

# Psycho-Babble

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### Chair Talk from Brooke



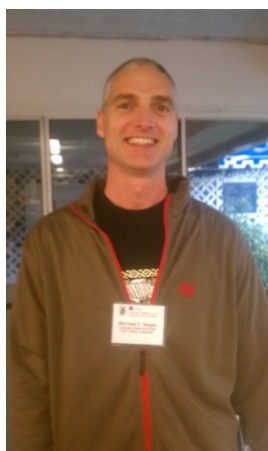
Happy “Spring” Semester! It’s 6 below zero as I write this, which confirms that this name for the 2nd semester is oxymoronic – and deeply misleading – at least when used in Minnesota.

We are thrilled to announce that our search for a social psychologist resulted in the hire of Professor Steve Guglielmo (see photo on right). Steve comes to us from Yale University, where he is a Visiting Lecturer. He earned his PhD at Brown University where he studied the



psychological processes by which people make moral judgments. Steve starts at Macalester next fall and will teach Social Psychology, RIP I, Moral Psychology, and Directed Research. We are very excited to have him join our department.

We hope that you enjoyed a restful winter break and are settling in to the new semester. If you



have fun pictures from your time off please pass them along for inclusion in future PsychoBabbles. I’ll start by sharing two pics from a conference I attended in early January. The first is photo of Michael Steger, a Macalester psych major who is now a psychology professor at Colorado State University. He shared some fond memories of his days at Mac. The other pic is of me and a mystery psychologist. I’ll take to lunch the first psych major who can identify her (email me: [lea@mac](mailto:lea@mac)).



Finally, please remember that Friday Socials will continue at full strength this semester, with new and delicious offerings at the happy hour of 3:20 on Friday afternoons. Stop by and say “TGIF” with your fellow majors and department staff.

Best wishes to all for a terrific “Spring” semester.



### Andrew Solomon Meet and Greet

### Important Dates to Save:



**Dog Talk** - Thursday, February 21st 6:30 in Weyerhaeuser Dr Julia Manor

**MUPC** - Saturday, April 20th St. Thomas University, St. Paul. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Sarah Gervais, from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Gervais is a social psychologist who is interested in (from her website) intergroup processes and prejudice, and features an interdisciplinary approach, approaching the problem from a multitude of perspectives, including social psychology, cognitive psychology, law psychology, and women's studies. You can read more about her work here: <http://subtleprejudicelab.wordpress.com/>

## MPA Distinguished Lecture - James Jackson

Wednesday, April 24th 7:30 in Weyerhaeuser

*“Perceived Discrimination and Well-Being among African American and Caribbean Black People”*



## Mesmerizing Major - Chloe Kaulas

Favorite Movie: The Motorcycle Diaries / Dirty Dancing

Favorite Book: The Outsiders

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Shish



What do you do when you are not studying?: Play Water Polo!

Where did you grow up?: Chicago

Interesting fact about your hometown: ummm Obama. Oprah. Kanye?

Tell us something about your family: I am the youngest of three girls.

And I am for sure my parents' favorite.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I was an All American Honorable Mention two years in a row by the Collegiate Water Polo Association!

## Kids Judge! 2012 photos









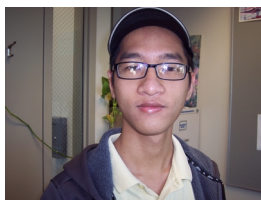
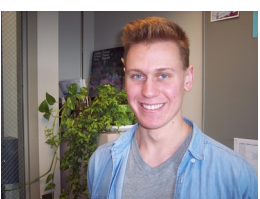




## Graduating Seniors - Now is the time!

Please check your major plan with your advisor and/or Brooke Lea to make sure you are on track with all of your requirements. Please get this important paperwork taken care of.

### Welcome New



### Majors

Rachel Graham	'15	Brooklyn, NY
Hannah Walker	'15	Falls Church, VA
Anna Munson	'15	LaCrosse, WI
Bree Burazin	'15	Milwaukee, WI
DeMarro Reynolds	'14	Bloomington, MN



Alex Rack	'16	Swarthmore, PA	NS
Yolanda Burckhardt	'15	Andover, MN	
P. J. Murphy	'15	Shaker Heights, OH	
Thanh Pham (Ryan)	'16	Vietnam	
Jocelyne Bonilla	'15	Los Angeles, CA	

## Job Posting (from psych major alum)

### Research Assistant

#### Early Childhood Development, Minneapolis office

*Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children at all stages of development. Child Trends' mission is to improve outcomes for children by providing research, data, and analysis to the people and institutions whose decisions and actions affect children.*

#### General Description

Child Trends is seeking a full time Research Assistant for its Early Childhood Development research area in its Minneapolis, Minnesota office. Staff in the Minnesota office work on projects based in Minnesota and on joint projects with staff in the Washington D.C. office. The projects include research on the features of high quality early care and education environments, professional development for the early care and education workforce, and effective strategies for improving the quality of children's early experiences, both at home and in child care.

#### Primary responsibilities include

- Recruit participants into research studies.
- Answer questions participants have about research studies.
- Schedule data collection activities with participants.
- Organize project files and track important project deadlines.
- Assign work to other project staff.
- Administer structured surveys (telephone, written and online data collection instruments) for projects requiring primary data collection.
- Maintain data using an online database.
- Practice data privacy and maintain participant confidentiality at all times.

#### Secondary responsibilities include

- Assist in producing presentations for conferences and help format articles and reports.
- Assist with clerical tasks, information requests, and photocopying, when necessary.
- Tabulate and/or maintain collected data by means of coding or organizing data into tables or graphs.
- Clean, code, and analyze qualitative and quantitative data.
- Assist in literature reviews and report writing.

#### Qualifications

- B.A. in psychology, sociology, education, social work, or related field, with a strong emphasis in communications.
- Interest in topics related to early childhood development, child psychology.
- Strong thinking, organizational, and problem solving skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

- Excellent telephone skills.
- Some coursework and research experience in statistics and qualitative or quantitative research methods.
- Must be an independent, motivated worker.
- Familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint a plus.
- Prior job experience with customer service a plus.

**How to Apply**

Interested applicants should email a ***cover letter, resume, and three professional references*** to [rstarr@childtrends.org](mailto:rstarr@childtrends.org) by **January 30th, 2013**.

**Child Trends is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer**





## Gain Valuable Experience Working with Kids!

*Minneapolis Kids needs energetic, enthusiastic people who enjoy working with elementary-aged children!*

### Qualifications:

- Age 18+
- 60 college semester or 90 quarter credits
- Pass criminal background check
- Obtain CPR and first-aid certification within first 90 days
- Maintain in-service training hours
- Prior experience with children a plus

### Qualities needed:

- Enjoy children
- Energetic, enthusiastic
- Reliable, dependable
- Flexible, able to multi-task
- Creative, good problem-solver
- Connect school day to after school hours



### Enjoy kids? Interested in part-time work or substitute positions?

#### Minneapolis Kids Child Care Assistant positions are:

- Usually 3-4 hour shifts after school
- Afternoons between 1:30-6:00 pm
- Five days per week, Monday-Friday
- Pay is \$12.42/hour

Candidates must provide an official transcript showing 60 semester or 90 quarter college credits and must successfully pass a criminal background check.

### 🕒 Minneapolis Kids Hiring Fairs

Thursday, January 17, 2013 • 3:00-4:00 pm

Friday, January 25, 2013 • 12:00-2:00 pm

Davis Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis

#### Potential Candidates can:

- Apply onsite • Interview • Complete background check
- Please bring your resume, two forms of ID and checking or savings account information.

**For more information, call 612.668.3890 or visit [mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us) online.**



**Minneapolis Kids  
School Age Childcare**

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