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From left: University President Anthony Catanese with speakers Anthony Bailey, Linda Lotspeich and university Provost Dwayne McCay



Conference presenter Eb Blakely

Florida Tech Hosts Annual Autism Conference

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the prevalence of children diagnosed with autism is rising, creating concern and greater interest in the disorder. Currently, one in 150 children are diagnosed with this debilitating developmental disorder. Addressing the need for information on autism, Florida Institute of Technology's School of Psychology hosted the 2007 Autism Conference, Oct. 18-19.

With more than 250 people in attendance, the conference provided comprehensive information to assist educators, health care and social service providers, students and families in developing effective educational and therapeutic care.

The conference started Thursday, Oct. 18 with a lecture by Anthony Bailey, M.D., the Cheryl and Reece Scott Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, UK. He discussed interventions for reversing autistic difficulties throughout the life span. Bailey's lecture was so well attended, the auditorium was filled to maximum capacity, with some attendees even standing.

The following day, the presentations included "The Neurobiology of Autism" by Anthony Bailey, M.D.; "How a Child with Autism or Asperger's Syndrome Perceives the World" by Dr. Linda Lotspeich, a child psychiatrist at Stanford University; "Autism and the Scientific Method" by Dr. Eb Blakely, a behavior analyst at Quest Inc. and a consultant at Devereux; and "The Benefits of a Language-based Approach in Programs for Children with Autism" by

Dr. Vince Carbone, a board-certified behavioral analyst with extensive experience in designing learning environments for individuals with autism and developmental disabilities.

Florida Tech's School of Psychology has big plans for the future, which include building a new 18,000 square foot Autism Center. The Autism Center will serve seven Central Florida counties, providing service to the communities; training for teachers, parents and Florida Tech students; and contributing to research in the field. One of the main objectives is to provide early intervention for children with autism. The goal is to aid in the identification and assessment of autism so as to begin services for children diagnosed with autism as early as possible. The treatment will be provided by a variety of professionals and students, providing valuable training opportunities to students while simultaneously serving the community. The Autism Center will be multidisciplinary, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, medical consultation and educational services. The center will also conduct clinically based research on what are the best treatment practices for people with autism.

By developing the Autism Center and by hosting conferences such as the one held in October, Florida Tech can help facilitate the education of professionals, students and families, provide and advance treatment for autism, and contribute to the body of research and knowledge regarding autism.



The Diversity Corner: An Introduction

John Roberts, second-year Psy.D. student

Hello and welcome to the Diversity Corner, the newest segment of the School of Psychology's newsletter. In the future, we will be presenting information and research pertaining to diversity issues in the field of psychology. For now, we're just going to introduce ourselves and give an overview of our work.

The Diversity Committee is the School of Psychology's means to promote respect and understanding among its students, faculty and staff concerning issues of diversity. The Diversity Committee was instrumental in drafting the school's diversity statement, which may be seen at <http://cpla.fit.edu/psych/diversity.php>. We offer many activities and events to help educate students and faculty about important issues in today's diverse world. One of our favorite activities is Diversity Out Loud, a discussion-based event which aims to raise awareness about issues pertaining to diversity. The biannual discussions give Florida Tech students and faculty the chance to speak their minds on topics such as gay/lesbian marriage, presidential elections, affirmative action and much more. The Diversity Committee also distributes informational PowerPoint presentations to celebrate heritage months, and we've also created cultural festival displays for the School of Psychology lobby. For information regarding an event, event proposal, membership or any other functions of the Diversity Committee, please e-mail John Roberts at jroberts@fit.edu.

The current Diversity Committee members are Dr. Radhika Krishnamurthy, Dr. Frank Webbe, Dr. Vanessa Edkins, Deborah Gambles, Christine Salinas, Jill Nicolino, Ashley Thompson, Haya Soya, Rachel Oppenheimer, Blaise Amendolace, John Roberts, Roxanne Bayan and Jamie Kennedy.



School of Psychology Bestowed 14 Doctorates

Florida Tech's School of Psychology graduated 14 students with doctor of psychology (Psy.D.) degrees on Sept. 8, 2007. Dr. Luis Anez-Nava, the school's 2007 Alumnus of the Year recipient, gave the commencement address in the university's Gleason Performing Arts Center.

Anez-Nava, a 1997 graduate of Florida Tech's clinical psychology Psy.D. program, is an associate professor of psychology in the department of psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine. As director of the Hispanic Clinic of the Connecticut Mental Health Center, he has been overseeing the SAMHSA funded Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant pilot site at the Hispanic Clinic with the goal of increasing the clinic's capacity to provide comprehensive, integrated and evidence-based treatment services to Latinos with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. Dr. Anez-Nava was also recently named coordinator of the Connecticut Latino Behavioral Health System.

The 2007 Psy.D. graduates were Drs. Joseph Hiram Afanador, Yolanda Nicole Brannon, Rachel E. Butler-Lee, Sheila Lapomarede, Randi Nichols McDonald, Anja Jasmin Kroell Meyers, Marcia Tilson Norman, Harel Papikian, Faith Jordan Powers, Amy Dawn Rowe, Gina Larisa Salisbury, Anastasia Milidean Shewell, Justin Matthew Shewell and Delia Silva.

Studying Abroad (I/O Psy.D.)

Iris Rivera, third-year I/O Ph.D. student

On the evening of June 30, I boarded the biggest plane I had ever seen. For the first time, I was on my way overseas, to a different country, all by myself, to work for a boss I still hadn't met, to live in an apartment I had never seen. Little did I know that it would be an amazing experience. I quickly began working at Adecco in beautiful Valencia, Spain, where I stayed for two months. At Adecco, I had the opportunity to work in selection and placement. I ran interviews, administered selection tools and evaluated résumés in order to place applicants in the best suited jobs. I also learned about the development and validation of the selection tools we were using. However, there was a twist; the internship was in Spanish!



The City of Arts and Sciences, Valencia, Spain

The most valuable experience I gained from my internship in Spain was learning how business is conducted outside of the United States. I quickly learned that culture influences all aspects of work. While the applied work will help me in the future, I feel that more importantly this internship has given me a competitive edge. I feel better prepared to work with global companies, and I feel confident in my ability to apply I/O knowledge abroad.

My advice to those wanting to find an internship abroad is to not give up. I heard a lot of nos along the way, but I continued to network until I reached my goal. Don't lose sight of your goals and good things will come. As the Valencianos would say, "Tot Felicitat Cariñet" (it's all good love)!

Christine Salinas, fourth-year Psy.D. student

Having a strong passion for diversity issues and multicultural assessment, I was motivated to initiate a practicum abroad that would allow me to be immersed within a different culture and expand upon my clinical skills. Through networking with professionals within the National Academy of Neuropsychology and Hispanic Neuropsychological Society, I was able to set up an experience in Malaga, Spain, where my family lives.

This past summer I worked on collaborative research projects in aphasia, strokes and Asperger's Syndrome under the umbrella of the Center for Medical Investigations (C.I.M.E.S.), a multidisciplinary research institute at the University of Malaga. I performed initial and follow-up interviews as well as conducted neuropsychological evaluations in Spanish with elderly adults related to Alzheimer's Disease, Aphasia and Vascular Dementia. I also engaged in 75 hours of intensive constrained language therapy in Spanish with elderly aphasic patients as part of a drug trial for Memantine. I also participated in weekly didactic training with professionals related to neuroanatomy and brain imaging techniques, including CT, PET and fMRI.

Under the supervision of Dr. Marcelo Berthier, my work resulted in a poster that will be presented in Barcelona, Spain, this November. In addition, we have prepared two manuscripts that are currently in the end stages of completion related to strokes, late-onset OCD and Asperger's Disorder.



Malaga, Spain

Beyond my professional experiences, I also had the opportunity to live in a dorm at the University of Malaga, which allowed me to make meaningful connections with diverse students from all over Europe. Having lived in Spain for a duration of three and a half months afforded me the opportunity to learn the nuances of the culture as well as engage in self-reflection of my cultural biases, thus increasing my cultural sensitivity. I am looking forward to returning back to Spain in May, and I hope to further develop my knowledge of working with multicultural clients while on internship.

Good-bye Dr. Baker!



After more than 23 years of employment and service, Dr. Juanita N. Baker is hanging up the many hats she wears here at Florida Tech. Some may be surprised to learn that Dr. Baker's influence at Florida Tech has not been limited to the School of Psychology. Just as her professional and personal interests and hobbies are diverse, so are her accomplishments and contributions made to the university and the community.

Over the years, Dr. Baker has brought in more than \$2 million in service contracts and grants to help cover the costs of providing psychological services to the community, particularly to children and families affected by sexual abuse. She has brought in another \$100,000 in donations for fellowship monies as well as starting the Juanita Neal-Baker Fellowship in 2002, which has already dispersed more than \$45,000 to 15 doctoral trainee recipients. Dr. Baker started the Family Learning Program in 1991 and has directed its development from the beginning. In the 16 years since its inception, the Family Learning Program has treated more than 1,000 children and families including victims of sexual abuse, siblings of victims, non-offending

caretakers and offenders. Over 180 doctoral trainees have benefited from the experience of working with children and families through the Family Learning Program.

Dr. Baker has chaired or participated in many committees throughout her years at Florida Tech including 36 completed master's theses. Dr. Baker also took an active interest in expanding the collection and diversity of books available to students and faculty at Evans Library. In 1993 she founded the Friends of the Evans Library Foundation in order to seek donations for the library collection. The foundation has managed to gather a sizeable endowment enabling the library to expand its collection and purchase many specialized books for each department upon the request of faculty and students. I'm sure most students, faculty and alumni at Florida Tech have walked by the statue of the Florida panther in Panther Plaza at some point in their stay here. However, I'm also sure that most of you do not know Dr. Baker is the person responsible for having that sculpture brought to our campus after discovering it in Colorado.

With all her efforts to better circumstances and increase resources for students and faculty alike, Dr. Baker has touched the lives of many. She has guided more than 550 graduate students in learning professional and ethical standards of psychology through teaching her Ethics 1 course. She has also advised more than 120 students and supervised many more in clinical practice.

At her retirement party held in the university's botanical garden, alumna Dr. Sara Howze presented Dr. Baker with an oil lamp. She explained this choice of gifts in a heartfelt speech in which she described the flame of the lamp as symbolizing the continuity of Dr. Baker's influence and dedication to her students.

"She leaves quite a legacy of determination, tenacity, creativity and compassion" said Howze. "I have admired Juanita's many talents for years."

On behalf of the School of Psychology, Dean Kenkel presented Dr. Baker with an engraved silver statue of a bird to acknowledge her many contributions over the years. This gift is of course very suited to Dr. Baker who is an avid bird watcher and has even published a photographic nature book with her husband titled *Reflections of Blue Cypress*. We can only hope that Dr. Baker will devote as much time and energy to enjoying her retirement as she has to improving our school and community. From the entire Florida Tech community, thank you Dr. Baker for your many contributions over the years and the many lives you have touched along the way. We will miss you!

Farewell Dr. Peake!

After 21 years of dedicated service and countless contributions to Florida Tech's School of Psychology, Dr. Thomas H. Peake was bid adieu this fall at a cinematically themed retirement party organized by his colleagues and students. Popcorn adorned each table, pictures of Dr. Peake from over the years hung on the walls and Drs. Oelschlager and Farro presented personalized tributes including clips from some of Dr. Peake's favorite movies. As many of you know, Dr. Peake has a special fondness for film; he feels movies are a good vehicle for portraying relevant psychological issues to therapists, clients and the lay public. In addition to his many journal publications and book chapters written over the years, in 2004, Dr. Peake published a book titled *Cinema and Life Development: Healing Lives and Training Therapists*. In his book, Dr. Peake discussed prevailing and emerging models of life-span development, giving them real-life application by using examples from cinema to animate psychological understanding and application. Keeping with the movie theme, Dr. Kenkel presented Dr. Peake with an Oscar on behalf of the School of Psychology for all he has accomplished over the years.

Dr. Peake came to Florida Tech in 1986 after working at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Memphis University and the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He began as a professor of psychology and director of what is now called Community and Psychological Services (CAPS). Over the years, Dr. Peake was instrumental in developing practicum sites in neuropsychology as well as in the medical field. He developed practica at Holmes Regional Medical Center, Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital and with local cardiologists and neurologists. At these practica, students have the opportunity to gain experience and training in dealing with the aftermath of trauma as well as working with patients and their families.

Dr. Peake also developed the psychocinema program here at Florida Tech, which presents films of psychological relevance to students, faculty and community members alike. Afterwards, discussions were led based on these films. Dr. Peake was instrumental in the recent development of the neuropsychology track now offered to Psy.D. students and served as the director of neuropsychology services at the East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic for the past 14 years, where he has been supervisor to countless Psy.D. trainees. Not only was Dr. Peake a wonderful supervisor, he was also an active mentor to many students. He was always willing to involve students in any project he was working on. Whether it was philosophical, research or clinical work, he often collaborated with students, naming them as authors on his publications and book chapters.



Last but not least, one cannot think of Dr. Peake without thinking about his little friend Addison the toy duck. According to his colleagues, Addison and Dr. Peake were always a cheering sight walking through the halls together. Anyone having a bad day was guaranteed to get a laugh out of watching Dr. Peake walk his little wooden duck down the hall or by borrowing Addison to take him for a walk themselves. It goes without saying that Dr. Peake's cheerful attitude towards colleagues, collaborative approach to working with students and his ability to convey knowledge to others by giving it meaning in a unique way will all be sorely missed here at Florida Tech. Dr. Peake, we thank you for your time and contributions here at Florida Tech and wish you the best of luck in the future.



Dr. Paula M. Wolfeich, Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology Program
Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Purdue University, 1992
M.S., Clinical Psychology, Purdue University, 1986
B.A., Psychology, Northwestern University, 1983

Dr. Wolfeich's career has focused on the psychological evaluation and treatment of children, particularly abused and neglected children. From 1994 to 2003, Dr. Wolfeich worked at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children in Orlando in various clinical and senior administrative roles—as a licensed psychologist on the Child Protection Team, as the director of clinical services at the Developmental Center and as the director of program evaluation at the Center for Children and Families. While there, she developed and implemented two multidisciplinary evaluation clinics—a mental health diagnostic clinic and a communications disorders clinic for children exhibiting language, behavioral and/or autistic features. Since 2003, Dr. Wolfeich has been an assistant professor at Valdosta State University. There she taught undergraduate and graduate courses in child psychology, human development and psychological assessment, and supervised the research and clinical work of master's students. Her research has two major foci: exploring the effectiveness of strategies to investigate, prevent and intervene with child abuse and investigating developmental delays and early intervention with children. In addition to her faculty duties, Dr. Wolfeich will serve as the director of Florida Tech's Family Learning Program, a state-funded program that serves sexually abused children and their families. Dr. Wolfeich has three children—Drew, 21, Sara, 20, and Jonathan, 14. She is an avid dog lover and also considers her 15-year-old collie an important part of the family. In her spare time, she enjoys attending her son's football games, reading and taking step aerobics and dance classes.



Dr. Pamela L. Neidert, Assistant Professor, Behavior Analysis Programs
Ph.D., Behavior Analysis, University of Florida, 2007
M.S., Special Education, Johns Hopkins University, 1999
B.A., Communication Arts, Salisbury State University, 1993

Dr. Neidert is interested in disorders of learning and behavior, and her research focuses on the assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior and skill acquisition in people with developmental disabilities. Her most recent project involves assessing the functions of self-injurious behavior among individuals with Prader Willi Syndrome, a relatively rare genetic disorder. Dr. Neidert is a board certified behavior analyst and has substantial clinical experience in the assessment and treatment of problem behavior from the Kennedy-Krieger Institute (Baltimore, Md.) and the Marcus Institute (Atlanta, Ga.). Additionally, she provided clinical behavior services to students at a local special education school and served as coordinator of the applied behavior analysis student laboratory during her graduate student tenure at the University of Florida (Gainesville, Fla.). Finally, Dr. Neidert has taught courses in applied behavior analysis at the University of Florida, which prepares her well for similar teaching responsibilities at Florida Tech. With respect to non-academic interests, Dr. Neidert enjoys any activity that allows her to meet interesting, entertaining people. As a Baltimore native, the thing she misses most since moving to Florida is steamed Maryland blue crabs!



Dr. Kristi Sands Van Sickle, Assistant Professor, Community Health Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, Florida Institute of Technology, 2006
M.S., Taxation, De Paul University, 1995
B.S., Business, Indiana University, 1990

Dr. Van Sickle is interested in community-level mechanisms for the development and maintenance of healthy lifestyle practices and for the prevention and treatment of chronic illnesses. In her present position, she serves as the executive director of the Brevard Healthcare Forum. The Forum is a countywide group of health care providers, organizations and community residents that has as its mission to: 1) identify and build consensus on health care priorities and directions, 2) facilitate dialogue and joint health care initiatives among community stakeholders and 3) provide and support communitywide health care education in Brevard County. The Forum is currently working on initiatives related to childhood obesity, the health effects of chronic drinking and access to health care for the uninsured.

Dr. Van Sickle will also be involved in longitudinal research focused on the effect of various interventions on health and quality of life outcomes in a small Florida community. Her clinical and research backgrounds are primarily in health psychology, and she recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in rehabilitation psychology at the James A. Haley Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Tampa, Fla. In addition, Dr. Van Sickle comes with a strong background in leadership and advocacy. She served in a variety of positions within the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) and was elected to serve as APAGS Chair from August 2006 to August 2007. As part of that role, she sat on the American Psychological Association's (APA) Council of Representatives and was an ex-officio member of APA's board of directors. With respect to personal interests, Dr. Van Sickle enjoys music, travel and politics. Her 6-year-old daughter, teenaged stepchildren, cat and fish also keep her busy. Luckily, her husband, a retired business executive, generously makes sure everything runs smoothly and usually does so with a smile.



Dr. Vanessa A. Edkins, Assistant Professor, Forensic Psychology
Ph.D., Social Psychology, Quantitative minor, University of Kansas, 2007
M.A., Social Psychology, University of Kansas, 2003
B.Sc., Psychology, Brandon University, 2002

Dr. Edkins' research has focused on the intersection of the legal system and psychology and has included such topics as juror decision-making, the psychology of entrapment and racism. With funding provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, she developed a scale of general attitudes towards the legal system with a focus on crime control and due process issues. This scale will be an important assessment tool in many forensic psychology studies. Dr. Edkins comes with a strong background in teaching and advising undergraduate students. She has taught courses on social psychology, psychology and the law, and introduction to psychology. With a keen interest in teaching, she has authored and published several instructor manuals and student study guides for courses in her interest areas. Dr. Edkins also enjoys running, swimming and, although the opportunity does not seem to arise in Florida as much as it did in her home country of Canada, snowboarding. Her husband, also Canadian, is teaching math at a local high school and does not anticipate missing the -40 degree winters.

Faculty and Students Presentations at the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

The 22nd Annual Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) conference was held April 27–29 at The Marriott Marquis in New York City. The conference included a wide variety of presentations, seminars, workshops and other activities related to organizational behavior. The I/O program had one of its best years in terms of submissions accepted. Faculty and students were involved in more than 20 posters, presentations and symposia during the three-day conference.

Faculty members in the industrial/organizational psychology program include Richard Griffith, Ph.D., program chair; Patrick Converse, Ph.D.; William K. Gabrenya Jr., Ph.D.; and Erin Richard, Ph.D.

Dr. Richard Griffith and Students

Burkevich, S.M., Jenkins, M.S., & Griffith, R.L., Lying down on the job: Applicant faking and dependability.

Dew, R., & Griffith, R.L., Equal opportunity efforts: Public personas and private attitudes.

Frei, R.L., Peterson, M.H., Isaacson, J.A., Griffith, R.L., & Jenkins, M., Exploring the relationship between academic dishonesty and applicant dishonesty.

Griffith, R., & Malm, T., Examining old problems with new tools: Statistically modeling applicant faking.

Isaacson, J.A., Frei, R.L., Quist, J.S., & Griffith, R.L., The effects of behavioral intentions and opportunity to fake.

Isaacson, J.A., & Griffith, R.L., Sex and faking: Implications for selection decisions.

Isaacson, J.A., & Griffith, R.L., The effects of behavioral intentions and opportunity to fake.

Malm, T., & Griffith, R., A measurement invariance and method bias model of applicant faking.

Peterson, M.H., Burkevich, R.L., & Griffith, R.L., Locus of control and applicant and convergent evidence.

Peterson, M.H., & Griffith, R.L., Applicant faking behavior and hiring decisions involving multiple predictors.

Quist, J.S., Arora, S., & Griffith, R.L., Social desirability and applicant faking behavior: A validation study.

Dr. Patrick Converse and Students

Converse, P.D., Exploring the use of forced-choice personality measures in personnel selection.

Converse, P.D., & DeShon, R.P., Self-regulatory depletion and adaptation across tasks.

Converse, P.D., & Oswald, F.L., Brief note on the r-to-z transformation in meta-analysis.

Schlacks, E.M., Converse, P.D., Gotlib, T., Quist, J.S., & Merbedone, M., Exploring mediating mechanisms in self-regulatory behavior across tasks.

Dr. William K. Gabrenya Jr. and Students

Gabrenya, W.K., Van Driel, M., & Furr, S.M., Understanding Project GLOBE: Exploratory scale reconstruction at an individual level.

Dr. Erin Richard and Students

Diefendorff, J.M., & Richard, E.M., Developing a theory of prescriptive and contextual emotional display rules.

Richard, E.M., & Diefendorff, J.M., Breaking the rules: Examining predictors of display rule deviance. In Barger, P., & Gillespie, J.Z. (Chairs), When smiles are required: Understanding display rules and emotional labor.

Graduate Students

Kosarzycki, M.P., Mangos, P., Johnston, J., Isaacson, J., McCoy, C.M., & Ogretren, S., What will they be thinking?: Developing cultural situational judgment tests.

Mangos, P., & Isaacson, J., Cut score development as an extension of the validation process.

Vignovic, J.A., Thompson, L.F., Bresnahan, L.M., & Behrend, T.S., Other-group orientation moderates influence of perceived diversity on organizational attractiveness.

Warron, J.A., & Van Driel, M., Knowledge management: How organizations manage their knowledge and overcome barriers.

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APA Alumni Reception

This year at the 155th annual APA convention in San Francisco, Florida Tech psychology alums, former and current faculty members, and current attendees gathered at Azie's Restaurant to share memories and catch up with old friends and colleagues over wine and appetizers. Special thanks to hostesses Allison Waterworth '97 Psy.D. and Rhonda Lindsey '96 Psy.D. who did a wonderful job putting it all together. Drs. Baker

and Peake were honored for their 44 combined years of service at Florida Tech and countless contributions made to the program and students over the years. Attendees included those pictured below as well as John Capps '96 and his wife, George DeRoeck '83 with wife Cara DeRoeck, Scott Meit '89 with wife Laurie Waisel, Susan Rosenzweig '94 with husband Isaac Simkin and daughter Alonna Simkin, Gregory Waugh '06 with

son Christian Waugh, Kristi Van Sickle '06, former faculty and present deputy CEO and chief operating officer of APA Mike Honaker, current faculty Frank Webbe, and current doctoral candidates Deborah Gambles '09, Donna Burrowes '09, Trent Devore '08 and Donald Respass '09 with wife Althea and daughters Camille and Jasmine.



Front row from left: Mary Beth Kenkel, Radhika Krishnamurthy, Tripti Bawari '06, Vickie Peake, Juanita Baker, Rhonda Lindsey '96, Allison Waterworth '97, Joe Rosa, Terry Soter '80.

Back row from left: Eric Zillmer '84, Udit Tibrewal, Richard Baker, Tom Peake, Elizabeth Huddleston '98, Pam Harrell, Thom Harrell.



From left: Wendy Wieber, Elizabeth Huddleston '98, Deborah Gambles '09, Juanita Baker.

Military Scholarships Awarded to Psychology Students

Several students in the clinical psychology program have been awarded military scholarships through the Air Force and the Army. The scholarships allow the students to gain valuable experience in the armed forces while applying what they have learned from their program at Florida Tech.

Donna Burrowes was commissioned into the United States Air Force on July 31, 2006, in the reserve medical corps, as part of the Health Professions Scholarship Program. With the scholarship, she is paid to go to school, and tuition is covered for up to two years under the condition that she will become active duty as a captain and work as a psychologist for three years in the Air Force. She became interested in applying for several reasons. Given that her husband has been in the Air Force for 10 years, she is quite familiar

with military life and has grown to appreciate the hard work and dedication these men and women give to our country. In addition, she has experienced the hardships connected with loved ones being sent overseas. She believes that joining the Air Force will enable

her to receive superior training in the field, and it is an honor to be able to serve her country while doing so.

Edan Critchfield was also awarded a scholarship and chose to pursue a

career with the Army. He was fueled by the challenging experiences ahead that he anticipates will define him both personally and professionally. He is excited about the variety of opportunities that working as a psychologist in the military offers and is also honored to assist this country.

Joy Mobley chose the military route for many reasons. The most obvious is funding for school, however more importantly, she grew up in the military and has always seen herself working with this population in some form or another. She has also been working at Patrick AFB, which has provided her with experience that has confirmed her desire to work with military populations. She is most excited about the wonderful experience and training, as well as the ability to travel that the Army allows.

Alumni Updates

1983

James D. Meyer, Psy.D., ABPP

I just completed ABPP Board Certification in clinical health psychology. I sat for the exam in Washington, D.C., in September and just received confirmation. Obviously I'm excited and feel honored. I still work at Franciscan Skemp Healthcare (multidisciplinary medical center) in La Crosse, Wis., and continue to race bicycles most weekends from March through September and train year round. Life is busy but I still enjoy the physical and mental stimulation.

1984

Leslie Higgins, Psy.D.

I am still in New Orleans, which is an interesting place to be Post-Katrina. My house was adjacent to the 17th Street canal and received four feet of water. Given that it is right next to the major flood prevention project going on in the canal, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is planning to buy it and demolish it. Practice wise, things are incredibly busy. My private practice is thriving, and I serve as a consultant to some special programs in a neighboring school district two days a week. I remarried in 2004, and my daughter is getting ready to start high school. New Orleans is still tons of fun ... come visit! My e-mail is Clercc@aol.com.

1995

Shelley M. (Plaut) Prisco, Psy.D.

I am now married, and my husband Jim and I are expecting a boy in October of 2007. I have stepped down from training director of the Northwest Georgia Consortium as of Sept. 1, 2007, since I will be on maternity leave. I plan to return to my job as a forensic psychologist with the state of Georgia once my leave is over.

1997

Jerry Thompson, Psy.D.

I am currently the president/chief executive officer for Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Coastal is a Sarasota-based, not-for-profit company that provides behavioral health services in Sarasota, Desoto, Charlotte and Lee counties. We provide a continuum of services ranging from acute psychiatric inpatient to outpatient to residential. We serve children, adolescents, adults and families. We have approximately 300 employees and a yearly budget of \$20 million.

2000

Jodi Owen, Psy.D.

I am in the end of my fifth year as clinical director of Capital Area Counseling (CMHC) in Pierre, S.D. I am into my second year of being student-loan-debt free with the help of National Health Service Corps., a program I highly recommend. So starting this year, I will be able to travel to warmer places through most of the winters, while still remaining connected part time to supervisees and some select clients via webcam/telemed. I have a wonderful partner, Bobby, a beagle puppy named Fred, a stray mix puppy named Shadow and three cats. Quite a house full! We live walking distance from the marina where our boat is docked so we spend hot days and summer evenings boating and also do a lot of motorcycling. The bulk of our free time is spent, of course, cleaning up pet hair. Rural Mental Health is a great career for me and it's awesome to be out of debt. Feel free

to contact me via jowen@cacsnet.org if you have any questions about NHSC loan repayment!

2001

Tiffini (Sheldon) Morris, Psy.D.

Congratulations to Tiffini and her husband Chris on the birth of their baby boy, John Aidyn Morris. John was born on June 18, 2007, at 12:57 a.m. at a weight of 6 lbs., 3 oz. and a length of 20 ¼ inches. Best of luck to the new parents!

2003

Sara Lupo, M.S.

I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the program you have created. It has been exciting to see how quickly it has grown over these past few years, and after talking with my colleagues, I am now even more amazed at the overall quality of the program. I feel I was able to get one of the best possible educations in I/O. I am currently working as a human resources analyst in a group of five people, four of whom have at least a master's degree in I/O. Everyone cannot believe all I experienced as part of the program, including item writing, project management, creating a cost estimate, validation studies and the depth of the statistics. On top of that, they are impressed with my background in employment law and everything else. Thank you again for working with me and the rest of the students and pushing everyone to ensure we had all of the necessary skills and knowledge to work in any field we ended up in whether it be applied or research-oriented.

2004

Suzu (Young) Winter, Psy.D.

After graduating from Florida Tech in 2004, I completed postdoctoral training in clinical neuropsychology (two years) under the supervision of Dr. Patrick Gorman in Winter Park. Following the completion of my postdoctorate training (which was awesome, by the way) I opened a private practice in Jacksonville, Fla. Currently, I have my private practice, am teaching two sections of psychobiology at the University of North Florida and am the consulting neuropsychologist at a transitional living facility for persons with traumatic brain injury. I love my work and am very thankful to the professors at Florida Tech, especially Drs. Webbe, Peake, Elmore, Gorman and Dr. K for preparing me so well for the positions I now hold. I realized in my internship at the VA in St. Petersburg just how great the Psy.D. program at Florida Tech is! I truly hope that its standards continue and are never compromised.

2005

Alexandra M. "Alix" Price, Psy.D., HSPP

I recently accepted a position at Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg, Va., and just relocated back to the East Coast. While I learned a great deal during my postdoctoral year and subsequent employment in Indiana, there is greater room for growth at ESH. My new position will be as a unit psychologist for the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program, with a focus on DBT and intake assessment, and also offers the opportunity to supervise practicum students and interns. I also hope to teach a few night courses at William and Mary. I must say that one of the smartest decisions I made in the past 18 months was to bank my credentials with the National Register. The state of Indiana endorsed me as a Health Service Provider

in Psychology (HSPP) earlier this year, and this coupled with the credentials bank has allowed for an exceptionally easy transition to a new jurisdiction. Transferring my license to a different state was a much easier affair than organizing the moving of my books and furniture! I send my best to everyone at Florida Tech and hope to make it back to visit sometime soon!

Mehreen Arshad, B.A.

I graduated from Florida Tech in 2005 with a B.A. in psychology with a clinical concentration. I am currently working on my master's in applied behavior analysis from Western Michigan University. I just started my second year. Michigan is very different from Florida (especially the weather!!), but I feel more comfortable here now that I've been here for almost a year. After graduation, I hope to work in the United States for a year and then move back to Pakistan. I'd like to go back home and apply what I have learned seeing as how it's really needed there.

2006

Greg Waugh, Psy.D.

Hello all and greetings from the desert Southwest. I am here in the Phoenix area where I run and am the sole therapy provider for a female sex offender treatment program serving women incarcerated in the state prison. I feel truly lucky to have this rather unique position, as it is rather uncommon for incarcerated females (as opposed to males) in the U.S. to have access to this type of program. I am also vigorously making numerous professional contacts both in the public and private sectors. Additionally, I have presented my program at the state level on a number of occasions and have received a great deal of interest and feedback about the program. After having studied for and passed the EPPP, I am now finishing my hours for licensure and concentrating even more on my job and learning as much as I can. I am enjoying the desert atmosphere and have been striking out on day trips throughout the state to learn about Arizona history. So, if any of my former classmates find themselves down this way, look me up.

2007

Gina Larisa Salisbury, Psy.D.

I am living in Morganton, N.C., doing my postdoc as a staff psychologist on the Adult Admissions Division of Broughton State Hospital. Here, I work with acute and persistently mentally ill adult patients. I am in charge of a ward of 19 male patients, but have contact with most of the patients on the division through groups I run. We are enjoying the area and its small-town charm, although it is conveniently located within an hour of Asheville and Charlotte. My dog, Nellie Louise, and cat, Frida Rome, are still doing good and getting fatter by the day. My husband, Travis, is working as a store manager for Rite Aid and is still doing photography on the side.

Amy Rowe, Psy.D.

Currently, I am in the process of completing officer training at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala. Following, I will be stationed at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss. I am very much looking forward to beginning my career as a psychologist in the Air Force and thus far have met some wonderful and supportive people to help me through the transition from student to professional, as well as civilian to military. I am grateful for my time at Florida Tech and plan to come visit as soon as possible. Unfortunately,

I will be unable to attend graduation as I will be involved in a pre-deployment mission in which we have to build a hospital and mental health facility from the ground up, as though we were in Iraq.

Amanda Fixsen, M.S.

After graduating with my M.S. in ABA, I have since moved to Portland, Ore., to pursue my Ph.D. in social work and social research at Portland State University. I plan to use my background in ABA and specifically my organizational focus in the field to help create change and better systems within child welfare populations.

Tina Malm, Ph.D., and Shawn Burkevich, M.S. '06

This summer, we moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and are now acclimating to the West Coast lifestyle. Shawn works as a senior employee development generalist for Headway Technologies. His first project is focused on revamping their PA process and developing/implementing training on effective feedback delivery. Most of his days are spent wishing he had paid more attention to Dr. Steelman's insights :-). Shawn is also responsible for resolving complex employee/labor relation issues for a diverse workforce composed of 20+ different nationalities. Now he also wished he had stuck around Florida Tech long enough to take Dr. Gabrenya's classes :-).

Tina joined Google as an HR analyst, where she monitors employee engagement and productivity through developing/analyzing surveys, focus groups and HRIS databases. While it's easy to be engaged, being a productive Googler is challenging considering the many diversions offered (e.g., massages, video games, table tennis, scooters, etc.). Tina is particularly thankful for the free food available at 17 international cafes across Google's campus, due to having to pay back her enormous student loans :-). She's currently trying hard to not gain her "Noogler 15."

We absolutely love the bay area and it's not all about work. We still find time to explore the area—like biking up the coast line of Half Moon Bay, visiting old friends in L.A., pioneering through various State Parks or enjoying wine tours through Napa Valley. So when those less than exciting poster sessions during SIOP 2008 roll around, we'll be capable SF SMEs. Life's good!

P.S.: Dr. Griffith, we still can't believe we deserted the I side either!

P.P.S.: Dr. Gutman, you're quite the matchmaker!





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