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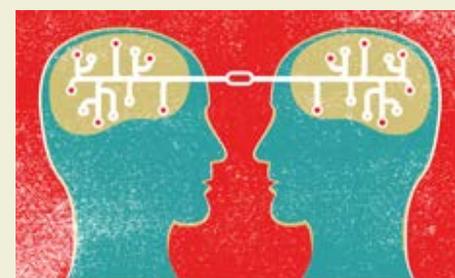


## Welcome from Department Head

The Department of Psychology shined this year, winning awards, graduating terrific students and accomplishing internationally recognized research. Congratulations to everyone for a fantastic year and many thanks to the many supporters of our department! As always, please continue to contact our editor, Erin Colbert-White, at [colbere@uga.edu](mailto:colbere@uga.edu) with any news and suggestions. Have a good summer!

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## Research Spotlight: Amos Zeichner



## Departmental News

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UGA Building Services staff member **Florida Adams** will be retiring from UGA at the end of the spring after 22 years of service to the University. Eighteen of those years were spent in our department, and we appreciate everything she has done. Congratulations, Florida!

**Dr. Adam Goodie** is residing in Oxford as he was recently selected to represent the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences in the UGA at Oxford program. He was also awarded a Sarah Moss Fellowship for



It's hard to fit the research conducted by members of Amos Zeichner's lab into one box, and that's the way they like it. In many ways, that is what their research is about - understanding the great variability within behavior resulting from the interplay among personality, gender, and socialization. Specifically, however, the lab focuses on destructive behavior, including aggression, non-suicidal self-injury, and sexism.

In Dr. Zeichner's lab, research involves exploring behavioral realities that are both misunderstood and understudied. For example, recent laboratory studies have examined physical aggression in men and women, particularly aggression motivated by sexual prejudice. In men, low adherence to masculine gender norms was shown to be a protective factor against aggression toward a masculine-presenting woman. In women, low adherence to feminine role norms served as a risk factor for both aggressive behavior and victimization. The lab hopes to continue to understand the impact of socialization on behavior, such as modern media portrayals of female aggression as comical or "sexy" and the contributions of both hostile and benevolent sexism (e.g., "women are special and should be taken care of") as justification for aggression against women.

In a separate but related vein, the Zeichner lab also investigates how personality influences behavior. Recent research found that psychopathy, a personality construct marked by a lack of empathy, had more of an influence than masculine gender role conformity alone on emotional responses. Furthermore, findings from these studies suggest that antagonism, a personality trait associated with a lack of warmth and concern for others, is strongly related to externalizing behavior.

Currently, the lab is beginning work looking at how socialization and personality contribute to non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI), the act of harming oneself without intent to die. According to Dr. Zeichner, studying NSSI is important as it is both dangerous and highly prevalent in clinical and non-clinical populations, including college students. The lab hopes to focus on understudied aspects of NSSI, such as individuals' thoughts

advanced studies at Warwick University where he will consult with Dr. Zachary Estes, a former UGA Psychology faculty member. Further, Dr. Goodie's work can be found in the January-February 2011 issue of *Money* magazine in a quiz titled, "How Well Do You Know Risk?"

**Dr. Joshua Miller** won the Walter Klopfer Award. Given by the Society for Personality Assessment, the award recognizes the author of an article that has made a distinguished contribution to the personality assessment literature. Refer to the departmental website's "News & Events" page to read the abstract. Dr. Miller also won the university's Creative Research Medal. Not a bad year!

**Natale Sciolino** (BBS) was selected to attend the Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Physiology/Medicine in Germany this year. At the meeting, she will participate in discussions with physiology and medicine Nobel Laureates, as well as other graduate students and junior researchers from around the world.

**Erica Fortune** (BBS) and **Dr. Adam Goodie's** work on pathological gambling was recently highlighted on the Institute for Research on Gambling Disorder's "Gambling Disorders 360°" blog. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

**Emily Bovier** (BBS) was awarded a travel grant from the New Developments in Carotenoid Research Conference

related to NSSI and NSSI in incarcerated men.

Ultimately, the lab hopes to continue to shed their own biases to discover behavioral realities, determine the state and trait factors which facilitate and inhibit these realities, and to disseminate research that can be applied for prevention and intervention efforts.

To read more:

Seibert, L.A., Miller, J.D., Pryor, L.R., Reidy, D.E. & Zeichner, A. (2010). Personality and laboratory aggression: Comparing the predictive power of the five-factor model, BIS/BAS, and impulsivity across context. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 44, 13-21.

Reidy, D.E., Shirk, S.D., Sloan, C.A., & Zeichner, A. (2009). Men Who Aggress against Women: Effects of Feminine Gender Role Violation on Physical Aggression in Hypermasculine Men. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*, 10, 1-12.

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## Profiles

### Staff: Marilyn Steffe

Marilyn works jointly with the Director of Clinical Training and the clinical graduate program to maintain student records and to ensure clinical students fulfill all graduation requirements. She is a true Mid-Westerner, having grown up in Iowa, and lived in Wisconsin, Kansas, and Nebraska before moving to Athens when her husband joined the Mathematics Education faculty in 1967. Since then, Marilyn has enjoyed our department's atmosphere of helpfulness and freshness that she says is majorly due to the graduate students that she has had the opportunity to work with over the years. Outside of work, Marilyn enjoys spending time with her husband and Brittany dogs, caring for her four horses, practicing the piano, and attending UGA football, basketball, and gymnastics events. She also makes it a point to stay physically fit, exercising 3-4 times per week! Even if you aren't a clinical student, Marilyn's kindness and great conversation make stopping by Room 134 to say hello well worth it.



### Graduate Students: Liz Simpson & Brittany Gentile

**Liz Simpson** (BBS) is in the final stages of her dissertation where she demonstrates 4 to 12 month-olds and adults can recognize human, monkey, and sheep faces. Her findings, she believes, challenge currently-held perceptions narrowing models of facial recognition in humans. Liz has received numerous honors for her research, including the J. William Fanning Graduate Fellowship and a Dissertation

committee and invited to present her research, "Lutein and Zeaxanthin Status and its Relation to Bone Mineral Density," at the conference.

**Drs. Brett Clementz, Jennifer McDowell, and Kara Dyckman's** NIH R01 grant titled, "Neural Noise and Cognitive Control in Schizophrenia," was recently funded. The work will provide a more unified theory of schizophrenia by investigating why and how the nonspecific neural noise ("noisier brains") of individuals with schizophrenia affects individuals' abilities on cognitive tasks.

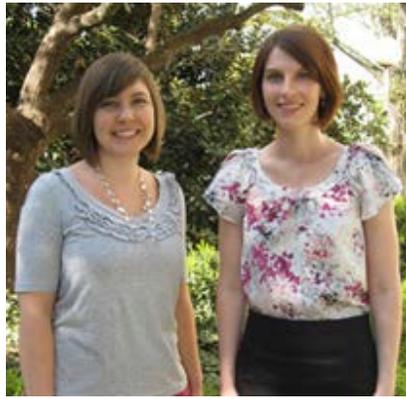
**Freya Liu** (BBS) and **Dr. Dorothy Frigaszy's** series of studies about nut-cracking behavior in wild capuchin monkeys was recently featured on *Discovery Channel Canada's* "Daily Planet" television show and in the *BBC Earth News* article, "Capuchin Monkeys Choose the Best Tools to Crack Nuts."

On March 29 over sixty alumni, friends and guests joined **Dean Garnett Stokes** of the Franklin College and **Dr. Keith Campbell** at the Cosmos Club in Washington D.C. for a reception and lecture on narcissism. Dr. Campbell presented his research, sharing evidence that narcissism has increased at both the individual and cultural levels and discussing the causes including economics, parenting styles, and the media. His insights highlighted some of the consequences of this epidemic and concluded with a discussion of how it might operate in the current economic environment.

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## Faculty Spotlight

### Dean Sabatinelli



Completion Award through the Graduate School. In addition to research, Liz is a highly-regarded instructor, earning both the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award and the Graduate School's Interdisciplinary Certificate in University Teaching. Though Liz is sad to leave UGA, Athens, and The Grit (she's a devoted vegetarian), we know that she will do wonderful things during her time as a post-doctoral fellow developing new behavioral measures of the mirror neuron system at the University of Parma, Italy and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in Maryland.

**Brittany Gentile** is a third year BBS student from Arroyo Grande, CA. Recently advancing to doctoral candidacy, her research focuses on how culture changes over time and how cultural changes are reflected in individuals in the form of generational changes. In addition, she has collaborated on the highly publicized narcissism research being conducted on campus and contributed a book chapter to Drs. Campbell and Miller's *Handbook of Narcissism and Narcissistic Personality Disorders: Theoretical Approaches, Empirical Findings, and Treatments*. Brittany's involvement in the department is strong; she was the Social Psychology representative for the Psychology Graduate Students Committee in 2010 and is currently the chair of the Psychology Graduate Students Committee, as well the reigning cookie-baking co-champion of the annual Social Psychology Girl Party! This summer, Brittany will be spending two weeks in Princeton, NJ taking part in the prestigious Summer Institute in Social Psychology program.

## Undergraduate Students: Amanda Lancour & Adam Norman

**Amanda Lancour ('11)** is an honors student from Marietta, GA double majoring in psychology and sociology. This semester she is heavily involved in Dr. Dorothy Fragaszy's lab assisting with various projects related to risk-taking, spatial relations and social-visual attention in the University's colony of capuchin monkeys. In addition to this lab work, she is in the early stages of preparing a manuscript with UGA alumna Dr. Jessi Crast about social facilitation of manual actions in capuchins.

Amanda is a recipient of the Charter Scholarship, the HOPE Scholarship, and is an active member of Psi Chi. Her interest in academics has also taken her abroad through the UGA Studies Abroad Program where she studied in Brisbane, Australia and Stellenbosch, South Africa. Upon graduating this December, Amanda plans to attend graduate school.



Some I/O-focused students gain experience with internships, but not **Adam Norman**



### 1. What is the overarching theme of your research?

How does the brain process emotional stimuli?

### 2. What is something unique about you?

For fun I build and race motorcycles as fast as they will possibly go.

### 3. Favorite movie and why?

Dune (the David Lynch version) or The Blues Brothers because they are both great allegorical stories.

### 4. One of your favorite Athens experiences?

The tour and tasting at Terrapin Brewery.

### 5. How did you get into your field?

Pure luck. I was an economics major at Virginia Tech and took a developmental psychology course with an enthusiastic professor named Robin Panneton. I switched majors and ended up working in her lab. From there my luck continued as I worked with Keith Berg, Margaret Bradley & Peter Lang at the University of Florida.

### 6. What is your favorite thing about working at UGA?

The people.

### 7. One piece of advice for

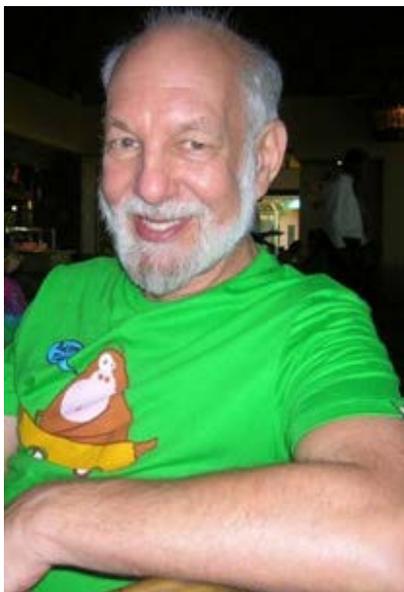
**(11)!** As an active duty and reserve platoon sergeant for the United States Army, Adam has gained leadership experience by coordinating over 70 soldiers in combat. Now a member of the Army Reserve, Adam has punctuated his academic career with multiple deployments to the Middle East. His honors have been many- including the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation and Navy Unit Commendation medals, both of which are awarded for acts of combat heroism and meritorious achievement. Currently, Adam is working toward obtaining a commission as a Lieutenant; but his ultimate goal is to pursue graduate studies in I/O psychology. When asked how long he will remain in the Army, Adam replied, "Until I feel that I have earned the opportunities that I have been afforded as a citizen of the United States."

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## Special Note

### Dr. Irwin Bernstein

Students past and present have described Dr. Irwin Bernstein as the most caring, flexible, supportive, ethical, dedicated, "old school," witty, and patient mentor they have ever had. One even went so far as to say she considered him to be an actual encyclopedia of primatology. With common Bernstein-isms like, "The plural of anecdote is not data," and, "Watch what the monkeys actually do. The monkeys are always right," it is no surprise that Dr. Bernstein's pioneering contributions to the field of primatology are considered by most in his field to be timeless. After 43 years of service to the UGA Psychology Department and University governance, Dr. Bernstein will be transitioning to Professor Emeritus at the end of this year. According to his wife, Genie, Dr. Bernstein plans to continue teaching and spend more time with his twelve grandchildren who range from infancy to graduate school-aged.



A special thank you to Genie and Dr. Bernstein's graduate students who emailed their stories and photographs. One recent alumna wrote, "I am proud that [Dr. Bernstein] is at the top of my academic family tree." This feeling of pride and appreciation was prevalent among all of those who wrote in and what was shared was truly moving.

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## Support the Department

There are many ways to support the department. Financial contributions are most welcome, but we also appreciate our alumni who give their time to speak to our current students and new graduates by providing advice about careers in specific areas. Thank you!

### undergraduate psychology majors?

A single study is not definitive, don't believe everything you read.

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## Make a Donation

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## Spring Awards Announcement

Many graduate students were also awarded teaching certificates for their fulfillment of the Center for Teaching and Learning's TA/GTA program. Thank you for your enthusiastic dedication to positively influencing the academic careers of others!

Special thanks go to the donors and supporters who made these awards possible. The Psychology Department also wishes to thank Psi Chi and the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for sponsoring this wonderful event. We are particularly grateful to Jennifer Messer and Hollis Yates for their hard work in planning this event. If you are interested in supporting any of these scholarship funds, please call our Development Director, Jennifer Messer at (706) 542-0068 or email her at [jlmesser@uga.edu](mailto:jlmesser@uga.edu) to learn



more on ways you can help the department.

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## History Note

By Roger K. Thomas

Samuel Mathew Turner was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Georgia. His degree (1975) was in clinical psychology. A native of Macon, GA, Turner attended public schools there. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force before earning his bachelor's in Psychology at Georgia State University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at UGA. Dr. Turner spent most of his academic career at the Western Psychiatric Institute (University of Pittsburgh) and at the Medical College of South Carolina (Charleston). During his career he published more than 200 scientific articles, 50 chapters and 18 books. In 1997, Turner received the APA's award for Distinguished Professional Contributions and in 1998 he received the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Association of Medical School Psychologists. Subsequent to his untimely death of brain cancer, the Society for Clinical Psychology (Division 12 of APA) established the Samuel M. Turner Award for Distinguished Contributions to Applied Clinical Psychology, given annually to a psychologist early in her/his career. For additional information see *American Psychologist* (1998), vol. 53, pp. 388-390.



**Samuel Mathew Turner**  
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