



Social & Behavioral Sciences Today

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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. Congratulations go to:

- **Anna Janke** (Psychology Major, Communication Major, 2003). University of Wisconsin - River Falls, M.A. Counseling and School Psychology.
- **Kevin Just** (Psychology Major, Family Studies Minor, 2002). Argosy University, Minneapolis, M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy.
- **Samantha Martin** (Sociology Major, Criminal Justice Minor, 2003). Accepted at William Mitchell College of Law and Hamline University Law School. Samantha will attend Hamline University.
- **Rebecca Hansen** (Psychology Major and Lutheran Confessional Minor, 2003). Argosy University - Chicago, IL, Clinical Psychology, Psy. D.
- **Sara Parizek** (Psychology Major, Family Studies Minor, 2003). Argosy University, Minneapolis, M.A. Marriage and Family Therapy.

SBS Internship Sites for 2002-2003

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 2002-2003 school year follow.

- **Travis Anderson** (Psychology Major), Spring 2003, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Brandon Bartholomew** (Criminal Justice Major), Fall, 2002 and Spring 2003, Minneapolis Police Department.
- **Sarah Busseau** (Psychology Major), Spring 2003, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Adam Dorow** (Criminal Justice Major) Spring 2003, Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Center.
- **Sandra Edwards** (Psychology Major), Fall 2002, Family Services, Inc.
- **Rebecca Hansen** (Psychology Major, Lutheran Confessional Minor), Spring 2003, Bristol Place.
- **Brook Hovda** (Psychology Major), Fall 2002, Bristol Place and Spring 2003, Concordia University CAP Center.
- **Anna Janke** (Psychology Major, Communication Major), Spring 2003, Henry Sibley High School Counseling Center.
- **Jamie Link Johnson** (Psychology Major), Fall 2002, Freeport West, Inc.
- **Morayo Longe** (Sociology Major, Criminal Justice Minor), Spring 2003, Ramsey County Human Services.
- **Nicole McElrea** (Psychology Major), Spring 2003, Arrowhead Lutheran Camp.
- **Samantha Martin** (Sociology Major, Criminal Justice Minor), Spring 2003, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (Domestic Abuse).

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- **Sara Parizek** (Psychology Major, Family Studies Minor), Spring 2003, Bush Memorial Children's Center.
- **Gordon Rains** (Psychology Major), Fall 2002, University of Minnesota Visual Cognition Laboratory.
- **Joellen Rannow** (Psychology Major), Fall 2002, University of Arizona Health Services Center.
- **Kara Schaeckel** (Psychology Major, Family Studies Minor) Spring 2003, Children's Home Society.
- **Kymerlie Zhao** (Psychology Major, Physical Education Major), Fall 2002, Clara Barton Open School.

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. **Samantha Martin** was named Sociology Student of the Year; **Brook Hovda** was named Psychology Student of the Year and **Kelley Rieger** was named Criminal Justice Student of the Year. These students were selected because of their outstanding scholarship and dedication to their chosen disciplines.

Psychology Students



Dr. Mee and Dr. Madson give Samantha Martin the Sociology Student of the Year award

Social & Behavioral Sciences Today Present at MUPC & MPA

Special congratulations go to Tina Bergman, Nina Neidert, Aron Stumvoll, Kristin Nelson, Sarah Possehl, Amy Gregg, Robin Barrett (pictured below left to right with Dr. Morgan), Jessica Christopher and Anna Janke. These nine Concordia University Psychology students presented papers at this year's annual Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) at



Bethel College on April 26, and at the Minnesota Psychology Association's Annual Meeting (MPA). The paper abstracts follow:

Perceptions of Birth Order in Blended Families

By Anna Janke and Kristin Nelson

As the rate of divorce and remarriage has increased significantly over the last several decades, traditional demographic variables and personality descriptors should be re-examined. Specifically, the role that birth order plays in personality has usually been examined in light of the context of a traditional, nuclear family. Little however has been offered to understand the role of birth order in "blended" families. The present research examines whether differences exist in people's perceptions of birth order characteristics in traditional versus blended families.

The Relation between Religiosity, Spirituality, and Personality

By Robin Barrett, Jessica Christopher, Amy Gregg and Sarah Possehl

The present research examines whether a relation exists between the BIG FIVE personality assessment and objective measures of religiosity and spirituality. Subjects were undergraduate volunteers from a private Christian university, and were asked to complete three scales assessing each of these domains. Results indicate that certain personality characteristics are significantly correlated with aspects of religiosity and of spirituality.

Effects of Violent Video Games on Alienation and Moral Behavior

By Tina Bergmann, Nina Neidert and Aron Stumvoll

The increased popularity of home video games has been newsworthy lately, as have the negative effects of the more violent of these games. These effects have largely been explored as they relate to the subsequent aggressive behavior of the game player. The present research examines whether there exist other effects of violent video game playing, namely, an increased sense of alienation, as well as a decrease in moral standards (as revealed by a moral behavior instrument). The present study addresses another trend in video game playing, that of the perspective taken by the game-player. Traditional video games have been played in the third person, where the player has an "outside" perspective on the characters and the actions engaged. Recently, video games are appearing in which the game-player assumes the

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first-person perspective of the video game character. Often it is the character's task to engage in violent acts during the game. The current research addresses whether differences exist in the alienation scale and/or moral standard scale dependent upon a first person or third person perspective.

Psychology Club Elects New Officers

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly-elected officers of the Concordia Psychology Club for 2003-2004!

President – Melissa Johnston

Vice President – Beata Simin

Secretary – Amy Gregg

Treasurer – Kristin Nelson

Thanks to the outgoing officers who worked so hard to and created an even stronger Psychology Club this year (President – **Doreen Surman**, Vice President - **Brook Hovda**, Secretary – **Dawn Surman**, and Treasurer - **Michael McCarthy**).

Future Blue Students Become Officers for 03-04 School Year

Concordia University's criminal justice student group, **Future Blue**, will be led by Tou Thao and Julie Butler (co-presidents) and Shanna Tvedt as secretary for the 2003-2004 academic year. Congratulations and we look to your continued leadership next year.

Social & Behavioral Sciences Today Newly Designed SBS Department Web Page

Please look at our newly designed Social and Behavioral Sciences Department web page. Viewed it at www.csp.edu/csp/Dept_Pages/psychology/index.htm.



Hovda, Surman, Surman and Slaughter Receive Bredehoft Family Scholarship

Congratulations to **Dawn Surman** (Psychology Major and Criminal Justice Minor, 2003), **Doreen Surman** (Psychology Major and Criminal Justice Minor, 2003), **Brook Hovda** (Psychology Major, English Minor 2003) and **Laura Slaughter** (Psychology Major, 2003; not pictured above), who received the 2002-2003 **Bredehoft Family Endowment Scholarship**. This scholarship is awarded to junior or senior 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!

The SBS Department Hosted a Successful Educational Study Tour to Thailand



Dr. Madson (Sociology and Criminal Justice) and Dr. Bredehoft (Psychology and Family Studies) hosted a successful educational tour to Thailand in January 2003. A total of ten (students and non-students) made the trip. The purpose of the trip was to learn about Thailand and its culture, religion, arts, education, history, and peoples. The group took a boat ride at the floating market, were amazed with the Grand Palace in Bangkok, experienced the famous Bridge over the river Kwai, visited Chiang Mai's night bazaar, took an elephant ride, toured through the beautiful Buddhist temple at Doi Suthep, crossed the Mekong river at the golden triangle, and visited two Hmong villages to find students' family members. For information about joining the next educational tour to Thailand in January 2005, contact Dr. Bredehoft (bredehoft@csp.edu).

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.

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- **Dr. K. Bransford:** Introduction to Psychology, Child Psychology and Development, Adolescent Psychology, Introduction to Personality, internships and advising.
- **Dr. K. Madson:** Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Sociology of Law, Social Welfare, The Immigration Experience, 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. Amy Lash Esau:** Marriage and Family.
- **Prof. George:** Introduction to Statistics.
- **Prof. Grau:** Introduction to Statistics.
- **Dr. S. Harr:** Criminal Justice, 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. D. Meyer:** Human Sexuality.

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- **Prof. S. Morrell:** Introduction to Psychology – CUENET.
- **Dr. R. Powell:** Police and Community; Juvenile Justice.
- **Dr. M. Reineck:** Family Communication.
- **Prof. J. Seidel:** Adolescent Psychology.
- **Prof. M. Thompson:** Introduction to Criminal Justice.
- **Prof. T. van Brederode:** Child Psychology and Development.
- **Dr. Michael Walcheski:** Family Systems.

2002-2003 SBS Department Photo Album



Kay and Greg Madson riding an elephant in Thailand



Soua Lee (Psychology Major) releasing bird for good luck in Bangkok, Thailand



Department members with 2003-2004 SBS honor students



Pictured from left to right are the 2003 MUPC presenters: Tina Bergman, Nina Neidert, Aron Stumvoll, Kristin Nelson, Sarah Possehl, Amy Gregg and Robin Barrett