

SCHOLAR'S SCROLL

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Faculty & Staff in the Spotlight

Lou Cozolino, professor of Psychology, will be presenting the invited address "Interwoven Minds: Relationships and the Social Brain" at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC on October 14.

Kay Davis, lecturer of Education, organized and ran a two-day colloquium for doctoral students during the annual Academy of Management meeting held in Atlanta in August. More than 7,500 participants representing dozens of countries attended the conference.

Susan Hall, assistant professor of Psychology, has a new position on the West Board of Representatives for CAPS International (Christian Association for Psychological Studies).

Professor of Psychology, **Shelly Harrell's** co-edited issue of *The American Journal*

of *Community Psychology* was recently published. "Diversity Stories in Community Research and Action" includes 22 stories of diversity challenges in community-based interventions. In addition, the recently published Sage book, *Encyclopedia of Multicultural Psychology*, includes two entries authored by Harrell.

Kent Rhodes, visiting faculty, Education, has two articles in the *Graziadio Business Report*. One is about generation Y and organizational work life and the other is about workplace spirituality.

Paul Sparks, director of the Online MA in Ed Tech program, presented at this year's TechEd Conference in Pasadena. The topic was "In Sync with Students: Using IM to Create, Collaborate and Build Community."

Ronald Stephens, GSEP's chair in school safety, appeared on several national news programs in connection with the recent school shootings in Colorado, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Stephens was featured on CBS Evening News with Catie Couric, ABC's World News Tonight with Charles Gibson, NBC Evening News with Brian Williams, The Today Show, MSNBC, NPR with Michele Norris and Channel One. Stephens also conducted more than 20 media interviews for newspaper and magazine publishers.

Special Thank You

Chet McCall, professor emeritus, has retired after a 24-year tenure with GSEP.

Francine Neely, professor emeritus, has also retired after almost 30 years on the GSEP faculty.

Under the Big Top

GSEP Faculty and Staff gathered for a carnival celebration on Saturday, September 30 at Triangle Park in West Los Angeles. Raffle prizes included a hot air balloon ride and gift certificates to Burke Williams, Marriot Hotel and more. Congratulations to Dr. deMayo's youngest son, Benny—winner of the chipping contest! ■



Left: Ring leader Dean Margaret Weber;
Above/top: Jim deMayo, chipping expert;
Above: Vanessa Jahn clowning around; Right:
Dr. Margaret Riel, Mr. Riel and Mr. Tall Legs.

Humor Matters

Research and clinical experience have shown that humor can relieve psychological distress and promote health and wellness. Earlier in the month, Stephen Sultanoff, adjunct faculty, psychology, known for using laughter in psychotherapy, presented the Therapeutic Humor Program at Alliant University. Sultanoff talked about how humor can be used as a diagnostic tool and treatment strategy, as well as to build a therapeutic alliance. On December 1, Sultanoff will be offering a shortened version of this program at the Erickson Brief Therapy Conference in Garden Grove. ■

New Faculty and Staff

Adriana Estrada is GSEP's new manager, career development, education. At the WLA Campus, Adriana will work with the career services and alumni departments to provide career assistance and guidance for our graduates.

Carol Krumbach has started as the new director, marketing. Carol will develop and expand local, regional, national and international marketing strategies to increase exposure of GSEP.

Harold K. Eddings has been hired as the full-time administrative assistant in the education suite. Harold has been a temporary employee over the past months, and has become known for his multitasking and personable disposition.

Vicki Lee Kim will be the new credential coordinator beginning October 16.

Beautification Project Continues

The Santa Monica Blvd. Community Charter & Pepperdine University Professional Development School are seeking a grant extension to use the remaining funds awarded last year by the City of Los Angeles for the community beautification project. Projects that were proposed, such as the repainting of bungalows, installment of benches and trashcans, and environmental programs, as well as others that have emerged out of the community's interests and needs will be completed with the remaining funds. ■

Psych Students Host Multicultural Event

GSEP's Multicultural Research and Training Lab will host its inaugural conference on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the WLA Graduate Campus. Titled "Building a Multiculturally Competent Professional Community," the conference will focus on ideas that aid clinicians in becoming competent in understanding the layers each person brings to the clinical experience. The program will include panel presentations from clinical/counseling psychology students from Pepperdine University, as well as Alliant International University, Biola University, Rosemead School of Psychology, University of California - Santa Barbara, and the University of La Verne. GSEP faculty members involved include Daryl Rowe, Shelly Harrell, Miguel Gallardo, and Joy Asamen. ■

Recognition Dinner

Excellence – a special feature or quality that confers superiority. Celebration – the act of showing joyful satisfaction in an event. Put those two definitions together, add GSEP student scholarship recipients, donors, and faculty, and you have the components of the second annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner. Held on September 28 at the Radisson Hotel – Westside, the Celebration of Excellence – Scholarship Recognition Dinner focused on the excellence found in the GSEP community. "This event is unique in the way it allows for the donors to GSEP's general and named scholarships to meet the students they benefit by their financial support," commented Pete Young, director of alumni. "And in turn the students can share their appreciation for the generosity they have received." ■

Two Professors Awarded for Teaching

Dr. Susan Hall, assistant professor of psychology and Dr. Edward Shafranske, professor of psychology, were both awarded the Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence at the University Faculty meeting on Saturday, October 7. The Howard A. White Award honors teachers who inspire, stimulate, challenge, and motivate their students; teachers who develop in students the ability to think critically and creatively about the world; teachers who instill in their students a lifelong love of learning; and who embody Pepperdine University's commitment to excellence. Congratulations to both Dr. Hall and Dr. Shafranske! ■

Upcoming Events

Psy. D. 20th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, October 28, 6pm
Calif. Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way.
Reception and dinner for all Psy. D. alumni, current students, faculty, staff, donors and friends.

Workshops

Advanced Law and Ethics, by Pamela Harmel.
November 10, 8:30am to 3:30pm
Child Abuse: Assessment and Reporting, Pam Harmel and Jana Martin
December 8, 8:30am to 4:30pm

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