Enjoy the break....

Here we are already in the mid-semester break for 2013!! I hope you are enjoying your two weeks away from lectures. Good also to see some warmer weather and the feeling of heading to summer,

The next newsletter is scheduled for distribution on Friday 13 September 2013, please have all items to Robyn Daly  robyn.daly@canterbury.ac.nz] no later than Monday 9 September 2013.

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Congratulations to Kyle Wilson and James Head, PhD students, who were the winners of the Perception and Performance Technical Group’s (PPTG) Student Best Paper award for their paper entitled “Friendly Fire in a Simulated Firearms Task” as part of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society International Annual Meeting. They will be presented with their award while attending the Conference in San Diego, in October. Well done on this research paper. Kyle was also the recipient of a student travel award to assist with travel and another PhD student in the group, Neil de Joux has also had a co-authored paper accepted for this meeting.

Deak Helton tells me that the meeting in October is fairly selective (full papers are submitted and they are reviewed by at least 2-3 reviewers and the program chair—who serves as “editor”. All papers are published in the “Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society”. An outstanding job by all three of our PhD students.

In the Media...

Assoc. Prof. Deak Helton was recently quoted in the NZ Herald about an article on “Messy desk, creative mind—study”. University of Minnesota researchers believe disorder inspires the mind to break free of convention. Check out the article http://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/news/article.cfm?c_id=6&objectid=10910094. It is fascinating reading, and it would appear that there is some validity given the number of our academic staff members who thrive under such circumstances. 😊
Staffing News

**CRN Visiting Fellow Award**

**Dr Eileen Britt** has been awarded a Collaborative Research Network (CRN) Visiting Research Fellowship to Edith Cowan University in Perth for two weeks in October.

The application for the CRN was submitted by Dr David Mander, Professor Donna Cross, and Ms Patricia Cardoso (School of Exercise and Health Science, Child Health Promotion Research Centre). The CRN fund is led by the EDC and includes funding from the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Collaborative Research Networks Scheme, along with contributions from nine partner universities: Deakin University, Flinders University, Queensland University of Technology, University of Adelaide, University of Melbourne, University of Queensland, University of South Australia, University of Sydney and University of Western Australia. The aim of the CRN fund is to create world-class research capacity and outcomes through collaborative partnership on research which focuses on areas of national strategic importance including health, frontier technologies, environment and education.

During this Fellowship Eileen will collaborate on the use and adaptation of Motivational Interviewing as a targeted intervention in school based settings and pastoral care systems. She will also collaborate and consult on the coding of the relational component and technical component of MI. As well as to collaborate and consult on how issues of fidelity and adaption feed into the design and development of the overall NHMRC MI research project.

As a result of this Fellowship, Eileen will gain the knowledge and skills that will specifically help build the capacity of CHPRC early career researchers Dr David Mander, and Ms Patricia Cardoso (NHMRC MI Project Directors), as well as CIA Professor Donna Cross, CIF Associate Processor Stacey Waters and AI Ms. Therese Shaw, NHMRC MI Project investigators). This collaboration will enable the investigators to significantly enrich the quality of the NHMRC MI Project.

**Study Leave**

**Assoc. Prof. Chris Burt**, who is currently on 12 months Study Leave, departed Christchurch for two months last week. The first part of his trip will be spent in Ireland at Dublin City University visiting Professor Patrick Flood, and after that he heads to Limerick. Ireland is farewelled and he goes over to Kaunas, Lithuania to attend the 14th European Conference on Knowledge Management to present a paper “Burt, C. D. B., Cottle, C. K., Näswall, K., & Williams, S. (2013). Capturing safety knowledge: Using a safety-specific exit survey”.

From there on to Holland for a conference and to visit Professor René Bekkers at the Center for Philanthropic Studies, VU University, Amsterdam, where he is giving a paper. The paper presented at the European Safety and Reliability Association Conference, in Amsterdam is entitled “Managing new recruit safety risks: An integrated model”.

He will also present a paper at the Center for Philanthropic Studies Department entitled “Measures of donor trust and their importance to fundraising”.

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**Dr Eileen Britt**

**Assoc. Prof. Chris Burt**
Cambridge Fellow

We welcome Dr Amy Milton to the Department on a Cambridge Fellowship. Amy is a Lecturer at the University of Cambridge, Department of Psychology and a member of the Behavioural and Clinical Neuroscience Institute.

Her research interests are in the area of Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience and Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience.

Her particular research focus is on memory consolidation, addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder, glutamate and adrenaline.

While here she will be teaching and interacting with Dr Juan Canales and I am sure many others. Watch out for her Departmental Seminar. She is with us from 17 August through until the beginning of October and she will be located in Room 207, please make her feel welcome.

Clinical Psychology News

The Clinical Programme has three students sitting their final diploma exam this week; we wish them all the very best. The mentoring programme continues to be a valuable addition to the programme. The first year students have recently been matched with a mentor from the community.

The Psychology Clinic continues to be very busy with the usual referrals for cognitive and learning assessments, and therapy cases but also an increasing number of assessments being requested for adult ADHD—which apparently is the second most common referral across mental health sectors after depression. Most of the first year clinical psychology students have almost completed their clinic hours which have consisted of a range of assessment cases, and observed a number of therapy clients. Upcoming in the Clinic, Ann Huggett is preparing to run a mindfulness group for university staff—watch this space!

Janet Carter, who returned from Study Leave in July, has resumed sharing the role of Director of the Clinical Programme. Due to clinical programme staff shortages, clinical psychologists Sarah Drummond and Nic Ward have been employed on short term contracts to assist with teaching and supervision. We are very fortunate they were available to assist the programme and we are enjoying having them in our team.
Publications and Conference Presentations


Burt, C. D. B. (2013). Measures of donor trust and their importance to fundraising. Paper to be presented to the Center of Philanthropic Studies, Faculty of Social Science, VU University, Amsterdam.


Thesis Congratulations

Congratulations to **Carsten Grimm** who was recently awarded his MSc with First Class Honours, for his thesis entitled “Well-being in its natural habitat: Orientations to happiness and the experience of everyday activities.”

Congratulations to **Peter Qiu** who was recently awarded his MA with Distinction, for his thesis entitled “Dissociation of positive and negative priming effects between more and less proficient Chinese-English bilinguals.”

New PhD Student

Welcome to **(Yue) Echo Pei**, who has just begun her PhD under the supervision of Dr Juan Canales. Echo will be looking at the addiction to psychostimulants which has been a major source of public concern worldwide, yet the effectiveness of current medicine treatment is limited. The research aims at studying the functions and properties of Trace Amine Associated Receptor 1 (TAAR1), as a highly promising target for the development of efficacious medications for drug abuse.

Health & Safety

Our Health & Safety Officer in the Department is **Silvana de Freitas Costa**. Some useful information:

- NZ Emergency Service 1-111
- UC Security = Emergency on Campus 6111 or 0800 823 637
- UC Non-emergency = 6888
- The Health & Safety Toolkit on the intranet is [https://intranet.canterbury.ac.nz/hs/toolkit/index.shtml](https://intranet.canterbury.ac.nz/hs/toolkit/index.shtml)
- The Department H&S Action Plan is available for staff on Y drive and also available on the Department website [http://www.psyc.canterbury.ac.nz/health%20and%20safety.shtml](http://www.psyc.canterbury.ac.nz/health%20and%20safety.shtml)

- Check out the upcoming training for H&S at this link [https://intranet.canterbury.ac.nz/hs/toolkit/04_info_train/index.shtml](https://intranet.canterbury.ac.nz/hs/toolkit/04_info_train/index.shtml). There is also 1st aid training available for students, information on the above website as well.
Leave and Conferences

Robyn Daly will be attending the NZWiL Course in Wellington next week.

Barbara Hardie is off enjoying the sunshine in Sydney and was also one of the cheering NZers at the All Blacks vs Wallabies Bledisloe Cup game last Saturday night. She will be back on Monday 26 August.

Professor Rob Hughes is away to attend the Biennial Conference of the European Behavioural Pharmacology Society in La Rochelle, France to present a poster entitled “Possible memory impairment in male and female rats following chronic treatment with fluoxetine, reboxetine and venlafaxine.”

Dr Anthony McLean will be attending the New Zealand Association for Behaviour Analysis Conference in Auckland in late August to present a paper entitled “The wagon wheel effect and local analysis of behaviour.”

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NZPsS Conference

We have staff and students attending the NZPsS Conference in September in Auckland.

Assoc. Prof. Neville Blampied is the co-organizer (with Peter Dowrick) of the conference symposium Rapid learning from the future—Recent research and development in self modeling.

He is also presenting two co-authored papers:

Blampied, N. M. & Hood, M. “Video self-modeling as a treatment for spider phobia”.

Robson, C., Walker, L., & Blampied, N. M. “Use of iPads for feedforward video self modeling to build reading fluency.”

Dr Eileen Britt will be presenting a paper co-authored with David Gleaves entitled “Measurement and prediction of Clinical Psychology students’ satisfaction the clinical supervision”.

Dr Katharina Naswall will be presenting a co-authored paper with Joana Kuntz and Sanna Malinen. The title of the paper is “Employee resilience and work-related outcomes: A study of Canterbury employees”.

Ellie Perniskie (Masters thesis student) will be presenting a paper entitled “Comparison of virtual-reality test of executive function with standard executive functions tests and their ecological validity.”
Leave and Conferences (Continued)

AWCBR Conference

We have staff and students attending the Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research (AWCBR) Conference in Queenstown from 24—28 August.

Professor John Dalrymple-Alford is chairing a symposium on Sensory and Motor Systems.

He is also presenting a paper entitled “Current perspectives on Parkinson’s disease: Cognition on to the fore”.

Dr Juan Canales is also attending to present paper co-authored with Echo Pei and Ashlea Dassanayake.

Brook Perry (PhD) is presenting a paper entitled “Memory following mammillothalamic tract lesions in rats”.

Echo (Yue) Pei (PhD) is presenting a paper entitled “Activation of trace amine-associated receptors prevents relapse to cocaine seeking”.

Ashlea Dassanayake (MSc) is presenting a paper entitled “The dopamine uptake inhibitor JHW 007 blocks methamphetamine (MA)-induced locomotor activity, MA self-administration and reinstatement of MA seeking behaviour.”

Stephanie Mercer (MSc) is presenting a poster entitled “Behavioural relevance of retrosplenial c-Fos hypoactivation after anterior thalamic lesions”.

Sophie Grenfell (MSc) is presenting a poster entitled “Reduced default mode network connectivity and autobiographical memory in mild cognitive impairment.”

Susan Rapley (PhD) is presenting a poster entitled “C-type natriuretic peptide in prefrontal cortex is associated with learning and memory in rodents.”

Kyla-Louise Wood (MSc) is presenting a poster entitled “Criteria for Parkinson’s disease with mild cognitive impairment associated with increased progression of dementia”.

"Can I have a volunteer, please."
UCPsyc News

UCPsyc presents to you their Midwinter Christmas Cocktail Party.
They will help you get into the festive spirit by providing two complimentary cocktails and nibbles throughout the night. They also have two talented local acts to provide some tunes for the night—Shakabrah and DJ Alby!
So dress up in cocktail attire, and join then for a fantastic night.

Details:
Where: Bentley’s Bar
When: 7th September, 7.00pm
Price: $25 for members, $30 for non-members + bf
Psyc Recipe

The recipe this time is from *James Head*.

**Watership Down Cake**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups of all purpose flour
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 cups of finely shredded carrots
- 1 cup of cooking oil
- 4 eggs

**Directions:**
1. Grease (2) 23cm diameter cake pans (about 3-4 cm depth)
2. In a large bowl combine: flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon
3. Add the carrots, oil and eggs
4. Beat with an electric mixer
5. Spread mixture into the two baking pans and cook 180°C oven for 30—35 minutes or until a wooden toothpick comes out clean when poked into the top of the cake.
6. Cover the first cake with cream frosting then add the second cake on top to create a sandwich. Then add the cream frosting around the parameter

**Cream Cheese Frosting**
- Beat together: two 3-ounce (85g) packages of softened cream cheese, ½ cup softened butter or margarine and 2 teaspoons of vanilla until fluffy.
- Gradually beat in 2 cups sifted icing sugar
- Gradually beat in 2 ½ to 2 ¾ cups of additional icing sugar to reach the spreading consistency of icing.