NEWS

- We now have a new psychology departmental webpage: www.virginia.edu/psychology. Progressing forward, all the main page links will be updated with the new look.

AWARDS

- Congratulations to Robyn Kondrad and Jeffrey Spies whose grant proposal to the University's TEACHING + TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT PARTNERS (TTSP) PROGRAM was selected for funding next year. The proposal aims to improve knowledge and use of computational methods and software in Psychology, and improve the use of technology for student assessment in courses.
- Matthew Lerner was awarded a Distinguished Teaching Fellowship. He will teach a seminar titled, "Autism Spectrum Disorders: From Diagnosis to Treatment" in Spring 2011.

PUBLICATIONS


INTERVIEW

An interview with Gracie Anderson, the Department's Pre-Award Grant Coordinator since January 1998

Where were you born and raised? Where did you go to school?

I was born and raised in Eastern Greenbrier County in the Lewisburg West Virginia area. In addition, I also attended Greenbrier East High School in Lewisburg and received certification in Clerical/Business studies.
**What was your employment history prior to joining the department?**

After completing high school, I relocated to Kensington Maryland where I worked for the Department of Health and Human Services under the Agency for Health Care Technology and Assessment in Rockville for 5 years. During this time I became acquainted with various administrative functions such as the Federal Payroll/Accounting and Requisition Purchasing System. Much of my time was also spent processing personnel actions, processing/maintaining official time cards for Commissioned Core Personnel and requesting Temporary personnel hires. I also enjoyed spending time attending employer sponsored courses for American Sign Language and Signed English, sponsored by Gallaudet University in nearby Washington, DC. These courses enabled me to become more effective in my communication with several fellow employees who were deaf and hard of hearing. I would assist them with obtaining Professional Interpreting Services in order to attend work-related functions and also with any difficulties they may have encountered during their daily work assignments.

**What are your responsibilities as the Pre-Award Grant Coordinator?**

My primary responsibility as the Pre-Award Grant Coordinator is to schedule and manage proposal submissions for faculty, post-docs and graduate students in the Department so as to meet the designated sponsor submission deadline. This includes developing detailed budget spending plans, justifications and reviewing the various sponsor guidelines to be sure that all required documentation is included in the proposal before being reviewed by the A&S Research Administration Office and then finally to UVA’s Office of Sponsored Programs for final review and signature.

**How many grant proposals were submitted by department members in 2008 and 2009?**

Department members submitted 75 grants in the calendar year 2008, and 94 grants in the calendar year 2009. This corresponds to roughly 7-10 grant applications per month.

**What are the busiest times of the year for you?**

January, February, March, April, June, July, August, September, October & November.

**What do you enjoy most outside of Gilmer Hall?**

I have a lot of outside interests but in particular, I enjoy spending time with my husband Stephen of 18 years. We love to travel to many different destinations and enjoy spending time with our friends. In case you didn’t notice the collage of photos on my office wall, we also have “children” that we love spending time with. These are our Bichons named “Cooper & Sassy” who are always making us laugh at their never-ending antics. In particular, they keep us busy trying to “Out-think” them by coming up with different ways of leaving the house without them noticing. Otherwise we get barked at and mauled when we return home. Last but not least, I especially enjoy spending time with my parents who
live in the rugged mountains of West Virginia and who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in September. I feel privileged to be in a position to participate in arranging a large celebration for them and all of their countless friends this coming Fall.

EVENTS of the WEEK

Monday, March 29, 2010

- Developmental Lunch, 12:00pm-1:15pm, GIL 225
  Marjorie Taylor, University of Oregon

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

- Community Lunch, 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Amori Mikami
- Social Lunch, 12:30pm-1:45pm, Gilmer B001
  Will Cunningham, Ohio State University, Motivation and the Amygdala: Goals Shape Activation

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

- Panel, 12pm-1:30pm, Harrison Institute Auditorium
  Early Childhood Plasticity: Perspectives from Economics, Psychology, Neuroscience & Policy
- Cognitive Lunch, 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Jeff Pink, Prospective Memory and Habitual Actions

Thursday, April 1, 2010

- Quantitative Lunch (DADA), 12:30pm-1:45pm, GIL 225
  Monica Erbacher
- Cognitive Science Seminar, 5pm-6pm, GIL 190
  Judy Cameron, University of Pittsburgh, Give that Brain a Workout: Exercise is Good for the Brain!

Friday, April 2, 2010

- Clinical Lunch: 12pm-1pm, GIL 225
  Allison Pugh, Department of Sociology, Parenting, Inequality and Consumer Culture: Why Children Are Recession-Proof