



Inside This Issue:

- ▶ TCNJ PSYCH STUDENTS BEYOND THE TYPICAL CLASSROOM 1
- ▶ SCHOLARLY APPLICATIONS 1
- ▶ INTERESTING PSYCHOLOGY FACT 1
- ▶ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2
- ▶ MARK YOUR CALENDERS 2
- ▶ STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS 2
- ▶ SUMMER COURSES 2
- ▶ GRADUATING SENIORS 2

The Synapse

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Welcome to the ninth edition of the Psychology Department Student Newsletter. We hope this newsletter serves as a helpful resource in providing you with important information about Departmental events and topics of interest within Psychology.

TCNJ Psych Students Beyond the Typical Classroom

Many majors are getting involved in the Psychology Department's EL-OPsy courses, giving a broader range of experiences to our students. EL-OPsy courses cover off-campus internships, lab work, honors theses, instructional internships, and independent studies. Just this semester, there are 16 thesis students, 16 instructional interns, and 10 students doing independent studies and research!



Scholarly Applications!

Laurie Ann Mandara '07 Scholarship applications are due **February 24th at 5:00pm.**

Requirements:

- ◆ Fully matriculated psych major
- ◆ 16 course units by the end of Spring Term 2011
- ◆ 6+ course units remaining until graduation at the start of the next academic year
- ◆ Overall GPA of at least 3.0
- ◆ Demonstrate commitment to community service an/or persistence in overcoming personal obstacles

To access the application visit the psychology website at <http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu/>

Marshall P. Smith Scholarship applications are due **February 24th at 5:00pm.**

Requirements:

- ◆ Fully matriculated psych major
- ◆ Completed at least 4 course units in psychology at TCNJ
- ◆ 6+ course units remaining until graduation at the start of the next academic year
- ◆ Have a GPA of at least a 3.5 in psychology courses at TCNJ and an overall GPA of 3.2 at TCNJ

To access the application visit the psychology website at <http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu/>

Interesting Psychology Fact...

In a study published in early 2009, researchers at Oxford found that playing Tetris within 6 hours of seeing a traumatic film can significantly reduce unwanted flashbacks. The research suggests that visuospatial games soon after a traumatic experience can interrupt memory formation, which has strong significance for issues like Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

Mark Your Calendars!

Senior Student Highlights

March

3rd - 11:30-12:30, SSB 128 : Dr. Julie Hughes Brown Bag Lecture "The Consequences of Perceptions of Racial Discrimination on Occupational Aspirations in Early Adolescence"

April

14th - 11:30-12:30, SSB 128 : Dr. Muniya Khanna from the UPenn School of Medicine Brown Bag Lecture "Treatments for Pediatric Anxiety Disorders: Evidence to date, current advances, and the challenges in our future."

Keep a look out! The dates are TBA for this semesters Faculty Showcase and Philanthropic Fundraiser!

For more details on these events and any new listings, please visit our website at:

<http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu/Calendar.html>

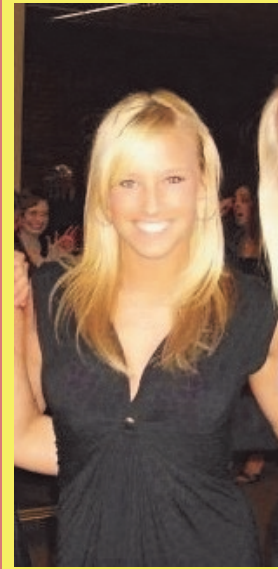
ANTONIA ALFEO

Antonia has accomplished many different things during her time here at TCNJ. She interned at a methadone clinic in Trenton, was a TA for Dr. Chazelle in the history department, and co-taught a psychology class at a youth detention center (where she is currently teaching). This semester, she is also working with Dr. Chazelle to create an Associate's



Degree program for the youth detention center. Antonia plans to attend a PsyD program and work with substance abuse or forensic psychology.

KRISTEN RANDOLPH



Kristen has an industrial/organizational specialization and has worked in the Organizational Misbehavior lab for 4 semesters. In the lab she has conducted her own independent study entitled, "Proactive personality and task significance in

the emotional labor process," which she will present at the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology conference in Chicago in April. After graduation, Kristen plans to obtain her Master's Degree in I/O Psychology.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am interested in finding an internship, can the department help me with that?

A: Listed on the Psychology website under the Research Opportunities and Internships section is possible intern sites. Feel free to contact these organizations directly as they are all willing to take on TCNJ psychology interns!

Q: I am interested in learning more about psychology graduate programs, what should I do?

A: Go to the library. There are books on reserve for psychology students that give tons of information on graduate degrees in psychology. If you still have questions, come to the psych office!

Got summer plans?

The Psychology Department would like you to know that we are offering many different summer courses in 2011! Take advantage of a great opportunity to catch up on classes or get ahead to make your semester course load a little easier. Classes can be taken during the Maymester (May 9th-May 26th), first session (May 31st-June 30th), or second session (July 5th-August 4th). Choose from courses such as Learning and Memory, Sensation and Perception, Cognitive Psychology, various seminars, and many more.

Check PAWS for full course listings. Hope to see you over the summer!

Graduating Seniors

Every spring semester the Psychology Department emails out an "exit survey" to all graduating seniors. This survey is designed to give the Psychology Department accurate statistics, as well as allowing the department to keep in touch with alumni. Make sure to keep an eye out in March for the survey!



TCNJ Psychology Dept

Social Sciences Building

Main Office, Room 109

<http://psychology.department.tcnj.edu>