PROMOTION

Congratulations to Karen Schmidt who has been recommended to the Provost for promotion to Associate Professor, General Faculty by Dean Woo.

AWARDS

- Congratulations to Amanda Hare and Rachel Farr for winning this year's Graduate Teaching Awards. And, congratulations to Erin Miga who is this year's winner of the Department's Becky Boone Teaching Award.
- Jim Coan is the recipient of the Janet T. Spence Award for Transformative Early Career Contributions from APS. The award was created in honor of Janet T. Spence to laud the creativity and innovative work of promising scientists who represent the bright future ahead for psychological science. This is the inaugural year for this award and sets a very high standard for those that follow.

NEWS

- The Social Interaction Lab was officially opened last Wednesday (2/3) with a bake off competition. Regarding the opening event, Samantha Tornello writes:

  Thank you to all who attended and baked for the Social Interaction Lab's grand opening, it was a great success! The winner of the area bake off was the social area which raised a total of $63.75. GO SOCIAL AREA! The grand total of donations from the bake off was $126.90!

- The Social Interaction Lab (Gilmer 226) is now open and available for use anytime by all members of the Psychology Department. The same key that opens the front doors to Gilmer Hall will open the SIL too.
- Jonathan Bakdash has accepted a post-doc with Frank Drews at the University of Utah and VA hospital in Salt Lake City. Jonathan joins 2 other graduates of our Ph.D. program, Sarah Creem-Regehr and Jeanine Stefanucci, both of whom are on the psychology faculty at Utah.

PUBLICATIONS


• **Kesebir, S., Oishi, S., Spellman, B.** (in press). The socio-ecological approach can turn variance among populations from a liability to an asset [Commentary]. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*.

**MEDIA MENTIONS**


**EVENTS of the WEEK**

**Monday, February 8, 2010**

• Developmental Lunch, 12:00pm-1:15pm, GIL 225
  Jeffrey Spies, *Detecting patterns: a methodological paradigm for understanding development*

• Colloquium, 3:30pm, GIL 190
  Benjamin Converse, University of Chicago Booth School of Business [Job Candidate for Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy]
  *Beyond Payback: Motivation in Social Exchange*

**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

• Community Lunch, 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Mary Ann Leeper, Female Health Company, *The FC Female Condom - Its Journey to Acceptability*

• Social Lunch, 12:30pm-1:45pm, Gilmer B001
  Joe Allen, *Endless Adolescence*
• Dissertation Proposal Defense, 1:30pm, Bio/Psych Library Sunroom
  Stanley O. King II, Mechanisms Underlying the Impact of Novelty Exposure on
  Arousal and Memory Improvement: Potential Involvement of Noradrenergic
  Transmission within Limbic Structures

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

• Cognitive Lunch, 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Bill Wojtach, Duke University

Thursday, February 11, 2010

• Quantitative Lunch (DADA), 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Timothy Brick

Friday, February 12, 2010

• Clinical Lunch: 12pm-1pm, GIL 225
  Faculty Perspectives on ESTs (presented by all UVA Clinical Psych. Faculty)

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