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SBS Internship Sites for 2003-2004

The internship is a wonderful opportunity for Concordia University to collaborate with agencies in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Concordia wishes to extend gratitude to the individuals and organizations that enrich our students' educational and professional lives. A complete list of sociology, psychology and criminal justice interns and sites for the 2003-2004 school year follows.

- **Jacob Anderson** (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2004, RS Eden: Reentry Metro.
- **Ann Bjostad** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Human Services Inc.
- **Dianna Bolstad** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Cassie Buchite** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, The Bridge for Runaway Youth.
- **Julie Butler** (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2004, RS Eden: Reentry Metro.
- **Jessica Christopher** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Bobby Dennis** (Criminal Justice Major), fall 2003, St. Paul Police Department.
- **Amy Gregg** (Psychology Major), fall 2003, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Chelsea Knott** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Alternatives for People with Autism.
- **Matt Kostohris** (Criminal Justice Major), summer 2003, U.S. Attorney's Office.
- **Soua Lee** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Hmong Studies Center Administrative Assistant - Concordia University.
- **Moryao Longe** (Criminal Justice Major), fall 2003, RS Eden: Reentry Metro.
- **Charles Martin** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Higher Ground Academy.
- **Rebecca McLaughlin** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, The Bridge for Runaway Youth.
- **Kristin Nelson** (Psychology Major), summer 2003, Lutheran Social Services Children's Home.
- **Corey Parlet** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Fairview-University Medical Center.
- **Sarah Possehl** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Kelley Rieger** (Sociology Major), fall 2003, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Tou Thao** (Criminal Justice Major), fall 2003, Ramsey County Juvenile Probation Office.
- **Shanna Tvedt** (Criminal Justice Major & Psychology Major), spring 2004, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- **Jennifer Van Pelt** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, The Bridge for Runaway Youth.
- **Jeremy Vinson** (Psychology Major), spring 2004, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities (Mt. Airy Clinic).
- **Chris Washington** (Criminal Justice Major), spring 2004, RS Eden: Reentry Metro.

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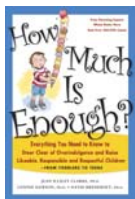
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Graduate and Professional Schools Accept Social and Behavioral Science Graduates

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 or Winter of 2004. Congratulations – way to go SBS students!

- **Annie Bjostad**. (Psychology Major, 2004). U W River Falls, School Psychology, Ed.S.
- **Jessica Christopher**. (Psychology Major, 2004). U W River Falls, School Psychology, MA.
- **Amy Gregg**. (Psychology Major, 2004). Argosy University, Minneapolis, Marriage and Family Therapy, MA.
- **Rebecca Hansen** (Psychology Major and Lutheran Confessional Minor, 2003). Ball State University, Counseling Psychology, MA. Becca has also been offered a research assistantship at Ball State.
- **Doreen Surman** (Psychology Major, 2003). Argosy University, Minneapolis, Clinical Psychology, Psy. D.
- **Dawn Surman** (Psychology Major, 2003). Argosy University, Minneapolis, Clinical Psychology, Psy. D.
- **Shanna Tvedt** (Psychology Major, Criminal Justice Major, 2004). University of Central Oklahoma, Forensic Science-Technical Investigations, MS.
- **Zakery Warren** (Psychology Major, 2001). Idaho State University, Clinical Psychology, MA

How Much is Enough? in Third Printing



Dr. Bredehoff's new book published January 9, 2004 is already in the third printing. Dr. Bredehoff will be doing a symposium on overindulgence with Jean Illsley Clarke on campus October 8, 2004. For more information go to:

<http://www.overindulgence.info/Symposium.htm>

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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. **Matt Kostohris** was named Criminal Justice Student of the Year, **Krystyn Gese** was named Sociology Student of the Year and **Jennifer Van Pelt** was named Psychology Student of the Year (pictured left to right). These students were selected because of their outstanding

scholarship and dedication to their chosen disciplines.

Psychology Students Present at MUPC & MPA

Special congratulations go to Michal Conatser, Jennifer Van Pelt, Jessica Gertz, Charles Martin, and Jeremy Vinson, and Melissa Johnston. These six Concordia University Psychology students presented papers at this year's annual Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) at St. Catherine's College on April 24, and at the Concordia University Academic Honors Convocation on April 28, and the Minnesota Psychology Association's Annual Meeting on May 1. The paper abstracts and links to PowerPoint slides follow:

Correlations between Locus of Control, Self Efficacy, and Substance Use [\(Click to see PowerPoint poster\)](#)

By Michal Conatser and Jennifer Van Pelt

Personality constructs such as Locus of Control and Self-Efficacy have many clinical uses for the substance abuse field, however, no direct relationship between these constructs and substance use has been established. The purpose of the present study is to investigate whether a relationship exists between Locus of Control, Self-Efficacy and substance use. The hypothesis was that individuals with lower Self-Efficacy's and an external Locus's of Control would demonstrate higher rates of substance use. A questionnaire was formed that consisted of the Self-Efficacy Scale (SES), Rotter's I-E scale, and a substance use inventory. One hundred twenty-three participants were recruited. Results of pilot studies have identified a relationship which internal Locus's of Control correlated with increased use of non-state altering substances.



Ban the Gun signs: An investigation of the Effects of Gun-ban Signs on a College Population

By Melissa Johnston

The recently adopted conceal-and-carry law in Minnesota makes it legal for average citizens to carry a concealed weapon in most public places, except in establishments that post a GUNS BANNED sign in the front door. Taking into account Berkowitz and LePage's (1969) finding that the mere exposure to a gun made subjects more aggressive, the present study

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investigates whether GUNS BANNED signs lead to a change in subjects' aggression levels. Subjects in the present study were first frustrated by taking a time-sensitive, challenging quiz. Next, either in the presence of a GUNS BANNED sign or not, they rated the emotionality of pictures of 20 faces. Results are discussed in light of Berkowitz's mere exposure theory.

Do Viewer Gender Dynamics Influence Our Emotional Response to

Films? [\(Click to see PowerPoint poster\)](#)

By Jessica Gertz, Charles Martin, and Jeremy Vinson

From the moment we are born we are trained to act in gender specific ways. Many studies try to identify the source of different emotional responses for males and females. In the current study, thirty-three people watched thirty minutes of a sad film in an all male, all female, or a mixed gender group. Participants filled out the Internal-External Locus of Control Scale (Rotter, 1966) and the Emotional Assessment Scale (Carlson, 1989). This study evaluated whether a person's locus of control and/or the gender make-up of the group have more effect on emotional response to the film. The current data show that there is a significant interaction between gender and locus of control on the emotion of sadness.

SBS Department Web Page is Updated with Valuable Information

Please look at our Social and Behavioral Sciences Department web page. It is updated regularly and has lots of helpful information (e.g., internship handbooks, how to find a job, resources for internships etc.). Viewed it at

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<http://www.csp.edu/psychology/index.htm>

Harrington, Johnson, Conatser and Leach Receive Bredehoft Family Scholarship

Congratulations to **Nathan Harrington** (Psychology Major, 2005), **Andrew Johnson** (Psychology Major, 2005), **Michal Conatser** (Psychology Major, 2004) and **Melissa Leach** (Psychology Major, 2006; not pictured), who received the **2003-2004 Bredehoft Family Endowment Scholarship**



This scholarship is awarded to psychology majors demonstrating a commitment to the discipline of psychology. Congratulations to each of these fine scholars on their accomplishments this far in their career, and those to come! (Pictured from left to right: Dr. Bredehoft, Michal Conatser, Andrew Johnson, and Nathan Harrington).

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



Dr. Bredehoft and Walcheski will lead a 12 day educational tour to Thailand beginning Dec.27, 2004 – Jan. 9, 2005. The purpose of the trip is to learn about Thailand, its culture, religion, arts, education, history, and peoples. The group will experience a boat ride through the floating market, see the Grand Palace, the Golden Buddha, and the Reclining Buddha in Bangkok, visit Chiang Mai's night bazaar, take an elephant ride, learn to cook Thai food at a Thai cooking school, tour through the beautiful Buddhist temple at Doi Suthep, visit Hmong villages and more. For information about joining the next educational tour to Thailand in January 2005, contact Dr. Bredehoft (bredehoft@csp.edu) or go online to http://www.csp.edu/psychology/Thailand_Tour/Thailand_Tour_Page.htm.

The Social and Behavioral Science Team

First Team

- **Dr. D. Bredehoft:** Introduction to Counseling, Transactional Analysis and Gestalt Psychology, Seminar on Psychological Topics, Preparing to Enter Graduate School, Preparing to Enter the Psychology Workforce, Psychology and Family on Video, 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, internships and advising.

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- **Dr. K. Madson:** Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Sociology of Law, Social Welfare, The Immigration Experience, 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, independent study, internships, and advising.
- **Dr. A. Potter Mee:** Introduction to Sociology, Social Psychology, Marriage and the Family, Class and Community, Research Methods and Statistics, Seminar in Sociology, Social Theory, internships, independent study, and advising.

Supporting Team

- **Dr. S. Arnold:** Adult Education and Development.
- **Dr. C. Chatman:** Minority Groups.
- **Dr. Amy Lash Esau:** Social Psychology.
- **Prof. George:** Introduction to Statistics.
- **Prof. Grau:** Introduction to Statistics.
- **Dr. S. Harr:** Intro to Criminal Justice, Police and Community, 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.
- **Prof. J. Mosqueda:** Methods and Materials of Family Life Education.

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- **Dr. M. Reineck:** Family Communication.
- **Prof. J. Seidel:** Adolescent Psychology.
- **Dr. Michael Walcheski:** Family Systems.

2003-2004 SBS Department Photo Album



Psychology Students Present at MUPC (Back: Dr. Morgan, Charles Martin, Michal Conatser ; Front: Jennifer Van Pelt, Jeremy Vinson, and Jessica Gertz)



Psychology students waiting to present at MUPC.



Melissa Johnston presenting poster on Banned Gun experiment



Jeremy Vinson, Jessica Gertz, and Charles Martin presenting poster on Gender and Film experiment



Larissa Gieseke's poster presentation – Is Equality a Reality?



Sociology and criminal justice honor students (Back: Dr. Madson, Matt Kostohris, Ben Stephens, Front: Mai Neng Vang, Shanna Tvedt, and Kristyn Gese)