

the Standard Deviation

Official Newsletter of the Manhattan College Department of Psychology

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Chair's Welcome:



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Department of Psychology's newsletter, *the Standard Deviation*!

This monthly newsletter will give psychology majors and minors an inside scoop on what's going on in the Department, will feature interesting topics, and will highlight a different faculty member each month!

Have a fantastic semester, everyone!

--Dr. Moore

Course Spotlight:



Forensic Psychology (PSYC 257)

Taught by Dr. Arno Kolz, winner of the Costello Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2014, *Forensic Psychology* is an exciting course that provides an analysis of psychological causes of criminal behavior. Topics include antisocial personality, neuropsychological components of criminality, and the interface between psychology and law in areas such as jury selection, sentencing, the insanity plea, eyewitness testimony, and psychiatric evaluation of defendants.

*Fall 2017: Offered Mondays and Thursdays 12:00-1:15pm



Dr. Kim Fairchild
Associate Professor

Faculty Focus



***What is the focus of your research?**

My primary research interest is women's experiences of street harassment. I've studied how women feel about and respond to experiences of catcalling. I'm working on developing new studies with students to approach the topic from different perspectives. In addition, I also do research on more mainstream social psychology topics – but I can't discuss the most recent one as we're currently collecting data!

***Where did you go to school?**

I graduated from Rutgers University with my PhD in social psychology.

***What psychology classes do you teach?**

I've taught many psychology classes, but the ones in my main rotation are Social Psychology, Roots Psych – First Year Seminar, Psychology of Women, and Advanced Research Methods.

***Can you tell us more about Advanced Research Methods (ARM)?**

ARM is our senior capstone course in which senior psychology majors practice what they've learned in statistics and research methods. Students design their own project, collect and analyze data, and report their findings. At the end of the Spring term, the department holds its annual poster session. Students display posters detailing their research. It's a really fun event! I will be teaching ARM in Fall 2017 with a special theme focusing on *stereotypes and prejudice*. Students will create experimental research projects on stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination, and/or social justice.

*Offered Fall 2017: T/F 1:30-2:45

***What do you do when you're not teaching or doing research?**

I spend a lot of time with my family and chasing around my 4-year-old daughter. In a fit of insanity, I signed up to run a marathon at the end of May, so you may see me around campus in my running gear. I'll be out in Van Cortlandt park on Wednesday afternoons if anyone wants to join me!

***Fun questions! What book are you reading right now? What is your can't-miss TV show? Have you seen any recent movies?**

I'm currently reading "Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman" by Lindy West. I have a few can't-miss shows – Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, Full Frontal with Samantha Bee, Game of Thrones, and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia. The last movie I saw was "Moana" with my daughter. She's obsessed with the story and music, so that's my non-stop soundtrack at home.



Gear up this Spring for an exciting Noberini Colloquium Series, focusing on trauma!

Title: *Trauma in the Bronx Cambodian-American Community: Psychosocial Consequences of Genocide and Migration*

Info: Panel discussion with Joyce Wong, Khamarin Nhann, and Dr. Nuwan Jayawickreme. Thursday, February 16th, 4-6pm, Kelly Commons 5B.

Title: *Supporting Former Child Soldiers and other War-affected Children: A Community Resilience Approach*

Info: Presentation by Dr. Michael Wessells from Columbia University. Wednesday, April 19th, 4-6pm, Alumni Room (Room 100), O'Malley Library.

Considering an Internship?

Some of our recent internship placements have included:

*Center for Visual Management

*Child Psychiatric Epidemiology Group at Columbia University

*Federation of Organizations

*Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation

*NYU Langone Medical Center

*NYC Department of Probation

*New York Presbyterian Hospital

*NYU Summer Program for Kids

Announcements



Teens for Jeans Drive!

Sponsored by Psych Club and Arches

Drop off your old jeans by
February 22nd at MEM 408 to
help teens in need!

For more info, contact:
martha.mendez-baldwin@manhattan.edu

Psi Chi applications

due February 10th at noon!

Be a part of the action... join
Psi Chi, the national honor society
for psychology!

For more info, contact:
martha.mendez-baldwin@manhattan.edu

Upcoming Psych Club meeting!

Don't miss out! Psych Club's next
meeting is February 8th at 12:00,
Kelly Commons.

For more info, contact:
martha.mendez-baldwin@manhattan.edu

Study Abroad: Bahamas!

Summer: June 12-23, 2017

Attend an info session to find out
how to take part in this amazing
summer trip!

For more info, contact:
maria.maustmohl@manhattan.edu

Upcoming Conference!

Don't miss this great event!
Attend the Eastern Psychological
Association's annual conference
in Boston, MA, March 16-18,
2017. Faculty will be presenting!

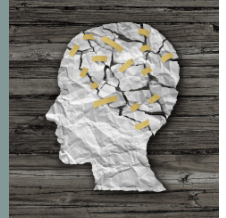
<http://www.easternpsychological.org>

Psych Club trip to see SPLIT!

The Psych Club will be catching a
showing of SPLIT... join in!

For more info, contact:
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Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Alexandra MacDougall

Assistant Professor

Dr. Alexandra (Alix) MacDougall is an Assistant Professor of Management at Central Michigan University (CMU). Alix completed her undergraduate studies at Manhattan College, where she earned a B.A. in psychology under the mentorship of Dr. Arno Kolz. She then earned her Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from the University of Oklahoma.

Alix's professional interests lie in broad human resource practices, namely training and development, personnel selection, and performance management, as well as in business ethics issues. She has presented her research at national and international conferences and has published nearly twenty peer-reviewed journal articles and chapters. Prior to joining CMU, Alix dedicated five years to training and development initiatives and also served in several consulting engagements for the Federal Aviation Administration and Continental Resources. She is a member of the Academy of Management (AOM), the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP), and the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM).

Faculty at a Glance



Full-time Faculty:

Kim Fairchild, Ph.D.

Jay Friedenberg, Ph.D.

Nuwan Jayawickreme, Ph.D.

Arno Kolz, Ph.D.

Kelly Marin, Ph.D.

Maria Maust-Mohl, Ph.D.

Martha Mendez-Baldwin, Ph.D.

Zella Moore, Psy.D.

Danielle Young, Ph.D.

Adjunct Faculty:

Faith Florer, Ph.D.

Stephen Keolamphu, Ph.D.

James Reidel, Ph.D.

Robert Rivera, M.A.

Asghar Sajadian, Ph.D.

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Something you'd like to see in an upcoming issue of *the Standard Deviation*? Let us know!

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