

# Department of Psychology

## Stony Brook University

### **Special Interest Articles:**

- Upcoming conference
- Ted Carr elected fellow of Division 53.
- More news from alumni.

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### **Message from the chair**

Dear Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students,

The semester is over, and we have celebrated another commencement. This year 15 students received their Ph.D. degrees (see below), and 350 received B.A.s.

Please keep sending suggestions about what you would like in the newsletter, and PLEASE keep sending information about yourselves and others who are part of the family. (In the current issue I have included almost – but not quite – all of the information that I have been sent by alumni so far, so if you want the newsletters to keep coming, you need to give me copy.)

All the best, and thanks for your contributions,

*Nancy*

### **Ph.D. Graduates:**

BIOPSYCHOLOGY: Jennifer Mailloux, Peter McLaughlin, Joanne Pierre-Louis, Helen Salisbury, Janice Sniffen

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY: Kirsten Moerk, Kaarin Anderson Ryan,

COGNITIVE/EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY: Paul Jeffries, Stu Silverberg, Michelle Cunliffe Steiner

SOCIAL/HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY: Melanie Elliot, Debra Mashek, Tracy McLaughlin-Volpe, Gerald Shephard, Shawn Thompson



## RETIREES

One of our alumni suggested that the other alumni would be interested in seeing the list of faculty members who retired in recent years. I thought this was a great suggestion, and I generated the list below. I hope I haven't left anyone off, but I think this list includes everyone who has ever retired from this department.

**2001**

Jasper Brener (Biopsychology)  
Paul Wortman (Social/Health)

**2000**

Dave Cross (Experimental)  
Dave Emmerich (Experimental)  
Ed Katkin (Clinical)  
John Neale (Clinical)

**1998**

Stu Valins (Social/Health)

**1997**

Dana Bramel (Social/Health)  
Bob Boice (Experimental)

**1996**

Dave Pomeranz (Clinical)

**1994**

David Glass (Social/Health)

Emil Menzel (Biopsychology)  
Bill Morrison (Experimental)

**1993**

Fred Levine (Clinical)

**1991**

Marv Levine (Experimental)  
Alan Ross (Clinical)  
Everett Wyers (Biopsychology)

**1989**

Herb Kaye (Developmental)  
John Stamm (Biopsychology)

**1986**

Len Krasner (Clinical)

**1985**

Harry Kalish (Clinical)

## FACULTY NEWS



### EVERETT WATERS

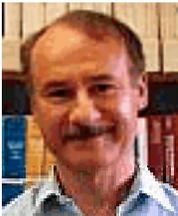
Everett has arranged for an exciting conference on “Adult Attachment: Theory to Research.” It will be held from June 29-July 1 at *Danford’s on the Sound* in Port Jefferson, N.Y. For more information, see:

<http://www.psychology.sunysb.edu/ewaters/danfords2002/>



### ARTHUR ARON

This year, for the first time, the Dean of the Graduate School gave awards to faculty who have made outstanding contributions to graduate education. Art was selected as the faculty member to receive the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching. This is a particular honor because it is the first time the award has been given, there is a “backlog” of great teachers and the competition was fierce.



### TED CARR

Ted has been elected a "Charter Fellow" of APA Division 53 (Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology). This is the third Division to which he’s been elected a fellow. To quote Ted: “I have to admit, it gets sweeter every time!”



### MARV GOLDFRIED

Marv has been selected by APA Division 1 (the Society for General Psychology), as the lecturer for the APF Arthur W. Staats Address for Unifying Psychology at the 2002 APA convention in Chicago in August. This address is part of a series which honors Arthur W. Staats and focuses on the work of an individual who has been judged to have potential for unifying psychology as a whole.



### RUSS WHITEHURST

Russ’ activities in Washington D.C., as Assistant Secretary of Education, are getting a lot of attention. If you’d like to read more about what Russ Whitehurst is up to in Washington, try these articles on the APA website:

<http://www.apa.org/ppo/issues/ewhitehurst1201.html>

<http://www.apa.org/ppo/issues/swhitehurst.html>

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/jan02/highplaces.html>

## News from alumni



*Forest Baker*

### **Forest Baker ('99) – Experimental (Advisor: Howie Rachlin)**

After graduating from Stony Brook it was with a heavy heart that I left Long Island to begin a year-and-a-half long post doc in the department of psychiatry at the University of Vermont. I am currently a visiting professor in the department of psychology at Illinois Wesleyan University. Before I started at IWU I spent time traveling in Central America and guiding teens on outdoor trips in the Colorado Rockies.

### **Donna Orsini ('84) – Biopsychology (Advisor: Nancy Squires)**

I am currently living in Northern Virginia and am practicing independently as a Clinical Neuropsychologist on a part-time basis. When I lived in California, I had worked as a Neuropsychologist at the University of Southern California Med School and later at the Daniel Freeman Rehab Hospital on the stroke/neurology unit. I co-authored a book, "The Neuropsychology Casebook" (Orsini, Van Gorp & Boone) back in 1986. How are things at Stony Brook? Looking forward to hearing more about the department.

### **Jennifer Mailloux ('01) – Biopsychology (Advisor: Jasper Brener)**

Some news about myself...I am a post-doctoral research associate at The John B. Pierce Laboratory affiliated with Yale University. I work in a Psychophysics lab with Larry Marks and colleagues. I study the perception of threshold-level vibrotactile stimuli, including the role of selective attention on the processing of such stimuli. I graduated from the Biopsychology program in 2001. Jasper Brener was my advisor. Thanks for keeping in touch! Best wishes always. Jennifer

### **Xiaoqing Liu ('96) – Biopsychology (Advisor: Jasper Brener)**

I've received 3 years' post-doc training in behavioral genetics at the department of psychiatry at UT Southwestern after leaving Stony Brook. It was fun to learn molecular genetics and use it to understand the molecular and genetic mechanism of psychiatric disorders and drug responses. Meanwhile, I studied medicine for taking US Medical License Exams and have luckily passed these tests. I will be a resident psychiatrist this coming July. It's exciting to face new challenge!

Xiaoqing Liu, MD, PhD  
Dept. Psychiatry  
UT Southwestern Medical Center

### **Dan McKnight ('93) – Social/Health (Advisor: Dave Glass)**

After doing a post doc in psychophysiology/behavioral medicine at Pittsburgh, costs of living and narrow job markets conspired against continuing in academia. Given my interest in social perceptual accuracy and bias, persuasion in the private sector seemed a logical niche. For a few years I worked with a consulting firm in Chicago helping a national clientele of lawyers figure out how to persuade judges, juries and politicians. That became boring so I left, ended up in New Orleans, and from here maintain a small group of clients. My work might be best described as that of a spin doctor. I help design and implement social influence strategies. Sometimes this involves making a documentary film for an audience of arbitrators, sometimes it involves playing poker with corporate check writers in a toxic tort mediation. It usually involves some high profile issue that makes the evening news. Working independently I have the luxury of choosing sides before the battle.

Meanwhile, teaching is more rewarding. So if I can afford to retire at 45, I might try to get back into that.

## Alumni news continued

### George R. King ('89) – Experimental (Advisor: Lexa Logue)

I graduated in 89 under Lexa Logue. I retooled with two post-docs (one at Rutgers and the other at Duke University Medical School, where I spent several years as a post-doc and then on the research faculty).

A couple of years ago we moved to Texas, where I am an Assistant Professor at TCU and a Research Associate Professor at UNT Health Sciences Center in the Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience. I have a couple of NIDA grants looking at the effects of chronic cocaine administration on serotonergic systems (one grant) and dopamine autoreceptors and transporters (the other grant).

### Andrea Elberger ('77) – Biopsychology (Advisor: Mike Gazzaniga)

I graduated in 1977 in Biopsychology. My thesis advisor was Mike Gazzaniga, but my work was on split brains studies in the cat. Instead of a cognitive model, I studied the effects of corpus callosum section on visual system development. I continued this work as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Anatomy, College of Medicine at The University of Pennsylvania. My mentor was James Sprague. From there, I went to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston as an Assistant Professor, from 1980 to 1985. I relocated to my current position [University of Tennessee Health Science Center], where I have been a Full Professor since 1993. I still study the interaction of the corpus callosum and the developing visual system, but mainly as a model to evaluate the effects of fetal alcohol exposure. I am also becoming involved in genomics studies, from the perspective of morphological effects in the brain. I have a number of grants from the NIH as Principal Investigator, and am on additional NIH grants as Co-Investigator.

Incidentally, I am married to James Aschberger, who worked in the Electronics Shop of the Psychology Dept. for 10 years. He moved with me after Stony Brook, and held staff positions at a subsidiary of Control Data Corp. in Pennsylvania, Rice University in Houston, and The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and now The University of Memphis since we have been in Tennessee (since 1985).

[http://an.utmem.edu/main/faculty/Elberger\\_cv.html](http://an.utmem.edu/main/faculty/Elberger_cv.html)



### Miriam Ehrensaft ('96) – Clinical (Advisor: Dan O'Leary)

I live in New York with my husband (he was in the physics dept at Stony Brook when I was there). We have an adorable, impish three year old son, Cary. I work in the Division of Child Psychiatry at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, doing research and teaching in adolescent antisocial behavior and partner abuse, and have a grant from NIH on the relationship between those two issues.

### Barry Sandrew ('76) – Biopsychology (Advisor: John Stamm)

Left Harvard/Mass General in '86 to pursue an entrepreneurial career. I used my knowledge and experience in medical imaging to invent colorization of black and white classic feature film and special color effects for motion pictures and TV. Also started an educational software company, Lightspan in '93. Took three companies public and starting my 6th company currently. Obviously left academia and happy.

## Alumni news continued

### Phyllis Kayten ('78) - Developmental (Advisor: Sally Springer)

I got my Ph.D. in the now defunct Developmental Psychology dept. in 1978 (advisor Sally Springer), and never went into academic psychology. I worked at several jobs, all in the field of human factors psychology: I was a researcher at a company that manufactured and operated full-scale ship simulators (I evaluated the equivalence of simulator to real-world experience), then was a human performance investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board (and investigated the underlying causes of human error in major transportation accidents - train, plane, bus, ship); then was a presidential appointee -- Special Assistant to a Board Member of the NTSB (the board member was John Lauber, another Ph.D. psychologist); and then was Deputy Scientific and Technology Advisor to the Federal Aviation Administration Administrator. Then I did a complete career change, and am now a research librarian at Stanford University's Green Library (Social Science and Humanities), and now help students and faculty research all variety of topics for their studies. I also teach freshmen how to use the library (most only know how to surf the web for their research; many do not realize that books are valuable).

### Philip D. Harvey ('82) - Clinical (Advisor: John Neale)

I've been at Mt. Sinai since 1988, and a Full Professor since 1996. I am the Director of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry. I do research on cognition, function, and aging in schizophrenia.

I have been conducting a longitudinal study of 1500 older patients with schizophrenia, based in Pilgrim Psychiatric Center (same place as I collected dissertation data).

Currently I am PI on two Federal grants and several other smaller industry sponsored projects, and I'm busy publishing and writing books. The latest one, *Psychology and Aging*, is to be published by APA press in 2002.

### Ken Winters ('82) – Clinical (Advisor: John Neale)

I am plodding along nicely at the Fly Over University known as the University of Minnesota (Department of Psychiatry). I spend my work time doing a lot of behavioral research on addictions such as drug abuse and pathological gambling. My family is doing great. And my golf game is OK for now. Stop by and say hello if you get stuck at our airport or are visiting the Mall of America.



Thomas, in his tuxedo

### Kimberly Trumbull Kendziora ('95) - Clinical (Advisor: Susan O'Leary)

After three years at the National Institute of Mental Health as a post-doc in the intramural Section on Developmental Psychopathology, I left for the world of private research. I have been at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, DC for the past 3 1/2 years and really love it. The variety of the work is great. I have my own grant from the Department of Education to follow up a group of Cleveland area children who received specialized preschool intervention for behavioral and developmental problems. I am doing prevention research with Shep Kellam in Baltimore, intervening with first grade teachers, schools, and kids' parents. I also continue to function as the lone researcher on a large Technical Assistance partnership which helps communities around the country build systems of care for children's mental health ([www.air.org/tapartnership](http://www.air.org/tapartnership)). I just had my second son, Andrew, in November 2001. My older son Thomas will turn 5 this March. They love getting visits from "Mr. Joel" Sherrill, my lab-mate and buddy, who started working at NIMH last year and who now lives in DC.



Andrew – at 3 weeks of age

**David Santogrossi ('74) – Clinical (Advisor: Dan O'Leary)**

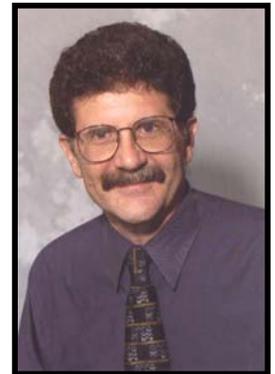
*The material on this page is adapted from the intro to a Study Guide I wrote for Barlow and Durand's Abnormal Psych text, which helps explain the multiple-choice question at the end.*

David Santogrossi earned his Ph.D. in Clinical in 1974 under Dan O'Leary, with Alan Ross and John Garcia also on his committee. He is now Associate Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He has won multiple teaching awards from the Purdue Psychology Department and the School of Liberal Arts, as well as Purdue's highest teaching honor, the University Murphy Award as the outstanding undergraduate instructor at Purdue. He is a Founding Fellow of the Purdue Teaching Academy and was a charter selection for the Purdue Book of Great Teachers. He is the former Director of Undergraduate Studies in Psychology at Purdue, as well as Faculty Advisor to their Psych Club and Psi Chi honorary society chapter. He has taught three of the past five summers at Oxford University in England, and has contributed ancillary materials to several Psych texts.

A Clinical Psychologist licensed for private practice, and an accredited Health Service Provider, he worked *pro bono* one day a week for many years as a therapist in a community mental health center. In addition, he served on the human rights board for a developmental disabilities center.

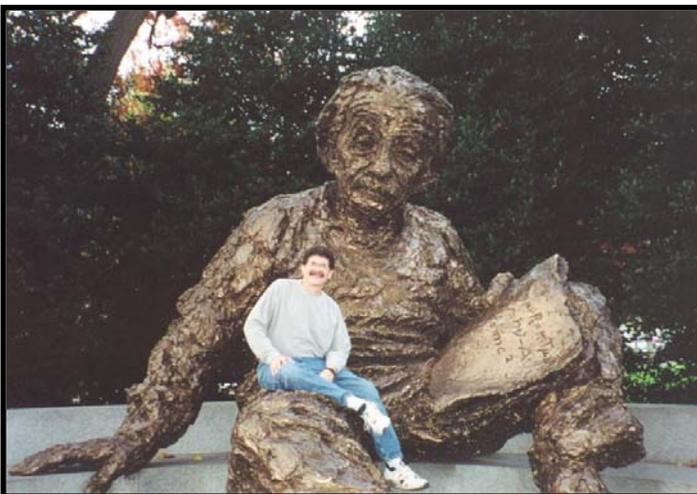
He continues to play drums and percussion in the local symphony orchestra, concert band, theater musicals, and various smaller groups, including a Dixieland band that plays in nursing homes several times a month. He played in a Psych Department student/faculty band called the Positive Reinforcers. Additional theater involvement includes being Master Carpenter for set-building crews. His other hobbies include travel (especially to Italy), reading, word play (for example, he has a dog named Peeve), Civil War and world history, building and home repair, any kind of music and, of course, Psychology.

Currently unmarried, he maintains a close relationship with his former stepchildren, Eve and Noah, both in college. He looks forward to reading about and hearing from his old SUSB classmates.




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*David Santogrossi  
Associate Professor of  
Psychological Sciences  
and Associate Dean of  
Liberal Arts,  
Purdue*

**THE AUTHOR AND FRIEND**

Which of these pictured

- is a genius? (more than one may be correct)
- has a metal head? (more than one...)
- was a favorite of Marilyn Monroe? (more...)
- said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge"?
- said, "Knowledge is pretty important in this Psych course"?

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## Psychology Department Personnel

### Distinguished Professors

O'Leary, K. Daniel, Ph.D., 1967, University of Illinois. Clinical Psychology. Director of Clinical Training.  
Rachlin, Howard, Ph.D., 1965, Harvard University. Experimental Psychology.

### Professors

Aron, Arthur, Ph.D., 1970, University of Toronto, Canada. Social/Health Psychology.  
Carr, Edward G., Ph.D., 1973, University of California, San Diego. Clinical Psychology.  
D'Zurilla, Thomas, Ph.D., 1964, University of Illinois. Clinical Psychology.  
Friend, Ronald, Ph.D., 1969, University of Toronto, Canada. Social/Health Psychology.  
Gerrig, Richard, Ph.D., 1984, Stanford University. Experimental Psychology.  
Goldfried, Marvin, Ph.D., 1961, University at Buffalo. Clinical Psychology.  
Klein, Daniel N., Ph.D., 1983, SUNY Buffalo. Clinical Psychology.  
Liebert, Robert M., Ph.D., 1966, Stanford University. Clinical Psychology.  
O'Leary, Susan G., Ph.D., 1972, University at Stony Brook. Clinical Psychology.  
Samuel, Arthur, Ph.D., 1979, University of California, San Diego. Experimental Psychology.  
Squires, Nancy K., Ph.D., 1972, University of California, San Diego. Chair. Biopsychology.  
Waters, Everett, Ph.D., 1977, University of Minnesota. Social/Health Psychology.  
Waters, Harriet Salatas, Ph.D., 1976, University of Minnesota. Social/Health Psychology.  
Whitaker, Patricia, Ph.D., 1979, University of Toronto. Biopsychology.  
Whitehurst, Grover J., Ph.D., 1970, University of Illinois. Clinical Psychology.  
Wortman, Camille B., 1972, Duke University. Social/Health Psychology.

### Associate Professors

Brennan, Susan, Ph.D., 1990, Stanford University. Experimental Psychology. Graduate Program Director.  
Franklin, Nancy, Ph.D., 1989, Stanford University. Experimental Psychology.  
Lobel, Marci, Ph.D., 1989, University of California, Los Angeles. Social/Health Psychology. Undergraduate Program Director.  
Rajaram, Suparna, Ph.D., 1991, Rice University. Experimental Psychology.  
Robinson, John, Ph.D., 1991, University of New Hampshire. Biopsychology.

### Assistant Professors

Anderson, Brenda J., Ph.D., 1993, University of Illinois. Biopsychology.  
Canli, Turhan, Ph.D., 1993, Yale University. Biopsychology.  
Leung, Hoi-Chung, Ph.D., 1997, Northwestern University. Biopsychology.  
Levy, Sheri, Ph.D., 1998, Columbia University. Social/Health Psychology.  
Westmaas, Lee, Ph.D., 1996, University of California, Irvine. Social/Health Psychology.  
Zelinsky, Gregory, Ph.D., 1994, Brown University. Experimental Psychology.

### Research Faculty

Grackin, Janice, Ph.D. – Research Assistant Professor, Psychology & CELT  
Heyman, Richard, Ph.D. – Research Associate Professor  
Moyer, Anne, Ph.D. – Lecturer, Social/Health Psychology  
Slep, Amy, Ph.D. – Research Assistant Professor

### Personnel

Thompson, Judith – Assistant to the Chair  
Polak, Janet – Secretary to the Chair  
Campani, Deborah – Graduate Program Coordinator  
Biesel, Jean – Account Clerk  
Carlson, Carol – Undergraduate Advising  
Hildenbrand, Donna – Staff Assistant, Undergraduate Office  
Doret, Wendy, Ph.D. – Director of the Psychological Center  
Urbelis, Pat – Psychological Center Secretary