## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19th, 2009**  
Middlesex County Association of Psychologists Luncheon Series  
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**MONDAY, MARCH 23rd, 2009**  
Applied Department & School Psych Faculty Meeting  
A302, 2:00 –4:00 PM

**MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 2009**  
Clinical PsyD Faculty Meeting  
A302, 10:00 –11:15 AM

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31st, 2009**  
Culture Conference Committee  
A302, 11:00 –12:00 PM

Committee on Diversity  
A317, 12:00—1:00 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2009**  
Dissertation Defense—Lauren Brooke Elkinson  
A302, 10:00 AM  
“The Design Of A Lunchtime Relational Aggression Prevention Program Targeting Elementary School Aged Females”  
Committee members: Karen Haboush, Maurice Elias

***SAVE THE DATES***

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17th, 2009**  
Dean’s Multicultural Advisory Council  
A340, 5:00 — 6:15 PM  
Minority & International Alumni and Student Dinner  
A317, 6:30—9:00 PM

**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 2009**  
GSAPP Alumni and Dean’s Office Celebration Brunch  
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2009**  
Annual GSAPP Culture Conference

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

A hearty congratulations to the **GSAPP Committee on Diversity (COD)**, and to Shalonda Kelly and Nancy Boyd-Franklin as co-chairs, for being chosen as one of the Human Dignity Award recipients by The Rutgers Committee to Advance our Common Purposes (CACP). To help inform you of the important work of this committee, included below is a copy of the nomination and the letter of congratulations from the CACP (on page 3).

**Human Dignity Award Abstract – The GSAPP Committee on Diversity**

The **Committee on Diversity (COD)** at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP) is comprised of faculty and students who are committed to promoting diversity and intergroup collaboration at GSAPP and Rutgers at large. The committee has developed a number of **annual institutionalized diversity programs** at GSAPP, including a cultural conference, a multicultural supervision group, three different graduate diversity courses, support for various student diversity groups (e.g., African-American students), a diversity night for recruiting minority students (we have about 20-25% minority enrollment in our doctoral-only school), a minority and international alumni workshop and dinner, coordination of student attendance at multicultural conferences funded by the Dean’s Fund for Academic Excellence, colloquia on diversity topics, and a diversity-themed holiday potluck.

**Here are the specifics on these domains:**

The annual, day long **cultural conference** is the largest endeavor of the COD, and it brings together about 150 professionals, faculty and students in the tri-state region to learn methods of increasing their cultural competence in their professional work. Notably, the graduate students within the COD obtained grants to fund a cultural conference in 2005 from the American Psychological Association’s (APA) Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training (CEMRRAT) Implementation Fund, which is administered by APA’s Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs, and the Rutgers University Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs Committee to Advance Our Common Purposes (CACP). Since then, this self-sustaining conference has grown, and the COD is now collaborating with faculty and students from the Graduate School of Education and the School of Social Work to host the conference this fall.

The **multicultural clinical supervision group** also began as a result of the financial support of the Dean’s Fund for Academic Excellence, enabling students to obtain group supervision from an expert practicing clinician. She shares her knowledge about cultural competence and assists students in respecting and addressing their clients’ diversity in the service of ameliorating their psychological problems. The COD’s dedication in decreasing prejudice and engendering an interest in diversity has led to **the creation of three separate and complementary diversity courses** that educate students about diversity related to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, religion, gender, and sexual orientation. All GSAPP students take at least one of these courses to learn about treating diverse clients, the role of diversity in mental health, and about how their own diverse backgrounds have an effect on their interventions. Interested students take a combination of supervision and courses as part of a diversity specialization that is prized in the field and for which GSAPP is known.

GSAPP has long had African American and Latino **student diversity groups**, which meet to support one another and share aspects of their cultures with the GSAPP community. The COD’s support has helped such groups to proliferate and coordinate their efforts, such that groups now exist in addition for Asian, international, LGBT, and Jewish students. At the **COD’s diversity recruitment night** each fall, the entire GSAPP community unites in its efforts to increase the applicant pool of talented ethnic minority students. Over 75 undergraduate students from around the area and beyond attend to hear representatives of the GSAPP student diversity groups share their graduate school experiences and developing areas of expertise, while GSAPP faculty and staff share important details about the graduate school preparation process.
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN CONT’D

Letter of Congratulations

Dear Dr. Kelly:

It is my honor to inform you that the GSAPP Committee on Diversity has been chosen by the Committee to Advance Our Common Purposes to receive a Human Dignity Award. Congratulations! You were nominated by Stanley Messer because of your extraordinary achievements in developing many annual institutionalized diversity programs. A formal letter of congratulations from President McCormick is forthcoming. The Committee to Advance Our Purposes was established in 1987 by the late President Edward J. Bloustein to honor the work of members of the Rutgers community whose work promotes diversity and social justice.

You will receive your award at our annual ceremony on April 16 at 2 p.m. I hope you will be able to attend. Dr. McCormick will be presiding and will present your award to you. Four other recipients have also been chosen from the Camden, Newark, and New Brunswick campuses. This year marks the tenth year that the Committee celebrates the work of people who are committed to advancing intercultural understanding and engagement. We are happy to include you among those so honored.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Clark, Director
Social Justice Education and LGBT Communities

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CONFERENCE

The International Positive Psychology Association will have its first conference in Philadelphia June 18-21, 2009. Reduced rate registration is available until March 31. For more information, go to http://www.ippanetwork.org

As indicated on their website: “Positive psychology is the scientific study of what enables individuals and communities to thrive. “The mission of the International Positive Psychology Association (IPPA) is to promote the science and practice of positive psychology and to facilitate communication and collaboration among researchers and practitioners around the world who are interested in positive psychology."
**INTERN**

Intern (Partnerships) with UNAIDS _Deadline: Mar 20, 09_


_Type of assignment:_ Intern (Partnerships)  
_Duration:_ minimum of 6 and up to 12 months  
_Location:_ Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
_Preferred starting date:_ May 2009  
_Host agency:_ Cambodia UNAIDS Country Office  
_Application deadline:_ 20 March, 2009  

**Contact:** Cambodia@unaids.org, ATTN: Partnership Internship Application

**Background:** The United Nations Joint Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS) supports and coordinates the efforts of the United Nations agencies, to support the multi-sectoral HIV response by the Royal Government of Cambodia, Development Partners and Civil Society Organizations. UNAIDS seeks to continue the collaboration in strengthening the engagement of UN and bilateral agencies in the HIV response, support civil society engagement including leadership –Parliament and the Office of the First Lady, People Living With HIV (PLHIV) the Private Sector and human rights groups;

The Intern will assist with activities of the UNAIDS Country Office by supporting both the UNAIDS Office partnership team and the Joint UN Team on HIV and AIDS in efforts to strengthen and mobilize the efforts of the UN and development partners, civil society organizations in the National AIDS response to ensure Universal Access to all in need of prevention, treatment and care.

Read more:  

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**5-WEEK TRAINING COURSE**

The Center for Motivation and Change Presents a 5-Week Training for Graduate Students

_Evidence-Based Approaches in Addiction Treatment_

_Certificate of Training in Evidence-Based Addiction Therapies provided_

_Cost:_ $50 total  
_Location:_ CMC-New York City

_Dates:_ Fridays, May 22—June 26, 9:00 am—11:00 am (no session May 29)

Over the last 25 years, a number of highly effective approaches for treating addictions have been developed, tested, and implemented in the field. This five-week seminar will provide exposure and hands-on training in some of the leading evidence-based treatments currently available for the treatment of addictive and compulsive behaviors. Participants will learn from experienced clinicians in these techniques, and gain insights into the joys as well as the difficulties of applying these approaches. The course is designed as didactic AND experiential, with role-playing and application of techniques to real-world cases. In addition to gaining exposure to progressive addiction treatments, students who complete the training will be given a Certificate of Training in Evidence Based Addiction Therapies, a valuable “CV-booster” for applications to internships and other professional venues. Curriculum includes:

♦ Principles of Evidence-Based Treatments (What is “Evidence”?)
♦ Motivational Approaches (Motivational Interviewing, Group Motivational Approaches)
♦ Cognitive-Behavioral Approaches (Community Reinforcement Approach – CRA, Relapse Prevention, Dialectical Behavior Therapy—DBT)
♦ Pharmacotherapies

For more information and to register, please email: mrosenbaum@motivationandchange.com
The GSAPP Alumni Organization and the GSAPP Dean’s Office invite you to a:
CELEBRATION BRUNCH

We will be celebrating and honoring our alumni, especially
Dorothy Cantor, Psy.D ’76 - 2009 Hall of Distinguished Alumni Inductee
Jeffrey Lackner, Psy.D ’92 - 2008 Peterson Prize Winner
Fred Rotgers Psy.D, ’83 – 2009 GSAPP AO Distinguished Career Award Winner
Meritorious Service Award Winner

Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to see old friends, meet new students,
and reminisce with current and former faculty members while enjoying
great food and listening to the GSAPP Band “Group Therapy”.

Date
Sunday, May 3, 2009   11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where
Life Sciences Building Atrium, Busch Campus, 145 Bevier Road, Piscataway NJ 08854
Life Sciences is one block from GSAPP, and has ample parking.

Cost
$20 – Current GSAPP students, students' guests, children 8-17
$40 – GSAPP alumni, faculty, staff and guests
Free for children 7 and under

Please send your check, payable to GSAPP Alumni Organization, no later than April 17, 2009 to:
GSAPP Alumni Organization / Brunch
GSAPP, 152 Frelinghuysen Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

For more information, please contact
Caroline Mossip Psy.D ’83, GSAPP Alumni Organization
cemossip@alumni.rutgers.edu
Celebration Brunch Pricing May 3, 2009

In addition to attending the celebration brunch, you can show your support for your fellow alumni and your alumni organization through placing ads in the event brochure:

Pricing for ads is as follows:

**Booster:** $25 (if you wish, you can write a short statement of support for any or all of the awardees, which will be printed in the brochure – no more than 20 words)

**Business card:** $25 (please supply a business card with your payment)

**Third page ad:** $50 (4½” wide x 2” high); **Half page ad:** $75 (4½” wide x 3½” high); **Full page ad:** $125 (4½” wide x 7½” high)

(Please supply camera ready copy with this reservation or email to cemossip@alumni.rutgers.edu)

Your name: _________________________________  Class Year: ____________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Email: _________________________

Guests' Names _____________________________________________________

**Brunch Reservations:**

Current student/student guests/children 8 – 17

______ @ $20 each = $ ________

Alumni, faculty, staff and guests

______ @ $40 each = $ ________

**Ad space:** Please check [ ] Booster or Business Card $ 25

[ ] Third Page $50

[ ] Half page $75

[ ] Full page $125 $ ________

Total amount enclosed $ ________

Make checks payable to **GSAPP Alumni Organization** and mail to GSAPP Alumni Organization / Brunch, GSAPP, 152 Frelinghuysen Road, Piscataway NJ 08854 by **April 17 2009**.

Booster Ad Wording (optional—20 words max.):