult Education and Development.
- **Dr. C. Chatman:** Minority Groups.
- **Prof. George:** Introduction to Statistics.
- **Prof. Grau:** Introduction to Statistics.
- **Dr. S. Harr:** Intro to Criminal Justice, Police and Community, Codes and Statues, Post Board Representative.
- **Dr. E. LaMott:** Sports Psychology.
- **Dr. M. Luebke:** Abnormal Psychology.
- **Prof. L. Maly:** Educational Psychology.
- **Dr. S. Mennicke:** Introduction to Psychology.
- **Prof. S. Morrell:** Introduction to Psychology.
- **Dr. M. Reineck:** Family Communication.
- **Prof. J. Seidel:** Adolescent Psychology and Juvenile Justice.
- **Dr. Michael Walcheski:** Family Systems, the History and Culture of Thailand.

## 2004-2005 SBS Department Photo Album



The Royal Grand Palace – Bangkok



Pa and Ka riding elephants



The Marble Buddha - Bangkok



Finding relatives in Thailand



MUPC Student Presenters (Back: R. Nelson, C. Evans, & M. Leach; Front: M. Wells, M. Radmacher & E. Driscoll)



Steve Donohoe with his mother and sister after receiving the first community service award.



Dean's Scholarship Recipients (Left to right: M. Leach, Y. Vang, M. Vang)



Melissa Leach and her mother at the Honors Convocation coffee