

STUDENTS

The Campus Corner

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Every Psynopsis issue, I would like to invite students from all across the nation to submit a spotlight of their psychology department. Toot your own horn and tell us some great things about your department. Help make this large country of ours a little smaller by inviting us in for a tour of your department. Pictures welcome!

Graduate Studies in Psychology University of British Columbia



The view surrounding our department!

In the spirit of fairness, I have submitted the first spotlight. If you are interested in submitting a spotlight, contact me at becap@interchange.ubc.ca. Submitting a piece on your department is much easier than you can imagine. Come on, step forward. We would love to hear from you!

The University of British
Columbia's
Department of Psychology

Location: Vancouver, British Columbia (if were any more west we would fall into the Pacific Ocean!)

A little about us:

The University of British Columbia has been teaching courses in psychology since 1915! However we only moved into our own building in the 1984. It is amazing to think that

for almost seventy years our faculty was scattered around the campus. We are now housed in the DT Kenny Building, named after a department member who served many important roles at UBC, including president of the university.

We are a relatively large department with 1048 declared undergraduate psychology majors and 110 psychology graduate students. Research is an important aspect of our department and between the 40 faculty members, they can boast receiving \$4 million dollars a year in research grants and contracts. In terms of faculty, it is quite an exciting time to be in the department, as we are receiving an influx of new talent! This year we recruited for six new positions and next year we anticipate recruiting for another four or five positions!

We offer undergraduate

degree programs in both the Arts and Science streams. An exciting opportunity that UBC undergraduate students get access to is the Cognitive Systems Program. This is a multidisciplinary degree granting program, involving coursework in areas such as Computer Science, Linguistics, Philosophy and of course, Psychology. In a nutshell, this program allows students to work towards a deeper understanding of human cognition and then apply this knowledge to the creation of artificial systems.

Graduate students in our department partake in wide variety of research areas across both experimental and clinical fields. Regardless of whether you are a clinical or experimental student, everyone is strongly encouraged to excel in research. This is exemplified by our award winning track record: 75% of our eligible doctoral graduate students are currently being funded with external research awards. In addition, the department has spent millions supporting students through RAships, TAs and research funds! By offering graduate training in seven different areas (Biopsychology, Clinical, Cognitive Systems, Developmental, Forensics, Psychometrics and Social/Personality), the UBC Department of Psychology has a lot of choice in graduate study.

A little smile:

I would hazard to guess (unofficially of course) that our department holds the Canadian record (perhaps international) for closest Psychology Department to a nude beach!

Web address: For more information about our department, please click onto our website www.psych.ubc.ca

Our department with the cherry blossoms in full bloom
(which can begin blooming in February!)



Membership Directory On-Line

Although the CPA Membership Directory is hosted on a secure site and is strictly for the use of CPA members, we encourage members to go online at www.cpa.ca/memberslogin/index.cfm and review their profile in order to ensure that information deemed confidential is not displayed and that the profile is accurate. If you wish to modify your profile, please send us an e-mail with your comments at cpamemb@cpa.ca.

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The Section for Students is looking for campus representatives in many universities across the country. If you are interested in being a CPA Campus Rep, please visit our website at <http://www.cpa.ca/Students.htm> to see whether your university has a CPA Rep and how to apply to become one.

De plus, le comité exécutif de la Section pour Étudiant(e)s est à la recherche d'une âme généreuse qui voudrait bien entreprendre la traduction de son site en français. Si vous vous en sentez les compétences, veuillez contacter Réjeanne Dupuis à rdupuis@yorku.ca.

Section on Women & Psychology Annual Awards

The Section on Women and Psychology is pleased to announce that Chantal Thorn is the winner of the 2003 SWAP Student Paper Award. Congratulations are extended to Ms. Thorn who presented her paper, *Conceptualizations of Health and Illness: A test of the theory of male bias*, at the Canadian Psychological Association Convention in Hamilton, Ontario. Ms. Thorn is a doctoral student in Applied Social Psychology at the University of Windsor. The \$500.00 award is presented annually for research that advances the place of women in psychology and promotes research of relevance to women.



Also, congratulations to Dr. Niva Piran from OISE (photo) chosen to receive the 2003 SWAP Feminist Mentoring Award. There were a number of other deserving nominees which says that feminist mentorship is alive and well in Canadian psychology programs and that we look forward to receiving even more nominations or re-nominations in future years. Dr. Piran was presented with her award at the SWAP AGM in Hamilton.

Need for volunteers

International Council of Psychologists

The Annual Meeting of the International
Council of Psychologists
will be held in Toronto,
August 11-14, 2003.

The Organizational Committee
would welcome volunteers.

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