President’s Distinguished Teaching Fellow

Congratulations to K. Laurie Dickson, Ph.D. for being chosen as one of the President’s Distinguished Teaching Fellows. The President’s Distinguished Teaching Fellowship is awarded annually to outstanding teaching scholars who have made a significant impact on undergraduate learning at Northern Arizona University.

Faculty Promotions

The Department of Psychology would like to congratulate the following professors on their recent promotions:

Andy Walters, Ph.D.  Professor
Melissa Birkett-Green, Ph.D.  Associate Professor
Nora Dunbar, Ph.D.  Senior Lecturer
Melikşah Demir, Ph.D.  Associate Professor

American Psychological Society Presentation

In March Dr. Steven Barger and Arlene Ramos presented at the 71st annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society (APS) in Miami, FL. Ms. Ramos, a psychology graduate student, presented data on well-being and mortality in a US sample. This research showed that the apparent reduction in mortality risk associated with higher psychological well-being could be explained by higher levels of income, education, and social relationship resources. Ms. Ramos also received a $500 travel award from APS to present her research, a waiver of her conference registration fee and a $300 award from the NAU Office of the Vice President of Research.

Dr. Barger was invited to give an oral presentation in a session on Socioeconomic Status and Health at APS. Dr. Barger presented evidence for a threshold association of income with 8-9 year mortality in another nationally representative US sample of over 55,000 adults. The paper presentation was chosen by the Society to be recorded as a lecturecast and will be posted on the Society’s web site as an educational resource.

Dr. Ann Huffman Presents

Dr. Ann Huffman has co-edited a landmark volume demonstrating how industrial-organizational psychology and related fields contribute to environmental sustainability in organizations. The contributors to this book are experts in science and practice, demonstrating the ways in which human–organization interactions can drive change to produce environmentally beneficial outcomes. The volume will provide an excellent overview for anyone interested in sustainability in organizations, and will serve as a valuable guide to industrial-organizational psychology and management professionals.

Students Honored

SBS Distinguished Senior: Congratulations to Morgan Grundy for being nominated and selected to receive the honor as The College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, School of Communication, and the NAU Alumni Association Distinguished Senior! This is the highest honor given by the college and signifies high accomplishment.

Outstanding Psychology Junior and Seniors: The Department of Psychology outstanding junior and seniors will be honored at breakfast on April 26.

Outstanding Junior: Brett Velez
Outstanding Seniors: Morgan Grundy, Cassandra Marshall, and Chanel Leibsohn.

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Ashley Yttredahl’s Study Abroad Experience

I have been here two months already and I love it here! The buildings are old and beautiful, the people are all very nice, and the food is fresh and delicious. The courses are set up quite differently as well – they are mostly lecture-style with one big exam at the end. I’ve almost completed a course on Memory and Learning, Advanced Clinical Neuropsychology, and Dutch Culture. Next block I will be taking a class on Evolutionary Psychology and Boundaries of Psychology. I’ve managed to find time for a dance class on Fridays as well. This town is a very quiet and peaceful place to write my thesis, but there are always activities going on in the center of town. My apartment is only a 5 minute bike ride from town center, so it hasn’t been hard to find time for a break to meet new people. All of the courses I’m enrolled in are in English, and if you speak a word of English to anyone you meet they will quickly and easily transition to speaking English to you.

Student Announcements

• Garland Clark has been accepted into the counseling program at East Washington University.

• Erin Hanks, our former undergraduate, has been accepted to the counseling program in educational psychology at NAU.

• Kali Patterson, one of our graduate students, has been hired as a data analyst for the Refugee Health Program, Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Health Information & Strategic Planning Division, California Department of Public Health.

Publications
