

Psycho-Babble

Macalester College/ October 2011

Important Dates for October

Wednesday, Oct. 13th
Johnson Lecture
Dr. Michael Gazzaniga
4:45 - 6:30 Kagan

Wednesday, Oct. 13th
MPA Distinguished
Scholar Lecture 7:30
Dr. Alan Sroufe
Weyerhaeuser

Tuesday, Oct. 18th
11:30-12:30 All About
Internships Lunch
Olin-Rice 352

Thursday, Oct. 20th
Psi Chi Induction
Old Main 4th floor
4:45

FRIDAY SOCIALS -
3:20 p.m. by the
Awards Wall

Chair Talk from Brooke

We have a very exciting week coming up in mid October when Professor Michael Gazzaniga comes to Macalester to give our annual Johnson Lecture. Gazzaniga literally founded an academic discipline that did not exist 30 years ago - Cognitive Neuroscience. I often tell my students that one of the privileges of studying cognitive science is that the founding fathers and mothers of the field are alive, and still making important contributions. If there were a Mount Rushmore of cognitive science/cognitive neuroscience, Michael Gazzaniga would be up there grinning down at us. So set aside some time on Wednesday, October 12 to rub elbows with a true giant. If you're in *Brain, Mind and Behavior*, or *Cognitive Neuroscience* you'll need do nothing more than go to class. Others can catch up with Prof. Gazzaniga over a late lunch in the Psychology Reading Room. Whatever you do, don't miss his talk at 4:45 in Kagan. It's called "Who's in Charge? Free Will and the Limits of Determinism", and it will be huge. See you there!

Mike Gazzaniga speaking at Johnson Lecture

Co-Founder of modern cognitive neuroscience, Michael Gazzaniga will speak on *Who's in Charge? Free Will and the Limits of Determinism* on October 12th from 4:45 -6:00 in the Hill Ballroom in Kagan Commons. Dr. Gazzaniga is a Professor of Psychology and the Director for the SAGE Center for the Study of Mind, and the University of California in Santa Barbara.

Report from Study Abroad Lunch



Nine fellow students who have studied abroad shared their experiences, good and bad, to a group of interested students at the Fall Study Abroad Lunch.

Some of the things we learned at the lunch: you don't necessarily have to select a Macalester approved program but it is advisable if you want the high academic standards we're used to at Mac. Students were interested in their ability to travel alone. Some recommended it and some avoided it. It is dangerous, but also exposes you to the culture in a way that you wouldn't get if you were traveling with a group of Americans. Those who didn't travel still felt like they had a full experience by being with a host family, or taking a language class. You are very exposed to the differences in cultures and see different things everyday.

The students who studied abroad last semester told us to get a clear idea of what you need for the semester before going. They all are glad they took the opportunity to go abroad.

All About Internships Lunch

We will have a lunch panel on **Tuesday, October 18** at 11:30 in Olri 352 with students who have done or are currently doing internships. Someone from the internship office will also be there to answer questions.

The Psychology Department encourages students to consider doing an internship. The "real world" experience is an invaluable addition to the major.

Watch for more information on this as participants are confirmed.

Jamie Atkins maintains a list of internship opportunities, so she is a great resource, in addition to your advisor.



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Alan Sroufe

L. Alan Sroufe is the William Harris Professor of Child Development at the University of Minnesota. Professor Sroufe joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota in 1968 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1967. He spent the 1984-85 academic year at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto. He received the Distinguished Teaching Award from the College of Education in 2003, and in 2007, Division 7 of the American Psychological Association awarded him both the G. Stanley Hall Scientific Contribution Award and the Maccoby Book Award.

The Minnesota Longitudinal Study of Risk and Adaptation was designed to examine the importance of early experience. By controlling for temperament, intelligence, social class, later experience, and other factors it was possible to suggest that indeed early experience has a lasting legacy. By examining changes in context and representations of experience, it was possible to illustrate the process by which this occurs. Understanding this process has numerous implications for investigations of psychopathology and for clinical practice.



L Alan Sroufe

MPA
Distinguished
Lecture Series

October 12th
7:30

Weyerhaeuser
Boardroom

*"The Legacy of
Early
Experience"*

Mesmerizing Major – Susann Puican

Favorite Movie: Run Lola Run

Favorite Book: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn or any of Wally Lamb's old books

Favorite Place to Eat in the Twin Cities: Izzys!

What do you do when you are not studying: Hang out with my cat, Lollie

Where did you grow up? Chicago, IL

Interesting fact about your hometown. The new Marilyn Monroe sculpture Chicago just installed has already been vandalized twice.

Tell us something about your family: My little cousin was just crowned the German Cornflower Queen of Chicago!

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I worked at Breakthrough Collaborative this summer teaching science to 7th graders!!



Susann Puican

Each month we randomly select a psychology or CNS major to be our mesmerizing major for the month.



[Vilayanur Ramachandran](#)

"The Neurology of Human Nature"

Nobel Conference
Tuesday & Wednesday
Oct 4 & 5
Gustavus Adolphus

Contact Eric about tickets.

Psych Students tell us what they do (when not studying)

Adam Freedman I am currently the advisory chair for Colleges Against Cancer. I am also a part of MacSoup and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honors society.

Alex Yang I'm studying abroad this semester, but normally at Mac, I participate in theater productions and am also in the a cappella group Off-Kilter!

Ayaka Sheehan This semester I'll be doing women's lacrosse and volunteering at the Rakhma Joy home.

Brent Campbell I am one of the captains of the track team, I'm a part of the Macalester's Caribbean students association and I'm also a volunteer at the United Hospital.

Caitlan Opperman I am involved in the following: Macalester Golf Team, Macalester Irish Dance, The Mac Weekly, Amnesty International, and am an Intern at Minnesota Public Radio.

Chloe Souza I am on the Cross-Country team, have begun volunteering at the Jeremiah Project, and am a first-year course writing assistant for a sociology course.

David Ellison I'm running cross country!

Eric Zhaowei Zhang I am participating in Chinese Culture Club.

Igor Stanceric I'm a senior resident assistant for the upper class area, founder and director of Macalester First Aid, Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees, Club Volleyball captain.

Jacob Greenberg I am on the hockey team.

Jasmine Ball I am on the track team, in the Bonner scholars program, the Events coordinator for Afrika, in the Caribbean students association, in the Students for the Safe Exercise of our Right to Bear Arms (SSERBA), Mac Club Volleyball, and Mac GOP.

Maggie Wood I am on the women's basketball team and I am the Vice President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Micah Mumper I'm currently a Psych Club leader, a lab assistant in Brooke Lea's eye tracking lab, a RIP I preceptor, and I volunteer as a tutor at Laura Jefferies Academy.

Mikayla Mehle I am the president of MacYARN and I work off-campus as a CNA.

Sylvia Ferguson I'm a Leader in Active Minds at Macalester and a member of Art Alliance.



More Psycho-Babble.

Rachel (Rocky) Levitsky '04 celebrated two exciting and joyous milestones recently: She got married and she completed her PsyD from the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology.

Mollie Mayfield '11 just got a job with the Public Allies program in her native North Carolina. She will work primarily with the InterFaith Food Shuttle, a non-profit organization that works to create innovative and transformative solutions to hunger. She'll also meet regularly with other public allies in the state for training and leadership development workshops. Public Allies is an AmeriCorps program.

Elliott Yodh '11 is a research assistant in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania. He's working with Dr. Raquel Gur on studies related to the behavioral genetics of schizophrenia using fMRI.

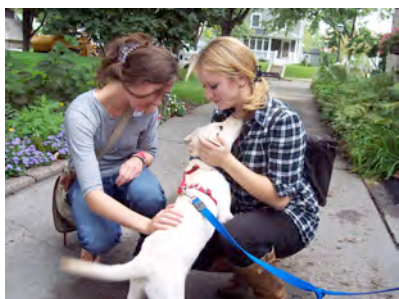
Congratulations, Rocky, Mollie, and Elliott!

Psi Chi Induction is October 20th, 4:45

Thursday, Oct. 20th, Old Main 4th floor, we will induct new members into Psi Chi, the national honorary society for psychology.

Invitation letters are being sent out early next week.

Pictures from the Picnic



Welcome new majors!

Anna French '13 NS

Adam Freedman '12 Psych

Caitlin Bixby '14

Anna Benson '14

Mackenzie (Izzi) Speer '14

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