Welcome!

Our Two New Faculty Members Caitlin Mahy & Liz Shulman will be joining us in July 2014

Caitlin Mahy...

is a developmental psychologist who studies cognitive development across the lifespan with a focus on the development of future-oriented cognition and the influence that executive functioning and social understanding have on these abilities.

Elizabeth Shulman...

is a developmental psychologist who specializes in the study of adolescence. Liz examines psychosocial development during the transition from childhood to adulthood and how it relates to decision-making, risk-taking, and crime.

Knowledge Translation Officer, Jayne Morrish...

joined our Canadian Centre for Lifespan Development in February 2014 and has been assisting with making connections between the Centre and the larger community.
Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr. Sarah Lawrance (PhD, University of Sussex, UK)...
joined Cathy Mondloch’s lab this year funded by a Discovery Supplement Award (NSERC). Sarah examines the perceptual mechanisms underlying face recognition.

Dr. Nour Kteily (PhD, Harvard University)...
is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow who joined Gordon Hodson’s lab this year. His research investigates the psychological consequences of group membership in hierarchically organized social systems, and how individuals respond to the possibility of changes in hierarchy.

Dr. Julie Blais (PhD, Carleton University)...
is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow who will be joining Angela Book’s lab this year. Julie’s doctoral work examined the role of forensic assessment in decisions regarding dangerous and long-term supervision offenders.

Student Awards:

Matthew Green: NSERC-PGS Doctoral (2014)

Kevin MacDonald: NSERC-PGS Doctoral (2014)

Mark Hoffarth: The Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Grant-In-Aid (2014)

Regan Fitzgerald: 2013-2014 Graduate TA award

Taysa-Rhea Mise: SSHRC Doctoral Award (2014)

Alicia Rubel: SSHRC Doctoral Award (2014)

Tabitha Methot: SSHRC CGS award (2014)

Tina Brook: Development 2014 Conference Travel Award

Cara MacInnis: The Jack M. Miller Excellence in Research award (2013)

Nathalie Gauthier: OGS Doctoral Award (2013)
Student Awards continued:

Paul Adachi: OGS Doctoral Award (2013), Brock University Dean of Graduate Studies Excellence Scholarship & Jack M. Miller Excellence in Research Award 2014

Chloe Hamza: OGS Doctoral Award (2013) & the Brock University Dean of Graduate Studies Excellence Scholarship

Royette Tavernier: Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood Travel Award & the Development 2014 Conference Travel Award

Stefon van Noordt: OGS Doctoral Award and the QEII award (2014)

Lindsey Short: OGS Doctoral Award (2013)

Thalia Semplonius: Development 2014 Conference Travel Award & the Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology Teaching Assistant Award in 2013

Allan Campopiano’s poster summarizing his Honours thesis won the prize at the 2014 Compute Ontario Research Day in Guelph

Faculty Grants and Awards:

Karen Arnell: NSERC Grant - Individual differences in attention: Behavioural and electrophysiological investigations

Kimberly Cote: NSERC Discovery Grant - Neurobehavioural and physiological consequences of sleep deprivation in humans

Stephen Emrich & Cathy Mondloch: NSERC RTI - Oscillatory and event-related neural activity during visual perception and short-term memory across the lifespan

Cathy Mondloch: SSHRC Insight Grant - Understanding emotions: A developmental perspective

Sidney Segalowitz: NSERC Grant - ERPs and the dynamics of adaptive attentional control in the prefrontal cortex

Sidney Segalowitz: Graduate (MA/PhD) Mentor Award, April 2013

Carolyn Hafer and Sidney Segalowitz: SSHRC Insight Grant - New directions in the psychology of deservingness

Teena Willoughby: SSHRC Insight Grant

Teena Willoughby: Brock University Advancement Fund Grant

Tim Murphy: CRISS - Sleep Deprivation and Face Processing

Angela Book: BSIG and ORS4A

Danielle Molnar: Clarke Thomson Award for Excellence in Sessional Teaching 2014

Angela Evans: Pineapple Science Prize for Psychology*

* The Pineapple award is “China’s Ig Nobel Prize” and is awarded for clever and humorous ideas that popularize science. Winning projects are to be imaginative, interesting and thought-provoking with sound scientific research methodology. The award was received for work done on the development of 2-year-olds’ lie-telling - Evans, A. D., & Lee, K. (2013). Emergence of lying in very young children. Developmental Psychology, 49, 1958-63. doi: 10.1037/a0031409
Where Are They Now?

- **Justin Carre, PhD.** (2010) currently holds a tenure-track position at Nipissing University, Ontario.
- **Becky Choma, PhD.** (2008) is a 2014 CPA President’s New Researcher Award recipient and a new faculty member at Ryerson University.
- **Kimberly Costello, PhD.** (2012) is a Professor at Seneca College.
- **Gillian Dale, PhD.** (2013) is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- **Stuart Fogel, MA.** (2004) currently a Research Scientist at the Brain & Mind Institute, Western University and has opened new sleep research lab (http://bmisleeplab.uwo.ca/contact.php).
- **Marie Good, PhD.** (2011) will be starting an Assistant Professor position in developmental psychology at Redeemer University College (Start date: July 2014).
- **Leanne Gosse, PhD.** (2011) recently completed her SSHRC-funded Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Waterloo and is currently a research Project Manager and part-time instructor in the Community and Criminal Justice Degree Program at Conestoga College.
- **Cara MacInnis, PhD.** (2013) is currently a SSHRC-funded Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto.
- **Iva Mathews, PhD.** (2011) has a tenure-track position at the University of Toronto, following an NSERC funded Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Alabama in the Neuroscience Department.
- **Diane Santesso, PhD.** (2006) joined the University of Winnipeg Psychology faculty in July 2013.
- **Lindsey Short, MA, PhD candidate.** (2014) will begin a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Redeemer University College (Start date: July 2014).
- **Royette Tavernier PhD candidate.** (2014) has accepted a NIH-funded Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Stress, Sleep, and Development lab of Dr. Emma K. Adam at Northwestern University.
- **Reno Xin Zheng, PhD.** (2012) is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at York University.

- **Michael Maniaci, PhD.** was an LTA in our department this year and has accepted a tenure-track position at the Florida Atlantic University beginning in August 2014.
- **Nicole Nelson, PhD.** has been working in Cathy Mondloch’s lab as a Postdoctoral Fellow and recently accepted a 5-year Assistant Professor position at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.
Our Research in the News

- **Paul Adachi**’s research indicating that violent videogames are not related to aggressive behaviour has been featured in a number of media outlets this year including CBC Hamilton, Psychology Today, and Forbes.

- **Tony Bogaert**’s work on the biological basis of homosexuality has been featured in a number of media outlets this year including articles in Credencial Magazine (May, 2013), Slate Magazine (June, 2013), Mente & Cervello (Italian edition of Scientific American, July 2013), Daily Mail (August, 2013), Huffington Post (September 5, 2013), The Metro (January, 2014), Scientific American Mind (January, 2014), Paula Magazine (March, 2014), radio and television interviews on CFBI - 103.7 (Brock Radio), and Mix 97 with Sean Kelly, CTV News with Kevin Newman Live, and CBC.ca Live Online, as well as documentaries such as Mona Lisa Productions: French and International Science Documentary Company (May, 2013), produced for National Geographic Television and Sundog Pictures (Documentary Filmakers, UK, December 2013). [Huffington Post Article](#).

- **Stefan Brudzynski**’s lab was featured on the Daily Planet on the Discovery Chanel showing how rats play with humans. The video aired on March 31, 2014.

- **Michael Busseri** wrote and invited response for Curiosity Shop, Research Matters (Council of Ontario Universities) titled “Why is the Grass Always Greener on the Other Side?” (April, 2014). Michael was also interviewed by Michael Saunders for Inquisitive Minds radio program on CFBU-FM (December 2013). Michael’s work on happiness was also featured in the Welland Tribune, Fort Erie Times, Niagara Falls Review and St. Catharines Standard. [Council of Ontario Universities - Article](#).

- **Kimberly Cote**’s work on napping has been featured in the Wall Street Journal (August, 2013) and in Canadian Business with James Cowan (January, 2014). Her work on the effects of sleep deprivation on academic performance has also been featured in Student Health 101 with Jessica Wong (March, 2014). Kimberly also spoke with Michael Bhardwaj on CFI Media Relations for an interview on the effects of food on sleep (September, 2013).
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- **Chloe Hamza** was a featured Ph.D. student on the Knowledge Exchange Network (Brock News) in 2013 and was interviewed on Inquisitive Minds (Brock Radio, 2013).

- **Gordon Hodson** writes a column for PSYCHOLOGY TODAY titled “Without Prejudice: Unpacking stereotypes, bias, and discrimination”. You can find his column at [Psychology Today](#).

- **Cheryl McCormick’s** work on face width and aggression was featured in the Daily Mail (October, 2013). Cheryl was also featured on CBC Radio discussing the impact of social stress on adolescent rats. [Daily Mail Article](#) & [CBC Radio Interview](#).

- **Cathy Mondloch** served as an expert with the Canadian TV show To Catch a Killer (produced by Ocean Entertainment for OWN [Oprah Winfrey Network] Canada. You can watch the episode here: [To Catch a Killer](#).

2013 In-House Conference

On September 3rd, 2013 the Psychology Department held its 8th Annual In-House Conference. Both faculty and graduate students presented their recent research projects. The conference included 10 poster presentations and eight talks followed by a dinner reception.

You can check out the program here: [Psychology Department In-House Conference Program - 2013](#)
Celebration of Scholarship

On April 23rd, 2014 the Department of Psychology held a Celebration of Scholarship supported by CRISS. The highlight of the celebration was the publication of eight books by our faculty members in the last four years. Congratulations to Tony Bogaert, Michael Ashton, Sid Segalowitz, Gordon Hodson, Stefan Brudzynski, Teena Willoughby, & John Mitterer on their recent book publications!


Ontario Undergraduate Psychology Thesis Conference

The 44th Annual Ontario Undergraduate Psychology Thesis Conference was held at Queen’s University on Friday May 9th, 2014. Eleven of our thesis students attend the conference and presented their thesis work. Seven of our students gave talks while four students gave poster presentations.

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