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## Psychology Division Quarterly News Update

A summary of newsmakers, alumni advancements, events,  
and the latest developments at GSEP.

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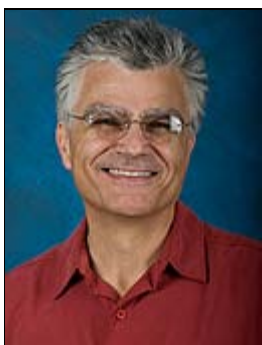
### Making Waves »

#### APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs Appoints GSEP Professor



Associate professor Dr. Miguel Gallardo was recently appointed to the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA), a section of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI). CEMA is dedicated to serving the areas of psychology related to ethnic minorities, including advocating for public policy to promote jobs and education on their behalf. BAPPI is the public interest department for the American Psychological Association (APA) and aims to advance social justice, health and wellbeing for all people. [more>>](#)

#### GSEP Professor Gives Keynote Address at Prestigious Neuroscience Conference



Dr. Louis Cozolino, professor of psychology, presented two lectures at the renowned 22nd Learning and the Brain Conference, held in San Francisco from February 19 to 21. Cozolino gave the keynote address on "The Neuroscience of Human Relationships: Developing Social Brains," and a separate presentation on "The Healthy Aging Brain: Attachment, Wisdom and Learning." The conference theme was "Using Social Brain Research to Enhance Learning," and the event was attended by teachers and administrators, corporate trainers, counselors, and speech pathologists. [more>>](#)

#### Adjunct Professor Advancing Use of Somatic Psychology in Practice



Susan Baker, a licensed marriage and family therapist and adjunct professor, has been promoting the trend toward somatic psychology in her practice, classes, and at conferences across California. Somatic psychology teaches clients to recognize and regulate their emotional and nervous system, and is gaining traction in the field as an increasingly effective therapeutic intervention. [more>>](#)

## New Immersion Course in Mexico City Examines Culture from an International Perspective



GSEP is offering a new summer course that will examine culture from an international perspective through an immersion experience in Mexico City. The two-week program, which will run from August 9 to 23, will prepare students to conceptualize, plan, and implement culturally responsive interventions with Mexican and Mexican American individuals and families. [more>>](#)

### In The News »

- **TheHuffingtonPost.com**, January 5-March 10: Alumnus Dennis Palumbo posted columns entitled "Attack of the Teenage Brain!!," "Oscars and Emmys and Globes, Oh my!," "Do you Suffer from Political Apathy Disorder," "(Posthumous) Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," and "The Male Therapist, Hollywood-Style" for the popular website.
- **The Globe and Mail**, March 9: Dr. Steven Sultanoff, adjunct faculty member, discussed how humor can be valuable in times of stress, but that employees should exercise caution when joking in the workplace to avoid offending anyone especially affected by the current recession.
- **Aggression and Violent Behavior**, January-February: Assistant professor of psychology Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis and doctoral student Shaquita Tillman co-authored "Intimate Partner Violence against African American Women: An Examination of the Socio-Cultural Context."
- **Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology**, January: Dr. Yuying Tsong, clinical faculty, co-authored article "Family Affection as a Protective Factor against the Negative Effects of Perceived Asian Values Gap on the Parent-Child Relationship for Asian American Male and Female College Students" for the journal published by the American Psychological Association.

### Alumni Updates »

- **Jon Pease, MFT '08**, established a non-profit called Not the Target whose mission is to teach children the necessary skills to become appropriately assertive when confronted by bullying behavior. Pease offered this specialized training to the GSEP community through a recent Clinical Connections presentation. To learn more, visit: [www.notthetarget.org/index.html](http://www.notthetarget.org/index.html)
- **Emily Chen, MA '07**, currently a doctoral student at Fuller Theological seminary, was recognized by the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) as a winner of their annual Student Paper Competition. She presented her submission, entitled The Impact of Childhood Sexual, Physical, and Combined Sexual/Physical Abuse on Religious Behaviors for Male Veterans, at the CAPS International Conference in Orlando, Florida on April 4.
- **Leanne Neilson, PsyD '92 and MA '88**, was appointed provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at California Lutheran University (CLU) in Thousand Oaks, California. Neilson previously served as interim provost and associate provost for Graduate/Adult Programs and Accreditation. Neilson has served as director of the graduate psychology program and chair of the faculty.

## Resources »

**NEW ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP – APPLY NOW**

GSEP is excited to announce a new scholarship program to support Pepperdine alumni during the current economic downturn. The Waves Education Development Growth and Excellence (EDGE) program is open to all Pepperdine alumni interested in pursuing one of the six master's or five doctoral degrees offered at GSEP starting in summer or fall 2009. Waves EDGE was created to demonstrate GSEP's concern for our valued Pepperdine alumni, and reach out to them in a meaningful way during these difficult economic times.

Recipients will be awarded \$5,000 toward a master's degree, and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree, to be disbursed over the first 3 terms of their program. To qualify, applicants must meet the admissions requirements and be accepted to their program of choice, complete a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and submit the three question scholarship application. Awards will be based on financial need, clarity of career goals, and alumni affinity for the university's mission.

Call Financial Aid at **310-568-5775**, e-mail [gsepfaid@pepperdine.edu](mailto:gsepfaid@pepperdine.edu) or visit the [web site](#).

**WRITING SUPPORT**

The Writing Support Center (WLA Graduate Campus, Room 522) offers guidance on the dissertation process, comprehensive reviews of papers and dissertations, advice on APA formatting, and workshops on writing mechanics. Make an appointment to talk in-person, over the phone, or via SKYPE, or visit the center during walk-in hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Call Gina Meister at **310-258-2815**, e-mail [regina.meister@pepperdine.edu](mailto:regina.meister@pepperdine.edu) or visit the [web site](#).

**CAREER SERVICES**

Advance your career by utilizing the specialized support and resources provided by GSEP Career Services. Assistance includes career counseling, cover letter and resume review, job search guidance, and interview preparation. Career Services also hosts PepPro, an easy-to-use database listing open positions, networking events, and other tools.

*To set-up your PepPro username and password:*

1. Visit <https://gsep-pepperdine-csm.symplicity.com/students/>
2. Click on the "Register" tab

Call Career Services at **310-568-5666**, e-mail [gsep.careerservices@pepperdine.edu](mailto:gsep.careerservices@pepperdine.edu) or visit the [web site](#).

**PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

Are you interested in enhancing your professional profile? Explore new learning opportunities at a GSEP information session. GSEP offers six master's and five doctoral programs across its five graduate campus locations throughout Southern California and online. Programs are fully accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the American Psychological Association. Visit the [web site](#).

**COUNSELING CLINICS**

Counseling is one way to enhance your coping skills. GSEP



manages three counseling clinics at which members of the Pepperdine community can receive low fee services. The clinics are open to the public, and provide affordable, high quality, individualized therapy in a supportive and accepting environment.

Call the clinics toll-free at **866-396-8970**, or visit the [web site](#).

### Upcoming Events »

- **14th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books**  
**April 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**April 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**UCLA Campus**

Please stop by the Pepperdine University booth to see titles from faculty and alumni, including *From Crime to Crime* by GSEP alumnus Dennis Palumbo.

- **Practicum Fair**  
**May 19, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**West Los Angeles Graduate Campus**

Current MFT students can meet Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley area practicum site supervisors at this networking event. Students should bring their resumes.

Call Rebecca Reed at **310-568-5776** or e-mail [rebecca.reed@pepperdine.edu](mailto:rebecca.reed@pepperdine.edu)  
<http://gsep.pepperdine.edu/masters-clinical-psychology-mft-day/practicum/>  
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- **Commencement**  
**May 23, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Malibu Campus, Alumni Park**

Her Excellency Maureen Mwanawasa, the former first lady of the Republic of Zambia, Africa, will give the commencement speech, and alumna (1992) Dr. Neva Chauppette, project director of a mobile medical clinic that provides free HIV, Hepatitis ABC, and STD services to at-risk individuals will receive the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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