Department welcomes newest Psychologist

Ken and Seok Kwok welcomed a new addition to their family on January 29th.

Baby Samantha already has her own website!

Check it out at http://shutterfly.babycenter.com/my/girl.jsp?id=9ef6a8535a61cdf2.

A Puzzle for all of you “Smarty Pants”

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergartners gave the correct answer. Only 17% of Stanford University seniors answered correctly...

How many CMU Psychologists will get it right?

Q: What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you’ll die?

(answer on page 3...)

Announcements or Ideas?

This is your chance to get the word out to the entire department!

Forward announcements to Rochelle Croom (rmcroom@andrew.cmu.edu).

You can also use the anonymous suggestion box in the 336B Lounge.

Bowling Alone? Never!

The Top Secret Social Committee

Anonymously invites you to their 2nd event...

Bowling with Psychologists!

When: Wednesday, February 27th, 9:00 pm
Where: Forward Lanes in Squirrel Hill
$2.70 per game, $1.25 for shoes.

Mark your calendar!
All are welcome!

Post-Docs reveal secrets

Professional Development Seminar

February 20th, Noon
Room 336B

Department Post-Docs will reveal secrets such as...

What is the best way to find out about postdoctoral positions?
What are the steps in the application process?
What is the interview process like?
What type of postdoctoral position should I want?
How much will I get paid? Will I get benefits?
Do I have to take classes?
How much “free time” will I have?
What is the transition from graduate student to post-doc like?

(For more Post-Doc Secrets Revealed...See Page 4!)
February 18, 4-5:20 pm BH A53
Department Colloquium
Dr. Shimon Edelman, Cornell University
“Probabilistic Principles in the Unsupervised Learning of Visual Structure”. Reception to follow in Department Lounge

February 19, noon BH 336B
Brownbag
Shimon Edelman, Cornell University
Title TBA

February 20, noon BH 336B
Professional Development Seminar
Post-Docs Share their Secrets to Success and Reveal How to Secure a Good Post-Doctoral Position

February 21, noon BH 336B
Cognitive Modeling Seminar
Jay McClelland
Background meeting at http://www.cnbc.cmu.edu/~jlm/papers/mumcc.pdf

February 25, 4-5:20 pm BH A53
Department Colloquium
Dr. Niall Bolger, New York University
“Social Support Visibility and Adjustment to Stress: Experimental Evidence”. Reception to follow in Department Lounge

February 27, 8:30 pm, Forward Lanes, Squirrel Hill
The Top Secret Social Committee invites you to Bowl with Psychologists. All are welcome.

March 1, 4-5:20 pm BH 340A

March 4, 4-5:20 pm BH A53
Department Colloquium
Dr. Michael Tarr, Brown University
“It’s Pat! Sexing Faces Using Only Red and Green”
Reception to follow in the Department Lounge

March 6, 12-1:30 pm BH 340A
Faculty Meeting

March 11, Noon BH 336B
Joint DDG/Cog Bog Meeting
Clark Glymour presents his research

March 18, 4-5:20 pm BH A53
Department Colloquium
Dr. David Geary, University of Missouri
“A Darwinian perspective on mathematics and the acquisition of mathematical competence”
Reception to follow in the Department Lounge

March 26, Noon BH 336B
DDG
Brad Morris presents his research

Wish your department colleagues a Happy Birthday!

FEBURARY
Chante Cox-Boy 01
Daniel Bothell, Gina Williams 06
Susan Campbell 09
Jonathan Daley 11
Philip Pavlik 12
Mary Alberth, Erin Hahn 14
Marc Brands 15
Romeo Anghelache 16
Donna Perovich 19
Matthew Botvinick 21
Stacey Becker 22
Jon Fincham 24
Kelley Sacco 26

MARCH
Jerod Moss, Octav Popescu 03
Christi Adams 05
Penny Grabowski 08
Sarah Jordan, Sharlene Newman, John Opfer 09
Nicholas Pegg 10
Dara Stern 14
Kurt Schimmel, Carl Skipper 18
Beau Stephens 21
Tiago Maia 22
Jeremy Gottlieb 25
Michelle Gordon 26

TOP SECRET SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Ice Skating in Schenley Park

Theresa Kurutz shows off her gold-medal-winning ice skating skills at the Top Secret Social Committee Skating Party in January.

If you missed out on skating, don't forget to join the Top Secret Social Committee for Bowling (See Pg 1).
CMU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY ANNOUNCES A NEW RESEARCH CENTER

The Briooke MacFeeney Center for Language in Emergent Non-supportive Relationships

The Center’s Mission

Among the many puzzles that emergent relationships present to the Sociomental Psychologist, perhaps the most fascinating is the relative ease with which a toddler enters into a dysfunctional relationship. To explore the complexities of bad language in children’s relationships, we use a variety of experimental techniques including note passing, competitive Darwinian processes, and connectionist models of intimate relationships. Outcomes of current studies will determine ongoing investigations. However, due to a lack of government funding and departmental support (i.e. GIVE US LAB SPACE! and Where’s our grad student?) in this innovative area, publications may be delayed.


This announcement brought to you by the Secret Society of Fun (SSF)
THE POST-DOC GAME! GET TO KNOW THE DEPARTMENT POST-DOCS

PITTSBURGH, PA - Eli Finkel & Natasha Tokowicz...

Post-doctoral researchers were interviewed and asked to reveal their deepest, strangest, most hidden personal qualities. We're not sure if you can figure out which post-doc matches with which quirky quality, but we can tell they are a pretty funny bunch.

Match the correct letter with the post-docs numbered below. Return your answers to the ANONYMOUS RESPONSE BOX in the Psychology Department Lounge for your chance to win **fabulous prizes**.

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<th>Number</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Natasha Tokowicz</td>
<td>A. I don’t have a psychology degree</td>
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<td>Jay Brown</td>
<td>B. My favorite TV show is “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.”</td>
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<td>Oma Rosenthal</td>
<td>C. My dog Sam eats purple flowers</td>
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<td>Sharlene Newman</td>
<td>D. Like to have rounds on my broom in fully-mooned nights.</td>
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<td>Erica Michael</td>
<td>E. I’ve been to the Indy 500 three times</td>
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<td>Michael Harm</td>
<td>F. In high school my nickname was “Froggy.”</td>
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<td>Michael Erickson</td>
<td>G. I’m a juggler</td>
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<td>Jason Arndt</td>
<td>H. I will test for my black belt this fall</td>
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<td>Bethany Johnson</td>
<td>I. I was the “band manager” for my high school’s marching band</td>
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<td>Chante Cox-Boyd</td>
<td>J. I used to brew my own beer, but then I realized that you can <em>buy</em> beer.</td>
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<td>Amy Masnick</td>
<td>K. I use ESPN as my primary sauce of news and current events. I like to call it the “trickle-down-news-theory.”</td>
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<td>John Opfer</td>
<td>L. I spend some of my free time swing dancing (lindy hop, jitterbug)</td>
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<td>Raluca Budiu</td>
<td>M. I love watching cartoons. I get downright ornery when these cartoons, namely the Simpsons, get preempted for football</td>
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<td>Melanie Cary</td>
<td>N. I like Neil Diamond</td>
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<td>Myeong-Ho Sohn</td>
<td>O. I drove cross country in an SUV (in ten days) and was chased by a tornado on the way back.</td>
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<td>Pat Tomich</td>
<td>P. My porn name is “Pepper Eastwood”</td>
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<td>Rob Mason</td>
<td>Q. I don’t find Dilbert funny.</td>
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<td>Craig Haimson</td>
<td>R. I could probably get into the Guinness Book for hairiest ass.</td>
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<td>Tim Keller</td>
<td>S. I am a fan of Wallace and Gromit</td>
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<td>Chris Baker</td>
<td>T. Doesn’t like “reindeer games”</td>
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<td>Eli Finkel</td>
<td>U. Classified. I could tell you, but then I’d have to kill you.</td>
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Submit what you wish to Rochelle Croom at rmcroom@andrew.cmu.edu or use the anonymous drop box in the 336B Lounge.