I am delighted to announce that the Department is the recipient of a generous benefaction from Dr. Rudolf and Diana Brutoco to establish two Rudolf L. Brutoco, MD Fellowships that will be awarded to outstanding graduate students of extraordinary promise. The Rudolf L. Brutoco, MD Fellowships are top-off awards that will significantly enhance our ability to successfully recruit outstanding doctoral students.

The Dr. Brutoco Fellowship is open to graduate students from any area, although there is a preference for naming Dr. Brutoco Fellows in the Developmental and Cognition, Brain and Behavior programs. However, insofar as the goal of the Dr. Brutoco Fellowship is to facilitate the University becoming increasingly distinguished by attracting the best doctoral students in Psychology, we have discretion in determining who is selected, offered, designated and funded as a Dr. Brutoco Fellow.
Dr. Brutoco is the director of Life Stages Developmental and Behavioral Medicine in Irvine, California and a distinguished member of the College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council. He has generously agreed to speak with my class on Adolescent Development on three occasions this semester and he is looking forward to speaking with other faculty members and to learning more of your research when he visits the department.

We are deeply grateful for Dr. Brutoco’s interest in the department. He is an avid reader of News & Notes where he has come to learn of our research and of our aspirations as a department. This gift points us decidedly in the direction of our ambition.

Father Jenkins Addresses the Faculty Tomorrow @ 4:00

Father John Jenkins, C.S.C. will present his annual address to the faculty on Tuesday September 18 at 4:00 in the Decio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Lee Anna Clark to Give Invited Address at MPA

Congratulations to Lee Anna Clark who will deliver an Invited Address at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, which takes place in Chicago May 2-4.

Speaking of MPA
The 85th annual meeting of MPA will take place in Chicago at the historic Palmer House Hotel (corner State and Monroe) on May 2-May 4. Lee Anna will surely be joined at MPA by faculty colleagues and many doctoral and undergraduate students.

Here is the call-for-papers. Online submissions are accepted until November 11.

**Scholarship**

**Gerald Haeffel** and his colleagues placed a paper in Psychological Assessment called “Development and validation of the Delinquency Reduction Outcome Profile (DROP) in a Sample of Incarcerated Juveniles: A multiconstruct-multisituational scoring approach.”

**Allison Gaffey** is the lead author on a paper presented at the annual conference of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology at the New York Academy of Sciences. The paper is called “Child abuse moderates cortisol’s effects on memory.” Collaborators included **Amy Nuttal, Kristin Valentino, Michelle Wirth, Steve Mattingly** and **Jessica Payne**.

**G.A. Radvansky** and lead author **Nicholas Lynchard** published a paper in Psychology and Aging titled “Age-related perspectives and emotion processing.”

**Ying Alison Cheng, Ke-Hai Yuan** and Cheng Liu published a paper called “Comparison of reliability measures under factor analysis and item response theory in Educational and Psychological Measurement.”
Golden Dome Distinguished Lecture Series: Friday Oct 5

J.K. Aggarwal
Cullen Trust Endowed Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Director, Computer and Vision Research Center
*University of Texas-Austin*

Please attend a lecture by **J.K. Aggarwal**, which promises to be of wide interest to faculty and students in Psychology. Here’s the title, time and place:

“Recognition of Facial Expressions for Improving Communications Skills of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders”

J.K. Aggarwal

*University of Texas at Austin*

Friday, October 5, 2012
3:00pm
214 DeBartolo

Psychology Club Invitation: Meet and Greet October 24th

The [Notre Dame Psychology Club](#) will convene a meet and greet event for faculty and students in an informal setting. It will be set up something like ‘speed dating’ where each participating professor has a table and gets a certain allotment of time (10-15 minutes) to talk with the students at the table and then the students switch tables and go on to the next professor.

There will be refreshments and ice-breaker events. Please send a note to Derek Novacek by Friday Sept. 21 if you plan to attend. I’m afraid I don’t have a time for the event just yet but it will be in the evening.

Successful Social Science Grant-Writing Workshop
The day-long Grant Writers Workshop last Monday was well-attended---by my count there were 36 faculty from the social sciences in attendance, and 22 from the Department of Psychology.

Dean McGreevy commented during his remarks at the Arts and Letters Faculty meeting last Tuesday how impressed he was by the department’s leadership on this, and that so many distinguished senior faculty members were on hand. I am grateful to Associate Dean Mark Schurr (who was also attended) for his support of the initiative and to Tom Merluzzi for making this possible.

The submission of competitive grants will be the real mark of success of the workshop, so let’s move forward on this.

Reprise Symposium on Human Evolution and Human Development: Oct 4-7

Please mark your calendars for the Notre Dame Symposium on Human Evolution and Human Development that will be staged at the McKenna Hall Conference Center on October 4-7. This conference was organized by Darcia Narvaez and Agustin Fuentes, and features many renowned invited speakers.

You can register for the conference here.
The conference is sponsored by the Society for Research on Child Development and by local partners, including ISLA’s Henkels Lecture Series, the Center for Children and Families and the Department of Psychology.

If you want to present a brief 10-minute paper or a poster, send a short abstract (150 words) and a long abstract (up to 250 words) to human.nature.early@gmail.com or to Darcia Narvaez. Please include your name, address and email. Indicate which you would prefer: poster or a 10-minute presentation. Submitters will be notified on an ongoing basis.

Photo of the Week

Here is Nicole McNeil receiving recognition of her appointment as the ACE Associate Professor of Psychology at a surprise luncheon hosted by Dean John McGreevy and Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives.

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