PUBLICATIONS

- Minkyung Koo, Tim Wilson, and UVa Social PhD Sara Algoe had a paper published in JPSP:
  

- Some former and current Proffit Lab members had a paper accepted to Experimental Brain Research:
  

- Tara Peris, a recent Clinical PhD from UVa had a paper published with Bethany Teachman and Brian Nosek:
  

- Gary Sherman had a paper accepted to Emotion, with Jon Haidt and Jim Coan:
  

DEPARTMENT IN NUMBERS

We thank Stacy Sties and Patrick Seder for the following information.

- As of Fall 2008, there are 675 declared Psychology majors in the University.
- In Fall 2008, the registrations for 100- and 200-level psychology courses total 2389. Note that some students may be taking multiple of these courses.
- Currently there are 1155 registered users in the Departmental Participant Pool. These students participate in Psychology studies or write research summaries to complete their course requirement.
- 228 undergraduate students are doing research in psychology labs, at Curry School, the Medical School and elsewhere under Psychology.

RESEARCH PROFILE

In this series, we ask researchers: *What is a recent finding of yours that you are excited about?*

**Gary Sherman:** Jerry Clore and I have been exploring quick and relatively automatic associations
between the concepts of good and evil and the colors white and black, respectively. We have found that these associations produce a Stroop effect: People are slower to identify the presented color of a word like "sin" when it is in white font than when it is in black font (and the reverse occurs for words with moral connotations, such as "honesty"). We believe these associations are part of an embodied moral purity metaphor (most people experience the color black as a contaminant that pollutes "pure" white). Consistent with this proposed connection to embodied purity, we found that people who show the morality-color Stroop effect also tend to rate personal cleaning products (e.g., toothpaste) as especially desirable.

EVENTS of the WEEK

Monday, November 3, 2008

- Developmental Lunch, 12:00pm-1:15pm, GIL 225
  Bethany Teachman, It's Out of My Control: Automatic Processing in Anxiety Disorders

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

- Special Election Day Journal Club, 12:15-1:30, Room 265 at 2400 Old Ivy Road
  Race and the Bradley effect in polling
- Social Lunch: 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL B001
  Colin Smith

Thursday, November 6, 2008

- Quantitative Area Lunch (DADA): 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Jeff Spies

Friday, November 7, 2008

- Clinical Lunch: 12pm-1pm, GIL 225
  Susan W. White, PhD, Psychiatric Concerns and the Autism Spectrum: Addressing a Growing Demand
- Cognitive Lunch: 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL B001
  Lacy Krueger