Once again, several members of the Psychology faculty were recognized by the Saint Joseph’s community for the excellence of their contributions to the University’s mission. Drs. Phyllis Anastasio, Philip Schatz, and Josephine Shih all received Faculty Merit Awards this past semester. Drs. Anastasio and Shih were recognized for the excellence of their teaching; Dr. Schatz was recognized for the excellence of his scholarship.

As a group, the Saint Joseph’s Psychology faculty remain productive scholars who have active research programs in their areas of expertise and publish their findings regularly in scholarly journals. Dr. Matt Anderson has received some notoriety for recently publishing a children’s book in his field of expertise! The details of the book, Pink Flamingos All Around, appear elsewhere in this edition of the Saint Joseph’s Psychology Newsletter. To my knowledge, this is the first time that any member of the Saint Joseph’s faculty has published a children’s book as an ancillary to his/her program of research.

There have been and will be some changes to the Saint Joseph’s Psychology faculty. If you stop by Post Hall, you will meet the newest member of our group, Dr. Clare Conry-Murray, who has just completed her first semester at Saint Joseph’s. Look for her profile in this edition of the Saint Joseph’s Psychology Newsletter. Sadly, Dr. Judi Chapman has announced her intention to retire from the Saint Joseph’s faculty at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year. Dr. Chapman has served Saint Joseph’s for well over twenty years. She will be missed!

-Donald S. Leitner, Ph.D.
Dr. Matthew Anderson Turns Flamingo Research into Children’s Book

Dr. Matthew J. Anderson, Associate Professor of Psychology, has written and illustrated a children’s picture book about his favorite birds, flamingos. Dr. Anderson has been studying the Caribbean flamingos at the Philadelphia Zoo since 2007, and his research on flamingo resting behavior and efforts to answer the age-old question, “Why do flamingos stand on one leg?” have received substantial media attention from around the globe.

*Pink Flamingos All Around* (ISBN 9781620063149), which is Dr. Anderson’s first children’s book, was published in November by Speckled Egg Press, an imprint of Sunbury Press. The book features some fabulous flamingo facts as well as some general silliness, and is designed to be both educational and entertaining for young children and their parents. The book is available via Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, or through local bookstores.

**Psychology Seen & Heard:**

- Dr. Jodi Mindell has been featured in the *New York Times Book Review, Reuters, Fox News, Parents Magazine, American Baby*, and on BabyCenter.com
- Stephanie Scalice and Dr. Josephine Shih will be presenting a paper on “The Effects of Helicopter Parenting on Problem-Solving Ability” at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Conference in Boston, MA, in March 2014

**SJU Launches New Minor in Animal Studies**

Beginning in fall 2013, SJU students will now be able to complete an interdisciplinary minor in Animal Studies. The new interdisciplinary minor exposes students to a variety of animal-related courses from across the natural and social sciences, as well as the humanities, with the goal of developing a greater knowledge of and appreciation for non-human animals and our relationship with them. Multiple courses offered by the Psychology Department can be used to satisfy requirements of the minor, and Dr. Matthew Anderson has been appointed as the director of this new program. More information about the program and its requirements can be found at [www.sju.edu/animalstudies/](http://www.sju.edu/animalstudies/).

**Behavioral Neurosciences Minor Update**

The Behavioral Neurosciences Minor was launched in the Fall of 2012, and has since enrolled over 50 students from a variety of majors (Biology, Chemical Biology, Interdisciplinary Health Studies, Psychology). The minor was developed with the goals of advancing understanding of nervous systems and the part they play in determining behavior, as well as providing students with multidisciplinary training and perspectives needed to approach issues of interest in the broad area of the biological support of behavior. More information about the program and its requirements can be found at: [http://psych.sju.edu/behav_nsc.php](http://psych.sju.edu/behav_nsc.php)

**New Clinical Concentration in Psychology**

Beginning in Spring 2014, the Department has added course offerings and the opportunity for psychology majors to complete a clinical concentration. The concentration provides additional coursework for students interested in pursuing careers and graduate study in the mental health fields (e.g., clinical psychology, counseling psychology, social work). Students will complete coursework in Abnormal Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Psychological Testing, Developmental Psychology, and Internship, to supplement existing psychology curriculum and give students greater depth in the clinical field. More information can be found on the Psychology web site at: [http://psych.sju.edu/clinical.php](http://psych.sju.edu/clinical.php)

**Graduate Program News:**

- The application deadline for the SJU Experimental Psychology M.S. program is March 1, 2014.
Faculty Profile: Dr. Clare Conry-Murray

Dr. Clare Conry-Murray joined the Department of Psychology in the Fall semester, 2013, coming to us from the Beaver Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Conry-Murray is a development psychologist who studies social and moral development in children, adolescents and adults. Her primary focus is on the development of reasoning about gender equity in middle childhood. She also examines the role of culture in moral development. Her work has taken her to West Africa, where she examined reasoning about women's rights in Benin. Currently, she is collaborating with colleagues in Korea and Turkey for studies of children's reasoning about gender equity and parents' division of household and childcare labor.

Dr. Conry-Murray received her B.A. in interdisciplinary studies from The Evergreen State College. She received a M.Ed. in Secondary Education with a focus on teaching in urban schools from Boston College. She taught high school for three years in the Boston Public Schools before attending UC Berkeley, where she received a Ph.D. in Human Development and Education. She has taught at the University of Rochester as a visiting assistant professor, and Penn State University, Beaver as an assistant professor.

Events & Conferences: 2014

• Dr. Eldar Shafir (Princeton University) will deliver the Hyatt Lecture on Feb 27 (11 AM) on ‘The Psychology of Scarcity’ in the Mandeville Teletorium.

• Eastern Psychological Association: Mar 13-16, Boston, MA

• Annual SJU Sigma Xi Student Research Symposium: Friday, April XXX

• Association for Psychological Science: May 22-25, Washington DC

• American Psychological Association: Aug 7-10, Washington DC

• Animal Behavior Society: Aug 9-14, Princeton NJ

• National Academy of Neuropsychology: Nov 12-15, Puerto Rico

• Psychonomic Society: Nov 20-23, Long Beach CA

• Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies: Nov 20-23, Philadelphia PA

Alumni Notes:

Amber Cangelosi (BS '04) received an MS in Counseling Psychology from Holy Family University in May of 2012, as well as a Certificate as Educational Specialist/School Counselor for grades 7-12.

Maria (Fragnito) Maddalo (BS '00, MS '01) is a School Psychologist for Bucks County Intermediate Unit # 22, and a doctoral candidate in PCOM's School Psychology Psy.D. program. She is currently an Extern at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in neuropsychology, autism, and ADHD.

Gerard Holmes (BS '08, MS ‘09) is the Outpatient Program Manager for the Philadelphia Mental Health Center, overseeing all Outpatient and Psychiatric services at all company locations as well as their after school Autism program.

Jason Tannenbaum (MS '10) is a second-year Psy.D. student at Widener University, where he plans to pursue concentration in pediatric and adolescent neuropsychology. He is currently completing practicum experience at Fairmount Behavioral Health System in Philadelphia.

Are you a graduate of the SJU Psychology BS or MS programs? We would love to hear from you and share your news with others in Alumni Notes. Please direct your news and updates to Dr. Matthew Anderson at mander06@sju.edu. Be sure to indicate the year you graduated and which program you were enrolled in.


Note: Student co-authors denoted in **bold**.