

# Journey



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## **Dreams and Reality**

**Mary Beth Kenkel, Dean**

August 2006 marks my five-year anniversary as dean at Florida Tech. In keeping with the theme of this column, I think it is a good time to see which of our “dreams” of five years ago has become “reality” today.

One dream was to build student enrollment in the School of Psychology, particularly in the undergraduate program. In 2001, the School of Psychology had 127 graduate students and 58 undergraduate students for a total enrollment of 185. Over the past five years, we have experienced a 72 percent increase in student enrollment; our total enrollment (graduate and undergraduate) is now 318. With the addition of our forensic psychology major, our undergraduate enrollment now stands at 130 (more than double the size in 2001), and graduate enrollment increased by 48 percent for a total of 188 graduate students. Our goal is an enrollment of 400, about equally split between undergraduate and graduate students. We are very much on target for reaching that goal in 2008.

Along with enrollment growth has come the need for new faculty. In 2001 our faculty numbered 12.5. Today after extensive faculty searches, we have expanded our faculty to 22 and will be welcoming three additional faculty in Fall 2006. Faculty publications and recognitions have increased dramatically, and we are making headway with obtaining external funding for research. The quality of our faculty and their work is what draws the students to our program.



Probably our most important goals five years ago were to achieve top ratings for our current academic programs, to ensure excellent preparation for students for their chosen careers and to develop new programs and services to address the needs in society. Articles in past issues of *Journey* have detailed our impressive progress toward these goals—the top national ranking given by students to our Industrial/Organizational Psychology program, the development of our Autism Treatment and Research Center, the rapid

growth and prominence of our forensic psychology major, the impressive array of internships, postdoctoral fellowships and jobs assumed by our graduates. These results all signal our progress in making these most important goals a reality.

Five years ago, another dream was for a new building for the School of Psychology to house teaching, research, services and faculty offices. It would replace our lively, but

cramped and worn, facility. We are not there yet, but we have expanded our research space to include three small houses on the campus as well as space in the ARL building. However, these separate facilities are less than ideal for the type of collaborative and applied research that we do. So a new School of Psychology building for our expanding academic programs and increased enrollment, as well as a building for our clinical services and research continue to be major needs and hopefully soon-to-be-fulfilled dreams for us.

## PocketPC Technology Supports Alzheimer's Caregivers

Dr. Frank Webbe, professor in the School of Psychology, and Dr. Annie Becker from the College of Business and the Department of Computer Science received a \$200,000 grant for the development of a novel application of the PocketPC for supporting Alzheimer's caregivers. Intel Corporation and Agilent Technologies support the grant program that is awarded through the Alzheimer's Association. Webbe and Becker's device, called PocketBuddy, serves as a sort of external memory. The device's applications offer assistance in daily caregiving activities by providing built-in checklists (e.g., "what items should be taken to day care"), reminders (e.g., it is time to give Mary her Aricept) and support for caregiving tasks (e.g., angry outbursts can be handled in the following manner). Becker and her team of computer science and engineering students are creating the software and human interface for the system. Webbe and his team

of psychology students are selecting and training the participants.

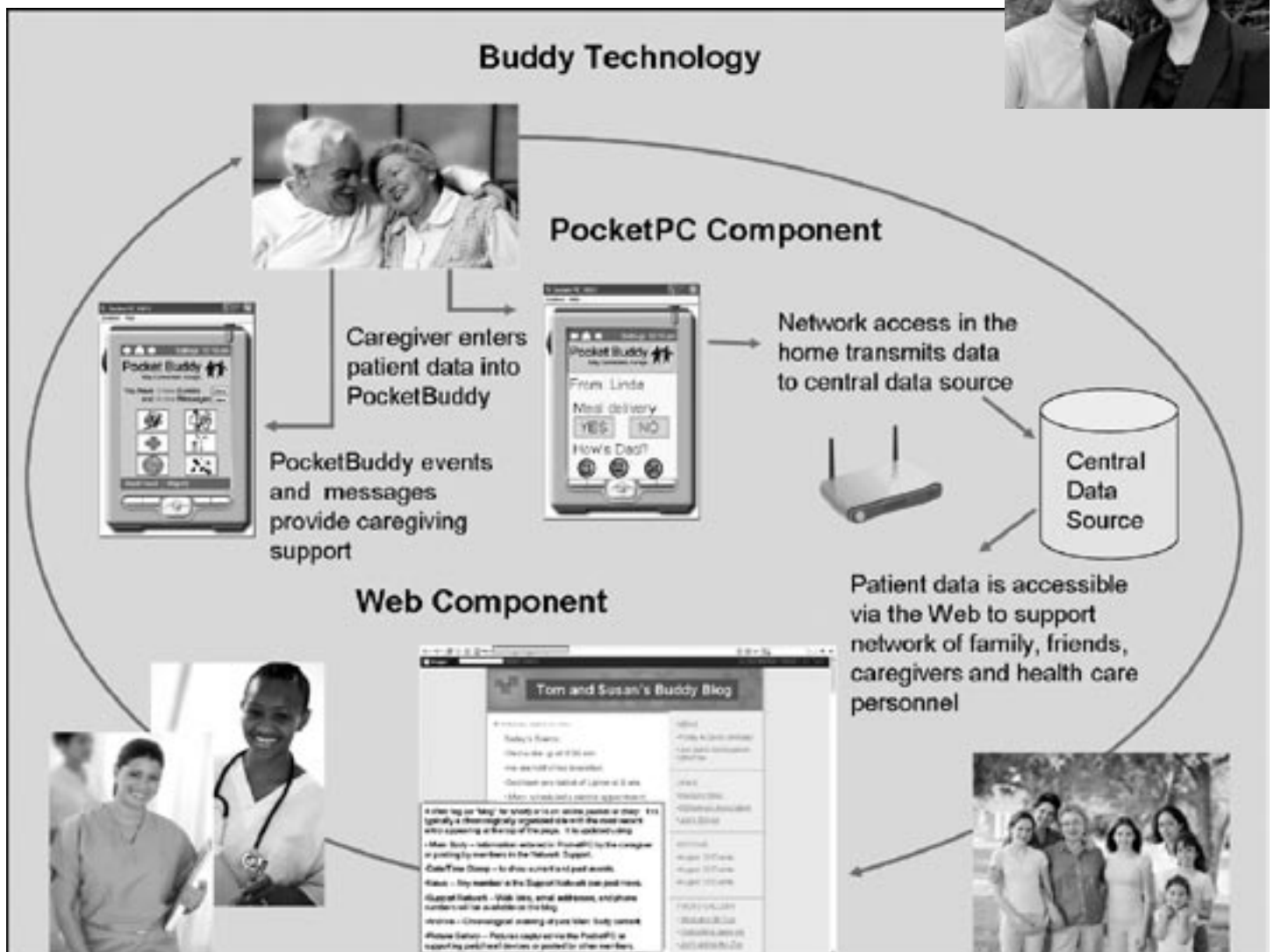
An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. An individual with Alzheimer's disease will live an average of eight years and potentially 20 or more years from the onset of symptoms. Family caregivers usually are the aged spouses of those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. They labor physically, mentally and emotionally, often in isolation and often well beyond their capacity to cope. The burden of caring takes its toll on the caregiver, who often ends up suffering from cardiovascular disease, depression and other illnesses associated with the stress of caring for a loved one.

PocketBuddy connects family and friends to the caregiver through text messaging, e-mail and gaming capabilities. To help alleviate some of the stress of caregiving, PocketBuddy will include an online Web log. BuddyBlog

will allow members of the caregiver's support network and also health care professionals to share thoughts and see how daily activities are going, to help keep in touch. The social support provided by PocketBuddy will minimize the isolation felt by many caregivers. These several components of Buddy are shown in the figure below.

Five students from School of Psychology have contributed energy to the PocketBuddy project: Melissa Knoll, Sophie Laurent and Tristan Webbe from the ABA program, and Edan Critchfield and Alyson Sincavage from the clinical program.

The initial results from the project will be presented at the Alzheimer's Association Conference for Everyday Technologies for Alzheimer's Care, held this fall in Oregon.



## The Center for Organizational Effectiveness: New Programs, Old Friends

Lisa A. Steelman, Ph.D., and Erin Schlacks

The Center for Professional Service at Florida Tech, the I/O program's consulting and internship arm, has undergone a transformation! Now known as The Center for Organizational Effectiveness, we have changed our name to better reflect our mission. Our mission is to develop customized solutions that enable organizational success while fostering student excellence. As the management consulting arm of the I/O program, The Center for Organizational Effectiveness (The Center) provides valid tools and processes to increase organizational productivity including: employee selection, performance appraisal, training and development, and organizational metrics.

The Center was formed in 1998 to facilitate student internship experiences. Today, not only do students secure internship placements through The Center, we also provide consulting services to public, private and not-for-profit organizations, as well as conduct applied research for our company sponsors. The Center staff of faculty member I/O psychologists and master's and Ph.D. candidates have completed several consulting and research projects locally and regionally. For example, we have created and validated a selection tool for a high-tech job family, and we created and implemented a multi-rater feedback program and provided detailed feedback reports to participants. In addition, we have assisted organizations in reducing unwanted turnover through exit interviews and employee satisfaction surveys, and we have delivered numerous team building workshops and employee training programs in areas such as: leadership, management skills, communication, coaching and feedback, diversity training and change management.

Student interns from The Center have worked in a wide variety of different organizations including: NASA, Target Corporate Headquarters, Disney, Lockheed Martin, Intersil, Rockwell Collins, Northrop Grumman, Brevard County Human Resources and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management

Institute (DEOMI) at Patrick Air Force Base. Students have worked on value-add projects such as training, needs assessment, curriculum development, performance appraisal, job analysis, and workforce recruiting and retention.

An internship is a valuable opportunity for a student to practice applying the skills they learn in the classroom to the "real world." Beyond technical applications, students learn to appreciate the ambiguity inherent in the workplace, learn to effectively communicate with business professionals, and network and find mentors who provide support as they navigate the dizzying world of career opportunities.

Kovia Hamilton, an intern at Target's Corporate Headquarters, noted that "one thing that has been driven home throughout [my course work] is that although there are theoretical ways of doing things, there is no one correct way to handle a practical situation. With that in mind, I was not blind sided by the ambiguity of all of the projects that I was given." Shawn Burkevich, a former intern at Rockwell Collins and now an HR Specialist there, was able to use the knowledge he gained "in Tests and Measurement and Applied Research Methods, [to] critically analyze several elements of a selection test being pitched to me over the phone by a consultant from a test

their human capital. Rapid changes in technology and work processes as well as international expansion have created the need for many employees to update their skills and competencies.

Given these changes, there has never been as dramatic a need for close partnering between academic and business communities.



Dr. Lisa Steelman, Director of the Center for Organizational Effectiveness

*The Center now offers a Corporate Sponsor program that serves as a bridge between business executives and the various stakeholders within The Center including faculty, students, alumni, Florida Tech leadership and other corporate members.*

Some of the benefits our Corporate Sponsors enjoy include: annual organizational research projects directed in response to our Sponsors' strategic agendas and business needs, custom comprehensive reviews of the literature (e.g., best practices, research findings) in response to the organization's strategic needs, structured recruiting for both internship and career positions, listing as a Sponsor on our Web site and publications. For a nominal contribution, Corporate Sponsors support a variety of educational programs including student scholarship, Center research, and Sponsor roundtable and

networking opportunities.

The success of The Center for Organizational Effectiveness demonstrates the value that can be derived when businesses and education come together. Companies that want to become sponsors of The Center or discuss consulting, research or internship opportunities may contact Dr. Lisa Steelman at (321) 674-7316 or lsteelma@fit.edu.



development firm." Randy Socin, an intern at Harrington & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in compensation and performance management, says he enjoys the exposure to a variety of projects and new ideas and "my coworkers are extremely knowledgeable, especially on the applied side, and they are very open to mentoring. Finally, I enjoy having the opportunity to apply all that I have learned."

This is an exciting time for The Center for Organizational Effectiveness because of the many changes impacting organizations and

## Florida Forensics Camp

The Florida Forensics Camp is designed to explore forensic psychology and forensic science. The camp was developed by Marshall Jones and Joshua Duntley. Mr. Jones is the undergraduate degree program coordinator for the forensic psychology program at Florida Tech. Dr. Duntley received his Ph.D. in evolutionary psychology and currently is an assistant professor in forensic psychology. The camp was created in an effort to expand on society's attraction to crime scene television. Programs such as "CSI" and "NCIS" have peaked the imagination and interest of the general public and students alike with the fascination of witnessing the convergence of scientific and psychological processes to solve intriguing crimes using DNA, reconstruction, blood splatter, psychological profiling, behavioral assessment and other psychological investigative approaches. The trouble is that no crime is solved in an hour; most complex cases may take years to solve, if ever. The camp activities consist

of competitions, scenario training based around concepts presented in seminars and classroom presentations. Participants have the opportunity to apply what they learn to a weeklong Team Investigation Competition where teams are presented a murder mystery and compete all week to solve a mystery in a "mystery dinner" style team-based activity that concludes with a mock trial. Overall, it is a truly amazing type of summer camp, which

the child has never experienced before. The Florida Forensics Camp is again seeking donations and grant funding for scholarships for youth with financial need. The camp must be self-sufficient in funding, and all fees go to pay camp staff, materials and equipment. Contributions are tax deductible. Please e-mail Marshall Jones at [mjones@fit.edu](mailto:mjones@fit.edu) if you want to contribute or visit the forensic camp Web site <http://floridaforensicscamp.com>.



*Students involved in the camp deliberating in a mock trial*



*Students involved with the Florida Forensics Camp*

## Newest Psi Chi Inductees



*Photo taken by Dr. Gabrenya*

**The following students were inducted into Psi Chi at a ceremony held on April 13, 2006. From left: Amanda Borrelli, Stephanie Link, Sherrie Pahl, Ed Kostic, Robin Walker, Danielle Eason**

## Homecoming Contest Winners

The School of Psychology is excited to announce that this year we won the homecoming decorating contest. The homecoming theme was "Surf the Stars." Congratulations to Deborah Masters, administrative secretary, for all of her hard work!



## Second Annual Research Expo

The second School of Psychology Research Exposition was held on March 31, 2006. The Exposition was designed to showcase the research of students and faculty in the Clinical, I/O, ABA and undergraduate programs. The Exposition provided an opportunity for each of our four psychology programs to become more familiar with research interests in the other programs, and to inform the campus community of the varied range of research activities in psychology. The expansion of research activities in each of the SOP programs has been rapid over the past four years. With the university's increased emphasis on research, it has become important that the SOP demonstrate the contributions of our research programs to the field of psychology.

The Exposition incorporated poster presentations by students and faculty, as well as four faculty presentations on their research programs. Dr. Frank Webbe provided an overview of his research on *Information and Communications Technology to Support Alzheimer Caregivers*, Dr. Dave Wilder presented *Research on Methods of Increasing Compliance in Young Children*, Dr. Lisa Steelman described initial work on *Forecasting the Future of NASA: Computations Modeling of the Workforce Climate at Kennedy Space Center* and Dr. Philip Farber described the development of *The Scale of*

*Accurate Personality Prediction: A Measure of Self-Knowledge?* Posters were displayed in the Hartley Room of the Denius Student Center, in a manner similar to poster sessions at conventions, and so provided a model for students who have not yet presented conference posters. The SOP Research Committee coordinated the exposition. Dr. Harrell, chair of the Research Committee, stated, "The presentations and poster submissions were great. They clearly demonstrated the wide range of research that is currently being conducted in the SOP."

Dr. Harrell believes there are some untapped opportunities for research collaboration between faculty and alumni. "We have conducted several projects where alumni have assisted thesis students in data collection, but I really believe broader collaborative projects are possible." Dr. Harrell encourages alumni whose applied activities overlap with research interests of faculty members to contact faculty and discuss the possibilities. The list of SOP faculty at [www.fit.edu/AcadRes/psych/faculty/index.htm](http://www.fit.edu/AcadRes/psych/faculty/index.htm) provides links to each faculty member's profile page. The profiles include summaries of faculty research and other interests. Dr. Harrell also noted the pages have relatively current pictures of faculty, so you can see how we are aging!



Psy.D. student, Yolanda Brannon, presenting at the Research Expo.

## Psy.D. Student Internships 2006–2007

Joseph Afanador—Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA

Yoland Brannon—Friends Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Rachel Butler—Southern Mississippi Psychology Internship Consortium, Hattiesburg, MS

Anastasia Cimino—Metro State College of Denver, Denver, CO

Anja Korell-Meyers—Citric Health Network, Miami, FL

Sheila Lapomarede—River Valley Services, Middletown, CT

Randi McDonald—Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center, Effingham Falls, NH

Marcia Norman—Park Place Behavioral Healthcare, Kissimmee, FL

Harel Papikian—Western Youth Service, Laguna Hills, CA

Faith Powers—Park Place Behavioral Healthcare, Kissimmee, FL

Amy Rowe—Redfern Health Center/Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Gina Salisbury—Broughton Hospital, Morganton, NC

Justin Shewell—Community Reach Center, Thornton, CO

Delia Silva—Golden State Psychology Internship Consortium, Fresno, CA



## The Behavior Analysis Student Association

Erica Hess

In its eighth year since conception, Florida Tech's Applied Behavior Analysis graduate program continues to flourish under the direction of Dr. Jose Martinez-Diaz. With support from Dr. Martinez-Diaz and in an effort to bring the ABA students together, first-year graduate student Kristin Helgerson developed the idea of a behavior analysis student organization.

The Behavior Analysis Student Association (BASA) was launched by Helgerson and many other ABA graduate students with the purpose being to enrich the academic experience of those involved in the field of behavior analysis, to foster a sense of community, as well as to educate future students through the dissemination of ideas and resources. Still in its infancy, BASA has managed to accumulate members from the current classes, as well as alumni and interested students in the field. This semester BASA has already assisted in the welcoming of prospective faculty and incoming ABA students.

In the upcoming year, BASA plans to co-sponsor a behavior analysis conference at Florida Tech with the Society for Performance Management. "We hope to attract not only students of behavior analysis but also practitioners and businesses in the area that can benefit from presentations regarding how to use ABA everyday," says Helgerson. For information about upcoming events and to view photos from past events, visit BASA's Web site at <http://activities.fit.edu/basa>.

## Organizational Behavior Management Conference

On March 22, 2006, the Florida Tech chapter of the Society for Performance Management held a conference at Florida Tech. The purpose of the conference was to educate all those who attended about the current issues in the field of Organizational Behavior Management. The conference invited guest speakers who were consultants from the Continuous Learning Group. This organization, also known as CLG, has been most prominent being that they are the largest consulting business in the country working with Fortune 500 companies. Those invited included local organizations, students and the public. "It was a good learning experience about the ways consulting works and the contributions that behavior analysis can provide to many businesses regarding employee proficiency," said Andrea Whitaker, the current SPM president. With its continued success, another conference is currently underway, which both the Behavior Analysis Student



David Wilder, Ph.D., coordinator of the organizational behavior management track at Florida Tech

Association (BASA) and the Society of Performance Management are planning. "We are trying to combine fields of behavior analysis focusing on both the OBM and clinical fields of ABA so that we can attract an even wider range of participants," said James Squires, future SPM president. For more information on Florida Tech's Society for Performance Management,

please visit <http://activities.fit.edu/spm>.



From left: Denny Sullivan, Leslie Braksick and Steve Jacobs from Continuous Learning Group

## The National ABA Conference

Florida Tech's Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program made a big showing at the Association for Behavior Analysis conference in Atlanta over the Memorial Day weekend. Presenting at the conference were program chair Dr. Jose Martinez-Diaz, faculty members Drs. David Wilder and Matthew Normand and a number of current students and graduates. The national ABA conference is becoming an annual gathering place for Florida Tech's ABA faculty, students and alumni, as shown in the picture below. Next year we plan to have a hospitality suite to use for a reunion in San Diego.



Florida Tech students at the ABA conference  
(Back row) Byron Wine, Alonna Marcus, Matt Osborne, Melissa Knoll, Melissa Gonzalez, Anja Kroell, Dr. Jose Martinez-Diaz  
(Front row) Mrs. Byron Wine, Marshall Feaman, Sophie Laurent, Chad Liming, Melissa Knoll's son

## Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient

Judge Catharina Haynes '83, Psychology, received the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Homecoming Banquet on Feb. 25. The daughter of a Florida Tech faculty member, Professor Peter Dubbleday, Catharina enrolled at the university at the age of 16 and completed her degree in three years. At the age of 19, she enrolled at Emory University School of Law and received her Juris Doctorate with distinction. She began her law career as an associate with Thompson & Knight in Dallas, Texas. She continued her career with Baker & Botts for the next ten years as an associate and partner, where she became board certified in consumer law.

Judge Haynes has been quite active in the legal community. She has served as chair of



the Subcommittee on Visiting Judges and as co-chair of the Judiciary Committee, for which she received the Dallas Bar Association Jo Anna Moreland Outstanding Committee Chair Award in 1996. She has also served on other Dallas Bar Association committees and as a volunteer mediator. In 1996, she was appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to its task force on juries.

Since taking the bench in January 1999 for the 191st District Court in Dallas, a typical week for Judge Haynes consists of trials on Monday through Thursday. Her evenings during the week are typically spent preparing for the following day. Judge Haynes maintains a very active trial docket.

## Florida Tech Alumni at APA 2006!

Marsha Philips, Psy.D., and Lynn Brayton, Psy.D., who practice in New Orleans and can fill you in on what's happening there, are excited about arranging a wonderful welcoming for you all in the heart of the French Quarter! On Friday night, August 11 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., we will sway to the music of Leah Stonum, a professional pianist and entertainer, who

played at Pat O'Brien's for years and also plays at Windsor Court. The Florida Tech Alumni Affair will be held at The Coffee Pot, a restaurant that serves a full New Orleans cuisine (next to Pat O'Brien's) at 714 St. Peter, New Orleans, owned by Lynn's husband, Tommy Murphy.

They have an outside patio where wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided

for you. Do come and meet all your colleagues attending APA. Faculty Tom Peake, Frank Webbe, and Dean Mary Beth Kenkel will be there looking forward to seeing you!

Y'all come!!

Please let Jani McCray know you can join us! E-mail [jmccray@fit.edu](mailto:jmccray@fit.edu) or call (321) 674-8142.

## *The School of Psychology invites you to A Florida Tech Alumni Reception/Party!*

A chance to sample New Orleans cuisine!

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 11, 2006 at The Old Coffee Pot Restaurant**

714 St Peter St., New Orleans, Louisiana

Marsha Phillips, Psy.D., and Lynn Brayton, Psy.D., practicing in New Orleans, are helping to sponsor this treat and are excited about arranging a wonderful welcoming for you all in the heart of the French Quarter! It wouldn't be New Orleans without music!

Leah Stonum, a professional pianist, will be playing.

There will be opportunity for you to see old friends, share your career experiences, network and enjoy meeting each other again in conjunction with the American Psychological Association Annual Conference.

***Hope to see you there!***



***Please let us know you can join us!***

RSVP:

***Jani McCray***

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***jmccray@fit.edu***

## Alumni Updates

1985

**Joni E. Johnston, Psy.D.**

Joni lives with her husband, Alex Tsakiris, and their four children in Del Mar, Calif. She is the president and CEO of WorkRelationships ([www.workrelationships.com](http://www.workrelationships.com)), a corporate training and consulting company, and continues to indulge in her passion for writing mental health information for the lay public. She recently completed the third edition of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Psychology* and just turned in *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Controlling Anxiety*.



1986

**Linda Munro, Psy.D.**

My daughter, Heather, is getting married on April 1, 2006. I'm excited for her, but ambivalent about being on my own ... for the first time in my life. And, six months ago, I reduced my private practice of 17 years to part time in order to begin consulting in nursing homes. And that's about all the change I can stand for 2006.

1989

**Jay Chrostowski, Psy.D., ABPP**

Jay is the coordinator for internship training with Aurora Behavioral Health Services, located in the metro Milwaukee area. He has been the internship coordinator since 1992, first as a University of Wisconsin Medical School faculty member and then as a full-time Aurora Health Care employee since 1999. He is starting a postdoctoral fellowship program for the 2006 training year, which will be in the area of behavioral medicine; a neuropsychology postdoctoral program is scheduled to begin in the 2007 training year. His clinical activities include dementia evaluations, working with disenfranchised populations and developing assessment protocols for adult attention deficit disorder. Jay continues to be very busy at home, as Rachel, now 16, is learning to drive in addition to her drama and acting activities. Sarah, now 11, seems more destined for basketball and music (she plays the flute and the violin). The big news for Sandy is that she is in the final stages of completion of her doctorate in ministry (DMin) program, and successfully defended her doctoral thesis in March of this year. She is scheduled to walk in graduation on May 14, and then will be formally addressed as the Reverend Doctor Sandy Chrostowski (in public, anyway). We continue to visit Florida regularly, and make it a point to visit the campus as often as possible. There are indeed big developments going on there, and we're happy to have been a part of the growth of the department.

1993

**Yolanda Leon, Psy.D.**

I'm still in private practice in Tampa, working in neuropsychology, on the board of FPA, the board of Epilepsy Services of West Central Florida, and conducting research with Pediatric Epilepsy and Neurology Specialists in Tampa, and the Epilepsy Treatment Team of USF/Tampa General. Also, I'd like to include my recent research and articles. They are as follows:

Leon, Yolanda C., Sesta, Joseph, Tatum, William O., & Benbadis, Selim. Comparison of Rey-Osterreith Figure Qualitative Errors on Recall Performance Between Right and Left Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Patients. *Epilepsia* 45(7), 2004.

Lazarou, Emily E., Catalano, Glenn, Catalano, Maria G., Leon, Yolanda C. The Psychological Effects of Leech Therapy After Penile Auto-Amputation. *Journal of Psychiatric Practice*, Vol.12(2), March, 2006.

**Denise (Amari) DeLuca, Psy.D.**

I am living up here in New Jersey with my husband and two children. My son Frankie is 6, and my daughter Caroline is 4. We are all doing well. Caroline was born with Down Syndrome and so the first couple of years were tough. Now both children are healthy and beautiful!! I am currently in my own private practice here. I work three days a week mostly with children. I love it! Secondly, I am working part time as the clinical coordinator of a nonprofit organization called Creative Heartwork. This is a great organization that offers the creative arts therapies to children of all needs. Our Web site is [www.creativeheartwork.org](http://www.creativeheartwork.org) in case any alumni in New Jersey are looking for a group for a client.

1995

**Karen Oldham Pestyk, Psy.D.**

Sean Barnett and I married in August 2005. Morgan and Ethan are growing well and adjusting to their new step-family. Sean is in IT at UNCC and finishing a master's degree in the next year and a half in IT management. He is a Captain in the Air Force Guard and puts on Major next December. I am still working in my private practice. I see patients (mostly adults), and do some supervision, mostly in play therapy. As you can see, we are all happy, healthy and continuing to prosper. We are so thankful and excited about life these days. We just wanted to share some good news and updates. We hope this finds you well. We would love to hear from all of you. Our e-mail at home is [Koldham@Carolina.rr.com](mailto:Koldham@Carolina.rr.com).

1997

**Fabi Laby, Psy.D.**

We moved to Austin, Texas, in August 2005 and had our third child in September 2005. Dahlia will be five in April, Eli is two and a half, and Rina is 6 months old. I closed my practice in Houston and am now initiating a new practice in Austin. We are excited to be in our new surroundings!

From left: Rina with mom, Dahlia, Eli



1998

**Deborah Russo, Psy.D.**

We currently live in Marietta, Ga., which is 20 minutes outside the city of Atlanta. I practice at two local outpatient offices, in addition to working with Remuda Ranch Programs for Eating Disorders. My work includes writing articles, conducting local outreach workshops and presenting for conferences. Lately I'm facilitating Adventure Therapy workshops in the treatment of eating disorders and addictions in several locations around the nation. We are enjoying the opportunities in





Georgia, however we miss the beautiful Florida weather and water! Jeff is the band director at St. Judes Catholic School. He also made his first jazz CD two years ago titled "In a Midnight Moon," and he has received great feedback along with frequent performance opportunities, including a gig at the upcoming Atlanta Jazz Festival! Come join us!! And, check out his Web site at [www.jeffandrewsimpson.com](http://www.jeffandrewsimpson.com). Other than that, we continue to hope for children and in the meantime, Prince, our dog-child is a trip and has been a joy and great fun.

### **Elizabeth Huddleston, Psy.D.**

I am the psychology department director at Broughton Hospital, a 330-bed state psychiatric hospital in Morganton, N.C. In the last year, two more Florida Tech graduates have joined our faculty: **Dr. Chuck Flagler ('02)** and **Dr. Robert Moseley ('00)**. Robert and I each completed our internship at Broughton, and this summer, we will be welcoming **Gina Salisbury ('07)** as she starts her internship on July 1! It's great working with Florida Tech alumni. We often enjoy reminiscing about our glory days in Melbourne ... scoring Rorschach responses with Dr. Krishnamurthy, discussing ethical dilemmas with Dr. Baker, the good aromas from Dr. Peake's pipe, Dr. Philpot phoning in from the observation room or just relaxing after hours with friends. There are many warm memories of the time in our life when we were growing personally and professionally.

From left: Robert Moseley '00 Psy.D., Elizabeth Huddleston '98 Psy.D. and Chuck Flagler '02 Psy.D.



### **Lori Kadish Wirth, Psy.D.**

Life is very good! Believe it or not, all those years of training, all those degrees and certifications, and I'm actually using it all to be a full-time mom (and loving it!) I have a wonderful husband, Don; a very smart, handsome and oh so considerate son, Karl, 6; and a beautiful, strong-minded daughter, Jamie, 3, who tests my patience, every day. Believe it or not, I'm still in the dark ages as far as technology, so I can't scan any photos, but I promised that as soon as both my kids were in school full time I would work on updating my skills and equipment.

We live in a beautiful area of New Jersey, where we are close to the beach, our favorite escape, the mountains, or New York City. We are near family and friends. One day when my kids are in school full time, I will return to being a "talk Dr." as my kids call me, but for now I am enjoying all the developmental stages of their growth. I do miss work sometimes and my (now what seems like carefree) times at Florida Tech. I still see (but not as much as I'd like) my good friends **Nancy Vermont** and **Holli Bodner** and talk to **Mark Sementilli**. I'd like to say a special hello to **Debra Kaplan Jacoby** who remains connected in a most unusual way. My times at Florida Tech were very special, I made great friends and learned valuable life lessons.

## **1999**

### **Sudi Dannenberg Randoing, Psy.D.**

My biggest news is that I have joined a private practice, but not just any private practice. I am working with two fellow Florida Tech alums, **Susan Blandino ('97 Psy.D.)** and **Erick Gonzalez ('98 Psy.D.)**, who are married. We work in Allen, Texas, outside of Dallas and mainly see children and families, although we also see adults. I am doing one to two psych assessments per week and also have therapy clients. It is great to have our own Florida Tech reunion. Susan, Erick and I worked

together at the Family Learning Program with Dr. Juanita Baker. The training we received at Florida Tech has served us well!

I am working part time so that I can maximize my time with Jason, 9, and Benjamin, 6. Jason is doing well in school and loves dragons. Benjamin is a soccer star and is sailing through kindergarten. My husband, Olivier, often travels for work. He recently went to Las Vegas and took me with him for two days. Vegas was definitely not my kind of place, but it was fun to experience.

I miss you all and always think of you fondly.

P.S. My new e-mail address is [Sudi4611@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sudi4611@sbcglobal.net). Thanks.

### **Michele Conner (Rutan), Psy.D.**

Hi, I'm still working at Astor Counseling Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., as the clinic director. Astor is an outpatient counseling center for low income children and their families. On a personal note, Bill and I have been married for five years. Our son, Billy, is 3 years old and he is a very active little boy. He adores his little sister, Emma, who is almost one year old. Emma is easy-going and so adorable.

## **2000**

### **Mike Kohn, Psy.D.**

I was barely keeping the seams together after kid number one, and now after kid number two, I demanded anti-anxiety meds from my GP for extra stitching. I found antidepressants too cliché. And plus, being depressed is a luxury I can't afford. I only have time to be anxious. I work in forensics at a state hospital. My daily responsibilities consist of working tirelessly to avoid being discovered as an imposter. It is a great job however, although I'm finding that I'm having to increasingly remind myself of that. I work with fellow Florida Teacher **Kim Gronemeyer ('00 Psy.D.)** and that's a very good thing because she reminds me to do all the things I would otherwise forget and once every several months she deletes hundreds of unread e-mails from my computer. But of course she's also a great person for reasons independent of my selfish needs. Coincidentally, just today we were reminiscing about everybody. We miss everybody. What ever happened to **Kristin Farrell ('00 Psy.D.)** anyway? I hate you Kristin. Not you, **Kristin Maloy ('01 Psy.D.)**, only the Bad Kristin. Well, I think that's about it. Oh, the preschool teacher said that my kid's real smart and does well, so at least that's something.

## **2001**

### **Jennifer (Buck) Rice, Psy.D.**

Jason and I recently had a beautiful daughter, Mackenzie, in November. I am enjoying being a stay-at-home mom and watching her grow and change everyday. We are planning to move back to my home state of Virginia to be closer to family. We are relocating to the Richmond area at the end of April.

### **Jane Irby Allen, Psy.D.**

In October 2005, I passed the last of the licensure requirements in Oregon and am fully licensed (#1703). We are still living in Albany, Ore., and I am still working in the child and family team at Linn County Mental Health (community mental health). Our clients are ages 2 through 18, although I have had a couple of 19 year olds as clients.

My team sees anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, a lot of oppositional defiance, some conduct disorder, as well as ADHD, Asperger's and autism spectrum problems. Additionally, I work with juvenile sex offenders in group, individual and multi-family format. I do cognitive assessments, a little personality assessment and something called a comprehensive risk assessment (as opposed to violence risk

assessment which is not language we use anymore) in addition to regular mental health assessments for our 2-4 (per person) weekly intakes.

Our son Ned is still in St. Augustine, and our daughter Alicia is nearing the completion of her college education. She is a humanities major and is planning on getting a master's degree in education starting spring of 2007. My husband is still the best husband in the world, although he has been frustrated with the lack of job opportunities for planners here in Oregon.

We are healthy, happy and enjoy our lives. This past year I learned to play blackjack, make glass beads and have gotten hooked on kayaking (still no white water stuff).

## 2002

### **Cori Calkins, Psy.D.**

Well, life in our household has been fairly calm but eventful within the past couple of years. In January 2005, I joined three of my colleagues in starting our own group private practice in Fort Myers, Fla., serving children/adolescents, adults and families. Business has been thriving since we opened our doors. It was a challenging decision, but everyday I feel so fortunate to experience the flexibility and satisfaction in managing my own practice. In fact, in response to the need for services in our rapidly growing community, we are currently looking for another Florida-licensed psychologist to join us! Rich also has been enjoying his work. He is employed by Optimi Corporation working as a technical trainer, providing software training and technical service for Optimi's contracted companies. He enjoys the ability to work at home and gets to travel several days each month.

We've had a baby boom lately in our graduating Psy.D. class, and we are among the happy families! We welcomed our baby girl, Alayna Shea Calkins, to the world on May 3, 2005. I have been able to work 3 1/2 days per week and stay home the remaining time. Alayna has been a blessing, and we're enjoying every moment with her. She is nearly a year old now and is demonstrating her growing need for independence. Her first real word was "hi" and now she says it all the time. (Sometimes she smiles and waves into mid air saying "hi" as if looking directly at someone! We joke that she is communing with ghosts!) She wants to try to walk constantly and shocks us at times with her willful displays when she doesn't get her way! For two generally easy-going people, it's humorous to see her strong personality developing!

We hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and happy!  
Namaste (from the yoga buff in me)

### **Stacy Baron, Psy.D.**

We had a great past year and we certainly hope you all did as well. Our biggest news is that Baron #3 is on the way. This will be the final edition to our immediate family, and we are very excited. Aidan started preschool, and Kyra's vocabulary has blossomed over the last two weeks, which is a lot of fun to see. Tim's work is really on the upswing. For fun, he did head down to Florida for a golf outing with friends with his parents lending their place in West Palm for the rendezvous. As for me, I finally, finally, finally got licensed. I am so thrilled to have that hurdle behind me. I am still in private practice, and once the baby arrives and I get adjusted, I will throw myself into growing the practice. We certainly hope this finds you all well, and we wish you all the best that this year has to offer.

P.S.—IT'S A BOY!!! Announcing Holden Larson Baron who was born April 19, 2006!!

## 2003

### **Karmon Sears, Psy.D.**

The December issue of St. Joseph Hospital Newsletter announced my becoming an official staff member (as opposed to my two years here as a postdoc). I obtained hospital privileges in July. In January this year, I was a co-presenter on Traumatic Brain Injury and its effects on the individual and family. It was a CEU talk to insurance reps, rehab personnel (nurses, LNAs, PAs) and ER room staff, as well as case managers. Also in January–February, I was on a local news show's health segment (MyTV.com) with my colleagues from the bariatric weight loss program to discuss bariatric surgery and the psychological component. Finally, it's a small world up here. Last year, I represented Florida Tech at a school fair and early this year, I ran into a fellow alumni, **Alan Gladsen, Psy.D.**, who works at a community clinic not far from the hospital. We had fun comparing experiences and catching up on Florida Tech.

### **Angie Steep, Psy.D.**

The Steep family will be adding a new baby girl (Eva Jade) due mid-June 2006. We are continuing to enjoy living in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. We've included a family photo of a new pastime, with our Bull Mastiff, Diesel ... we've become

quite the therapy family: health psychologist, massage therapist and therapy dog ... it keeps it interesting!! Hope everyone is doing well and would love to hear from you if you are anywhere near Tennessee. We are going to try and come back to Florida Tech for the upcoming graduation in 2006 ... GO KRISTI!!!! Be well.



### **Rebecca A. Long, Psy.D.**

Rebecca Long and her "lovely husband Greg" were wed in the mountains of North Carolina in December 2005.

After three years of community mental health in Kissimmee, and the past year working in long term care, we are looking forward to a change of pace as we relocate to western North Carolina beginning this summer. Greg and I, along with daughter Hannah (who is entering 7th grade!) and our Pekipoo Gracie, will all be "mountain folks." Anyone want to help pack?



## 2004

### **Manny Rodriguez, M.S., ABA, and Kelly Therrien, M.S., ABA**

Other than my last update, I can only update that Kelly and I continue to be practitioners in OBM, delivering services to fortune 100-500



companies, where Kelly's primary responsibilities are training and development of consultants, and I am consulting. Also, Kelly and I will be celebrating our one year wedding anniversary on April 7.

## 2005

### **Anita Sahgal, Psy. D.**

On a professional note, I'm coming close to finishing my postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Georgia this summer. I am currently preparing for the EPPP, which I plan to take soon, and then will concentrate my efforts on the job search. On a personal note, I will be moving back to Florida to be with my family again and because I'm getting married! I got engaged this year and am planning a March 2007 wedding.

### **Jeremy Harrison, Psy.D.**

My wife and I currently live in London, Ontario, Canada. We bought a small house and are trying to get used to being settled down.

Currently, I work at Regional Mental Health Care London which is a psychiatric hospital that is a part of St. Joseph's Health Care London. I work as a psychologist under supervised practice until I pass all my exams. I passed my jurisprudence exam and the EPPP. I have to do an oral exam in



December 2006. In addition to seeing patients for individual therapy and assessments, I attend a lot of ward meetings and I am currently involved in supervising a predoctoral student on internship. Melanie works as a special education teacher in Woodstock, which is about 30 kilometers away. This past winter was kind of cold and I miss the Florida sunshine, but it is worth it because Canada is a great country to live in! Take care!

### **Robyn Coombs, Psy.D.**

There has not been too much going on since I graduated in September, but it was great seeing everyone last September for graduation! I certainly hope all of you in my class are doing well and enjoying your postdoctoral year. As many of you know, I decided to come back to good 'ole Florida Tech and take the position as assistant director of CAPS. I play such a different role from being a student here ... and love it so much more! I think I just may make this my home for a while. Please keep in touch, you guys. It is always so enjoyable to hear from you. Enjoy the rest of your postdoctoral year!!!

### **Greg Tupper, M.S., I/O Psychology**

I am living in San Antonio, Texas, and working for Tesoro Petroleum Companies as a talent management specialist in the Talent and Organizational Effectiveness Group. It's been a really great opportunity. We are currently developing competency models for each function of the organization and will develop tools for selection and employee development once the models are complete. We are also working on an organization-wide employee engagement scale with an outside vendor, conducting an analysis of the selection processes being used across the organization, managing the PA process and the list goes on.

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Take care, be well and keep in touch. Send your updates to [jmccray@fit.edu](mailto:jmccray@fit.edu).

P.S. Your pictures are a welcome addition, please include yourself in the pictures of your children and pets...after all...we went to school with you!

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