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Welcome

Welcome to PsychNews, a publication of the Department of Psychology, St. Thomas University. We produce two issues per year.

Purpose

PsychNews provides readers with updates on faculty, honours students, and honours programme alumni, as well as other noteworthy information about the department.

Editor

The current editor of PsychNews is Dr. Suzanne Prior. Suggestions and/or updates for issues can be sent to Dr. Prior (prior@stu.ca). The Department of Psychology reserves the right to determine the content of PsychNews.

Editor's Note

In this issue, we bring a lot of news about our honours graduates. We are very impressed by their many accomplishments in a variety of fields!

Honours Research on Tour!

Honours students Derek Bailey, Danielle Caissie, Elizabeth Dreise, Jessica Gilbert, Moira Kinney, and Briea Malloy travelled to Mount Allison University to present their honours thesis research at the 43rd Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference held May 6-7. Thanks to faculty representative Dr. Suzanne Prior who joined the students at the conference. Special congratulations to Elizabeth Dreise who was awarded the Science Communication Award (best oral presentation).



(l-r) Derek Bailey, Moira Kinney, Danielle Caissie, Briea Malloy, Jessica Gilbert, and Elizabeth Dreise at the 43rd Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference.

Honours Class 2018-2019

Congratulations to the Honours Class on the successful completion of their honours theses! The students presented their research to the department on April 10. We wish you the very best in the next chapter of your lives!



Derek Bailey

An Investigation of Scalar STM Decay Using a Delayed Match-to-Sample Task (Advisor: Dr. Tyler Bancroft)



Danielle Caissie and Jessica Gilbert

“I just can’t”: Students’ Wellbeing and Failure to Meet Academic Demands (Advisors: Drs. Marvin Claybourn and Suzanne Prior)



Elizabeth Dreise

“We aren’t doing it to be nasty!”: Informal Caregivers’ Accounts of Navigating Driving Safety with their Aging Loved One (Advisor: Dr. Michelle LaFrance)



Vanessa Gray

Victim or Offender?: The Role of Machiavellianism in Romantic Relationships (Advisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic)



Andrew Hall

Association Strength of Sentence-Probe Pairs: A Follow-Up Investigation of STI in Self-Perception (Advisor: Dr. Nancy Higgins)



Moira Kinney

"What do I do? Where do I start? Who do I talk to?": Challenges of Information Navigation among Informal Caregivers of Older Adults (Advisor: Dr. Michelle LaFrance)



Alexandra Mackie

The Effects of Studying, Testing, and Distraction on Memory (Advisor: Dr. Sandra Thomson)



Briea Malloy

Constructions of "Faking Orgasm" in Women's Magazines (Advisor: Dr. Monika Stelzl)



Lourdes Pastrana

Anticipate it, Feel it, Remember it: Sexual Savouring to Improve Relationship Well-Being (Advisor: Dr. Sarah Vannier)

Honours 2019-2020

Congratulations to the following students on their admission to the honours program for 2019-2020:

- Jillian Debly (Advisor: Dr. Nancy Higgins)
- Valérie Godin (Advisor: Dr. Michelle Lafrance)
- Rachel Kerzner (Advisor: Dr. Sarah Vannier)
- Emma MacMillan (Advisor: Dr. Tyler Bancroft)
- Emily Messer (Advisors: Dr. Marvin Claybourn and Dr. Suzanne Prior)
- Alejandra Villanueva (Advisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic)
- Kyra Wilson (Advisor: Dr. Sarah Vannier)
- Shannon Lewis (Advisors: Dr. Marvin Claybourn and Dr. Suzanne Prior)
- Quyen Ai Truong (Advisor: Dr. Sandra Thomson)
- Laura Wheaton (Advisor: Dr. Sandra Thomson)

We are looking forward to working with you!

Recent Faculty Publications and Conference Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Bancroft, T. D., Ensor, T. M., Hockley, W. E., Servos, P., & Jones, J. A. (in press). Diffusion modeling of interference and decay in short-term memory. *Experimental Brain Research*.

Claybourn, M., Glover, N. & Henheffer, T. (2019). Is it just a personality conflict? An investigation of personality differences and experiences of workplace bullying. *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*, 6, 1-13.

Rasclé, O., Charrier, M., **Higgins, N. C.**, Rees, T., Coffee, P., Le Foll, D., & Cabagno, G. (2019). Being one of us: Translating expertise into performance benefits following perceived failure. *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*, 43, 105-113.

Summers, S. J., **Higgins, N. C.**, Te, M., Byrne, A., & Chipchase, L. S. (2019). The effect of implicit theories of pain on pain and disability in people with chronic low back pain. *Musculoskeletal Science and Practice*, 40, 65-71.

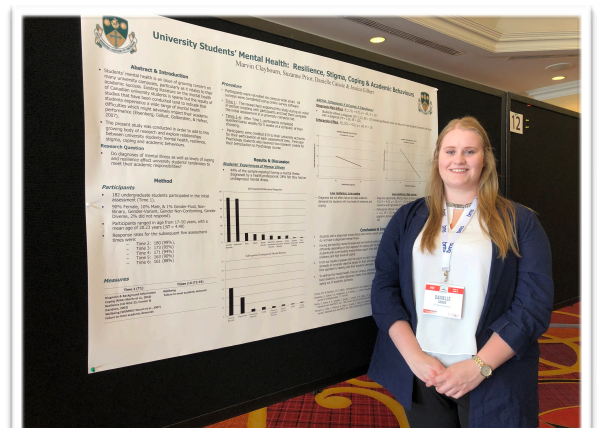
Higgins, N. C., & Zumbo, B. D. (2019). An individual differences measure of attributions affecting helping behavior. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 21(1), 57-80.

Ptok, M.J., **Thomson, S.J.**, Humphreys, K.R., & Watter, S. (2019). Congruency encoding effects on recognition memory: A stage specific account of desirable difficulty. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10, 1-20.

Conference Presentations

Bond-Fraser, L., **Fraser, I.** & Marchand, J. (2019). 'The knowledge and beliefs of potential jurors concerning the scientific evidence pertaining to the fallibility of memory.' Presentation at the *22nd Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference*, Las Vegas, NV.

Claybourn, M., **Prior, S.M.**, Caissie, D., & Gilbert, J. (2019). University students' mental health: Resilience, stigma, coping, & academic behaviours. Presentation at the *Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association*, Halifax, NS.



Danielle Caissie (BA Honours 2019) at the Canadian Psychological Association Convention.

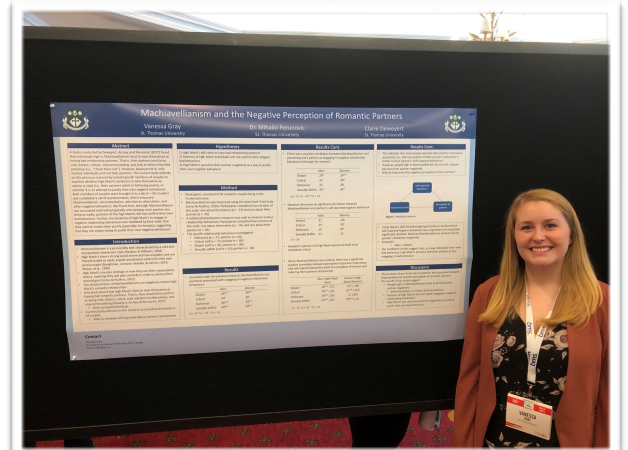
Summers, S. J., **Higgins, N. C.**, Te, M., & Chipchase, L. S. (2018). Implicit theories of pain relate to self-reported symptoms in patients with chronic low back pain. Presentation at the *IASP 17th World Congress on Pain*, Boston, MA.

Gray, V., **Perunovic, M.**, & Deweyert, C. (2019). Machiavellianism and the negative perception of romantic partners. *Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association*, Halifax, NS.

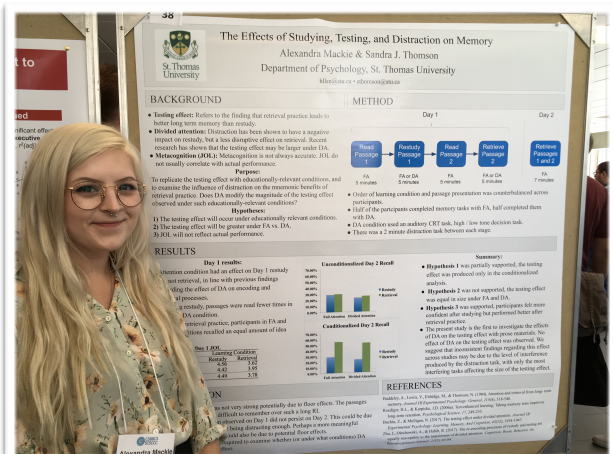
Lafrance, M.N., & Dreise, E. (2019). Driving with dementia: Cycles of challenge in caregivers' accounts of negotiating driving safety. Presentation at the *Trent Aging Conference: A joint international conference of the North American and European Networks of Aging Studies*, Trent University, Peterborough, ON.

Kinney, M. & **Lafrance, M.N.** (2019). "What do I do? Where do I start?": Challenges of Information navigation among informal caregivers of older adults. Presentation at the 2019 *Qualitative Analysis Conference*, Fredericton, NB.

Dreise, E. & **Lafrance, M.N.** (2019). "We're not doing it to be nasty!": Informal caregivers' accounts of negotiating driving safety with their aging loved one. Presentation at the 2019 *Qualitative Analysis Conference*, Fredericton, NB.



Vanessa Gray (BA Honours 2019) at the Canadian Psychological Association Convention.



Alexandra Mackie (BA Honours 2019) at the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science Conference.

Stelzl, M., & **Lafrance, M.N.** (2019). Exaggerating but not faking: What does authentic sexual pleasure 'really' mean? Presentation at the *11th Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology*, Bratislava, Slovakia.

Malloy, B.R., & **Stelzl, M.** (2019). Constructions of "Faking orgasm" in women's magazines. Presentation at the 2019 *Qualitative Analysis Conference*, Fredericton, NB.

Mackie, A., & **Thomson, S. J.** (2019). The effects of studying, testing, and distraction on memory. Presentation at the *29th annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science*, Waterloo, ON.

Invited Presentations

Higgins, N.C. (2018). *Attribution theory: Wandering in the causal dimensions*. University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Nicholson, I. (2019). *Psychology and the Nazi Mind: The Contrasting Careers of Gustave Gilbert and Stanley Milgram*. Crandall University, Moncton, NB.



Prizes in Psychology

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the following prizes:

1st year prize for Psychology:

Nhat Phung

2nd year prize for Psychology:

Anoushka Mandwal

3rd year prize for Psychology:

Rachel Kerzner

4th year prize for Psychology:

Danielle Caissie, Elizabeth Dreise

Psychology Department Award for Outstanding Performance in Honours:

Elizabeth Dreise, Alexandra Mackie, and Briea Malloy

Ray and Lorain Irving Prize for Best Thesis:

Vanessa Gray

Canadian Psychological Association's Certificate of Academic Excellence:

Derek Bailey, Jessica Gilbert, Andrew Hall

Honours Alumni News: A Showcase of Diversity and Excellence

Graduate School Acceptances and Updates

Hannah Anstey (BA Honours 2017) was accepted in the PhD program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina.

Derek Bailey (BA Honours 2019) was accepted in the MSc program in Neuroscience at McGill University.

Danielle Caissie (BA Honours 2019) was accepted in the MA program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina.

Elizabeth Dreise (BA Honours 2019) was accepted in the JD program in Law at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University.

Mandy Fulton (BA Honours 2009) completed her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of New Brunswick.

Andrew Hall (BA Honours 2019) was accepted in the MA program in Experimental Social Psychology at Queen's University.

Briec Malloy (BA Honours 2019) was accepted in the MSW program in Social Work at York University.

Kayla Marshall (BA Honours 2012) completed her PhD in Psychology at Massey University, New Zealand.

Jaime McKenzie-Mohr (BA Honours 2014) completed her MScOT in Occupational Therapy at Western University.

Lourdes Pastrana (BA Honours 2019) was accepted in the Master of Marketing (MMKG) program in the Schulich School of Business at York University.

Anna Scheidler (BA Honours 2014) was accepted in the MD program in Medicine at Dalhousie University.

Cameron Smith (BA Honours 2018) was accepted in the MEd program in Counselling at the University of New Brunswick.



Mandy Fulton (BA Honours 2009) defends her PhD dissertation at the University of New Brunswick.

Career Updates

Mandy Fulton (BA Honours 2009), PhD is currently working in Toronto at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. Dr. Fulton is part of an interdisciplinary team in the Integrated Education and Therapy program within Bloorview School where she provides assessment, diagnostic, and consultation services for children in junior kindergarten through grade one with a range of presenting concerns including intellectual disability, learning disability, and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. This role also includes providing consultation services and workshops to parents and staff. Dr. Fulton also works with the Communication Behaviour and Learning team providing diagnostic assessments of children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. In addition, Dr. Fulton works with the interdisciplinary team in the Get Up and Go program where she provides intervention for youth with persistent pain who are participating in an intensive four-week treatment. She also co-facilitates cognitive behaviour therapy groups for children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder and significant anxiety based on the manualized Facing Your Fears program.

Mitchell LaPointe (BA Honours 2008), PhD has accepted a limited term appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Mount Allison University.



**Former honours students: We would love
to hear from you!**
**Please send updates (photos would be
great) to prior@stu.ca**

Congratulations!



Hannah Anstey (BA Honours 2017) received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Doctoral Fellowship in support of her PhD studies in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina.

Danielle Caissie (BA Honours 2019) received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canadian Graduate Scholarship (CGS) in support of her MA studies in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina.

Kailey DeLucry (BA Honours 2017) received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canadian Graduate Scholarship (CGS) in support of her MA studies in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina.

Elizabeth Dreise (BA Honours 2019) received the Science Atlantic Communication Award for Best Oral Presentation at the 43rd Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference.

Elizabeth Dreise (BA Honours 2019) received the The Governor General's Medal for Highest Academic Standing at the 2019 Convocation.

Dr. Nancy Higgins was appointed Adjunct Professor in the School of Graduate Studies and Psychology at the University of New Brunswick.

Dr. Monika Stelzl received the John McKendy Memorial Teaching Award, St. Thomas University, 2019



Elizabeth Dreise (BA Honours 2019) received the Governor General's Medal at convocation.



Hannah Anstey (BA Honours 2017) and Kailey DeLucry (BA Honours 2017) at the University of Regina where they are graduate students in the Clinical Psychology program.

Alumnus in the Spotlight

Jean-Christian Maillet (BA Honours 2001), M.Sc.

We are pleased to highlight Jean-Christian Maillet as our **Alumnus in the Spotlight!** Christian completed his Honours in 2001 under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Higgins. He then completed an M.Sc. in Behavioural Neuroscience at Carleton University in Ottawa.



Christian Maillet at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Christian initially pursued a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Ottawa's Institute Of Mental Health Research; however, a switch in research interests led him towards a career in policy and program evaluation. "The longer I spent in a research environment, the longer I began to question if and how research being conducted in the lab actually had an impact on individuals' health. Every grant application I either read or helped write always claimed that the research would have tangible impacts on people's lives. However, what was absent in these grant applications was the proper measures and indicators through which the impact of that research could be measured." It was this interest in impact assessment and knowledge translation that led Christian to make the difficult choice of leaving his Ph.D. studies and beginning his career at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) in Ottawa.

At CIHR, Christian has held positions in the design of research initiatives, policy and government relations, and most recently as an Evaluator with CIHR's Office of Audit and Evaluation. Christian develops systematic approaches to determine if Canada's investments in health research are achieving intended objectives and impacting the lives and health of Canadians. He provides advice to senior management on the continued need for investments in health research, while providing necessary research evidence that will help shape health research and training policies at the national level.

In reflecting on the Honours program, Christian states: "I am really privileged to have been a part of the Honours program at STU. Program Evaluation is strongly rooted in the discipline of Psychology. What makes the STU Honours program so successful is the faculty members that mentor students as they undertake independent research for the first time. The long discussions I have had with many faculty members, particularly Dr. Nancy Higgins, about my thesis, research in psychology, and life in general really cultivated a keen sense of critical thinking and curiosity that stayed with me as a graduate student and now as a Program Evaluator within the federal government."

Congratulations Christian on your outstanding career in program evaluation that is having a significant impact on health research and the health of Canadians. We are proud of you and wish you the very best!