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A MESSAGE FROM THE FPDSC CO-CHAIRS

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We would like to welcome back second, third, and fourth year students, and especially welcome the incoming class, to what we hope will be an exciting new academic year! As we look back on how much the doctoral program has grown in the past three years, we are excited by the potential that lies ahead.

Last year the Forensic Psychology Doctoral Student Council (FPDSC) was officially recognized in the program administration's governing structure. The FPDSC was allotted a substantial number of seats on doctoral program commit-

tees to represent student interests at the general and track-specific levels. Our student representatives were able to provide input on such matters as program governing structure and track curriculum.

The constant collaboration and mutual respect among faculty and students at John Jay is one of our most tremendous strengths and will surely be a key component to the success of our program and what we hope will be its lasting legacy.

We look forward to meeting the new students and having you join in our quickly growing academic family.

We are most proud of the camaraderie among our students and the collaboration between the clinical and experimental tracks; we look forward to your contributions!

Sincerely,

Tarika Daftary & Tina Zottoli

GREETINGS FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF

We would like to first thank the *ad hoc* committee who worked together and made this newsletter possible. Many thanks to: Julia Busso, Kimberly Citron, Gianni Pirelli, Katy Sothman, Jenny Torkildson, and Brian Wallace.

Forensic Forum (FF) will be published quarterly; the remaining three issues will be published in *November*, *February*, and *April*. While certain sections (e.g., program and track announcements) will be included in each publication, we welcome all ideas for additional articles and sections.

FF's mission is to provide the student body with the most updated and accurate information available to the FPDSC, while fostering a feeling of community and commitment to its members. The Editorial Staff is dedicated to honoring this mission and is excited to serve the student body this year!

STUDENT COLUMN: REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST YEAR

by *Julia Busso &
Katy Sothmann*

A few of the second year students were asked to bequeath a few words of wisdom to the incoming students:

"My first year as a doctoral student at John Jay was excellent. I am from a fairly suburban area so I was worried about moving to the big city, but I have found the adjustment to be really amazing. The faculty and other students at John Jay have been so friendly and helpful and made this year fly by."

-*Jay Toomey*

"I've finally embraced my inner (and outer) nerd. Some of the research has been so meaningful and fascinating that it didn't feel like work. Even when it did, there was always someone or something near to remind me why life is good."

-*Anthony Perillo*

"I think that coming from the MA program at John Jay College, it was easier for me to make the transition into the doctoral program. I was already involved in research with some faculty and doctoral students, so I had an idea of how much work and time would be involved. As for living in New York – it's just like my hometown, but with a few more people so it wasn't that bad."

-*Katy Sothmann*

"It's been an immensely rewarding experience thus far. It's been great being surrounded by so many people enthusiastic about the same type of research. Some of the classwork may not seem very rewarding, but getting to delve into the research makes it all worthwhile. It's been great!"

-*Jenny Torkildson*

"I was a little nervous to move across the country for grad school, but once I got here the students and faculty really made me feel welcome and at home. I'm sure now that I made the right choice coming here and it feels great to be in a program where I am so comfortable."

-*Julia Busso*

"There are times, rare times, in a person's life when the stars align, and everything in their life becomes filled with a sense of perfect magical wonder. Eventually I'll have one of those years. Year one John Jay was pretty keen, though. A finer group of folks I have never met."

-*Anonymous*

*Julia (experimental) &
Katy (clinical) are in their
2nd year.*

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research has
been so
meaningful and
fascinating that
it didn't feel like
work."*

-*Anthony Perillo*



GENERAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Contact your FPDSC representatives regarding any issues, concerns or general feedback you may have. FPDSC general account FPDSC1@gmail.com

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◆ Congratulations to Tarika Daftary and Gianni Pirelli for being elected the student chairs-elect for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) and the American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS), respectively.

◆ Our program was represented by student-presenters at national (American Psychological Association; APA) and international (International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services; IAFMHS) conferences this summer!

◆ FPDSC general session: 10/5/07

◆ First Comprehensive Exam offering : January 2008.

◆ Upcoming social events:
Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden
Saturday, September 8, 3:00 pm
Astoria, NY www.bohemianhall.com



CLINICAL TRACK ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Check the APPIC site for Internship (*not* externship) information: www.appic.org

◆ The FPDSC will be working on a draft request for a change in the format of the clinical comprehensive examination. We will keep you posted on the proposal and will be obtaining a vote from the clinical student body before proceeding.

◆ Watch this space for important clinical track announcements throughout the year!

CLINICAL STUDENTS

4th year

Virginia Barber-Rioja
Grazyna Kusmierska
Blair Mesa
Gianni Pirelli
Tina Zottoli

3rd year

Liz Arias
Kimberly Citron
Ginna Fineran
Steve Hoover
Ann Marie Kavanagh
Samantha Miller
Megan Schaffer
Erin Williams

2nd year

Marsha Brown
Martin Kassen
Elise Landry
Christian Maile
Jordan Maile
Anthony Perillo
Katy Sothmann
Jay Toomey

1st year

Kathryn Byars
Sarah Kopelovich
Kean McIntyre
Stephen Smith
Michelle West

EXPERIMENTAL TRACK ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPERIMENTAL STUDENTS

◆ Check out the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) site: www.spssi.org/

◆ Keep an eye on this space for important experimental track announcements throughout the year!

4th year

Sarah Greathouse
Jisun Park

3rd year

Caroline Crocker
Tarika Daftary
Min Kim
Jen Tallon

2nd year

Julia Busso
Ryan Copple
Anna Rainey
Jenny Torkildson
Brian Wallace

1st year

Sara Appleby
Jacqueline Austin
Jason Mandelbaum
Alexis Murray-Forbes

First FPDSC

General Session:

October 5, 2007

Forensic Psych

Doctoral

Classroom



BIRTHDAY WATCH

SEPTEMBER

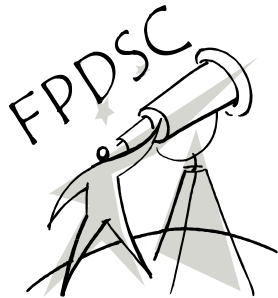
12 - Erin Williams

OCTOBER

2 - Ann Marie Kavanagh
3 - Ginna Fineran
16 - Kimberly Citron
30 - Caroline Crocker

NOVEMBER

1 - Julia Busso
15 - Tarika Daftary
18 - Grazyna Kusmierska
22 - Jenny Torkildson



**' WORKING WITH EACH OTHER ,
FOR EACH OTHER '**

Forensic Forum is a publication of the Forensic Psychology Doctoral Council (FPDSC) intended to provide the student body of the Forensic Psychology Doctoral Program with information relevant to the program and the field. The FPDSC was developed in 2004 and *Forensic Forum* followed in 2007.

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We are committed to the success of the Forensic Psychology Doctoral Program and its students.

CONFERENCE & GRANT PLANNER

Conference Calendar

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
October 31-Nov 3, 2007 San Diego, CA
www.atsa.com

American Society of Criminology (ASC)
November 14-17, 2007 Atlanta, GA
www.asc41.com

Society for Personality & Social Psychology (SPSP)
February 7-9, 2008 Albuquerque, NM
www.spspmeeting.org

American Psychology—Law Society (AP-LS)
March 5-9, 2008 Jacksonville, FL
Deadline: September 21, 2007
www.ap-ls.org

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
March 11-15, 2008 Cincinnati, OH
Deadline: October 1, 2007
www.acjs.org

Society for Personality Assessment (SPA)
March 26-30, 2008 New Orleans, LA
Deadline: October 15, 2007
www.personality.org

Association for Psychological Science (APS)
May 22-25, 2008 Chicago, IL
Deadline: Opens October, 2007
www.psychologicalscience.org

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
June 27-29, 2008 Chicago, IL
Deadline: January 12, 2008
www.spssi.org

American Psychological Association (APA)
August 14 - 17, 2008 Boston, MA
www.apa.org

American Society of Trial Consultants (ASTC)
Various Conferences and Regional Meetings
www.astcweb.org

APA Student Early Researcher Award
Deadline: September 14, 2007
www.apa.org/science/era.html

AP-LS/Div 41 Graduate Research Stipends
Deadlines: September 30, 2007
www.ap-ls.org

SPSSI Grants-in-Aid
Deadline: October 1, 2007
www.spssi.org

NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship
Deadline: November 28, 2007
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij

NSF Law and Social Sciences Dissertation Grants
Deadline: January 15th
www.nsf.gov

The Graduate Center, CUNY
Various in-house awards available through The Graduate Center
http://web.gc.cuny.edu/orup/funding.html#For_Students

APA Student Awards
Various awards compiled by APAGS
www.apa.org/apags/members/schawrds.html

Grant Calendar

APA Dissertation Awards
Deadline: September 14, 2007
www.apa.org/science/dissinfo.html

