

Liaison

A Periodic Newsletter of the Graduate Psychology Programs at Wheaton College

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Introducing *Liaison*

This is the sixth publication of *Liaison* and is designed for alumni and friends of the graduate psychology programs at Wheaton College, including doctoral and master's level curricula.

Facts

- The Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology was established in 1993 and has been continuously accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1998. This five-year program admits some 18–20 students annually.
- The M.A. program in Clinical Psychology, a two-year program, was established in 1977 and admits approximately 30 students each year.
- In 1999, an additional Master's degree was added in Counseling Ministries, a one-year degree for individuals who primarily work through churches or mission agencies.

HISTORY OF APA ACCREDITATION FOR WHEATON COLLEGE PSY.D. PROGRAM

Year	Accreditation Outcome
1998	3 Years
2001	2 Years
2003	5 Years
2008	7 Years

Psy.D. Program Re-Accredited by the American Psychological Association

Program receives 7 year accreditation term

In 2007, the Wheaton College Doctor of Psychology Program began the process of self-study for re-accreditation by the American Psychological Association. The self-study involved the participation of all Psy.D. alumni, current Psy.D. students, all faculty and staff of the Wheaton College Psychology Department, and administration and staff from other departments of Wheaton College. The Self-Study culminated in an 858 page document which was submitted to the APA in September 2007. Helen De Vries, Program Director, says, "We are delighted to have received re-accreditation from the APA. Re-accreditation for seven years by the APA is affirming to me of the quality of the Wheaton College Psy.D. program. We could not have achieved such a standing without the help of everyone associated with the program."

A team of three representatives from other universities was selected in collaboration with the APA during Fall 2007. The site visit team independently reviewed the self-study document and visited Wheaton College and the Psy.D. program on April 17-18, 2008. Robert Gregory, Department Chair, recalls, "This remarkable collaborative community effort of alumni, current students, faculty, staff, and Wheaton College administration helped make the self-study and site visit a success."

In mid-August, the Psychology Department received the good news. The Psy.D. Program received a seven year re-accreditation term. Currently, seven years is the longest period of time that the APA grants for accreditation for Doctoral Programs in Professional Psychology. The department is grateful for the re-accreditation term and believes it is a reflection of the quality of the program. ■

ALUMNI NEWS

Carol Josefson, M.A., LCPC ('98) is working for Catholic Charities in Decatur, Illinois and is certified in Theraplay, an attachment based therapy modeled on the early parent-child relationship. Carol is also in the final phase of becoming a certified trainer in Theraplay.

Erica Liu Wollin, Psy.D. ('98) is living in Hong Kong working as a Clinical Supervisor and Adjunct Faculty at Alliant International

University/CSPP/City University of Hong Kong. Additionally, Erica is involved in a local private practice.

Deb Metroka, M.A., LCPC ('00) recently left Warrenville Youth and Family Services as a therapist to open her own private practice in the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills area of Illinois. Metroka Coaching Services, LLC offers clinical counseling and life coaching services.

Peter Schulz, Psy.D. ('01) moved to Cary, NC three years ago and started Triangle Forensic Psychologists (www.TFPsych.com). Peter spends 100% of his time conducting forensic evaluations for law firms, major corporations, disability insurance companies, courts and law enforcement agencies.

Bobby Siddell, Psy.D. ('01) recently returned from his second tour in Iraq with

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Psychology Department goes to HoneyRock Camp

3rd Straight Year of June Course Offerings in Northwoods of Wisconsin

Try to imagine what it might be like to have a graduate psychology class in June in the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin. Since 2005, that has been an option for students in both our M.A. and Psy.D. programs. Courses like bereavement, cross-cultural psychology, equine-assisted therapy, play therapy, and spiritual formation have been offered in a week-long format at the Northwoods Campus of Wheaton College. The setting has been ideal for recreation, relaxation, and collaborative learning. HoneyRock has been an important part of Wheaton College since 1951. It includes several hundred



acres on the largest chain of inland lakes in the world. In addition to the formal classroom context, grad students have the chance to interact with their peers and professors in a wide variety of outdoor-oriented activities. Shared meals and campfires provide opportunities to fellowship in ways that can be exceedingly rare in the Billy Graham Center on campus.

Faculty members Richard Butman, Michael Mangis, Derek McNeil, and Bob and Terri Watson all learned to appreciate the unique learning environment of HoneyRock while working together on scholarly activities. Indeed, their conversations “Up North” were instrumental in the development of their HoneyRock model of integration (i.e., servant-practitioner-scholar). That collaboration led to the decision to offer 1-hour courses in a summer format that were difficult to fit into the more traditional academic year. In addition to full-time psychology graduate students, former students, and practicing clinicians have joined the community.

The Psychology Department is also actively involved in Wheaton’s program for incoming freshmen and transfer students. “Wheaton Passage” takes place at HoneyRock in August prior to New Student Orientation. Faculty serve as co-leaders of either “wilderness track” or “camp track” formats that last from eight days to more than two weeks.

If you might be interested in participating in Grad Psych Week in 2009, speak to any of the faculty involved. Our dates for next summer are June 13th–20th. We can guarantee that the sights, sounds, and smells will be strikingly different than those of our Southwoods Campus! ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Jeremy Bidwell, Ph.D. who joins the core Psy.D. faculty as Assistant Professor in 2008–09 for a one year appointment. Jeremy teaches a Substance Abuse course and provides Practica Seminar leadership.

Welcome to Brian Post, Psy.D. ('08) upon joining the undergraduate faculty as Assistant Professor in 2008–09 for a one year appointment. Brian teaches a variety of courses in the Undergraduate Psychology Program.

Welcome to Margaret Micheli-Venckus who works as Office Coordinator in the Psychology Department. Margaret works primarily for the Undergraduate Psychology Program.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Mangis on the publication of his book *Signature Sins: Taming our Wayward Hearts* published in August 2008 by Formatio.

Congratulations to Dr. Terri Watson on passing the American Board of Professional Psychology exam.

Congratulations to Dr. Kelly Flanagan and her husband Kelly on the birth of Quinn in Fall 2007. Quinn joins brother Aiden in the family.

Congratulations to Dr. Natalia Yangarber-Hicks and her husband Mitchell on the birth of Gabriel in Summer of 2007. Gabriel joins sister Hannah in the family.

Congratulations to Dr. Janelle Kwee ('06) and her husband, Alex on the birth of Talia in Fall 2007.

Congratulations to Dr. Ray Phinney and his wife Camay on the birth of Thegn in Summer 2008. Thegn joins brother Thorin and sister Lorien in the family.

Goodbye to Dr. Robert Watson, Dr. Jen Gorham ('06), and Jenny Moo. Many thanks for years of service.

Dr. Derek McNeil is on sabbatical leave during Fall 2008. He will return in the Spring 2009 semester.

ALUMNA PROFILE: M.A. Graduate Combines Master's in Public Policy to Serve Vulnerable Populations in Illinois

Caronina Grimble, M.A., began working as a Casework Manager and Associate Therapist at Wheaton Youth Outreach (WYO) after graduation. There she provided support services for homeless youth, and supportive casework services for young single women and young single mothers who were homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Of her work at WYO, Caronina says "In serving the women in our programs, and those that would come to us for other types of assistance, I got a first-hand look at the social service system, and how difficult it was to navigate. I knew if I was having a hard time getting answers and identifying resources, the people I was serving were having a hard time, too. I remember thinking 'There's got to be a better way', and I set out to find it. So I applied to policy school."

Caronina earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. Caronina presently works as a Senior Project Manager in the office of the Assistant Secretary at Illinois Department of Human Services. She serves as a policy-making official, interacting regularly with the Governor's office and with other state agencies to revise, develop, and implement programs and policies that address the needs of the most vulnerable populations in the state. Some of the projects Caronina works on include: poverty reduction strategies; language access issues; and anti-human trafficking efforts.

Caronina says, "I think I have the greatest job in the world. I get to work on finding and figuring out how to implement solutions that change people's lives; does it get any better than that?" ■



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the 528th Medical Detachment, Combat Stress Control. Currently, Major Sidell is the program director at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

Congratulations to Beth Charrier, Psy.D. ('02) and Trey Charrier, Psy.D. ('03) on the birth of their son John Oren (Jack), born August 15, 2007.

Greg Ryan, Psy.D., LSSP ('02) is currently working in the public school system and at Charis Counseling in Woodlands, Texas. Greg and his wife Joy have two children, James (2) and Adrienne (1). James is currently being treated for Leukemia. You can read about his journey at www.babyjamesgregoryryan.blogspot.com.

Congratulations to Timothy Su, M.A. ('02) and Ann Su, M.A. ('02) on the birth of their daughter Coleen on January 10, 2008. This is the second child for Tim and Ann. Tim currently works at the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in New York City (www.casacolumbia.com) and Ann enjoys being home with the children.

Diane Starkenburg, Psy.D. ('03) is licensed in Salem, Oregon working at Mid-Valley Counseling Center. Diane and her husband have two children, Naomi Skye (3) and Eli West (5 months).

Rosalyn Bates, M.A., LCPC ('04) works as a clinical therapist at the Outpatient Mental Health at Loretto Hospital in Chicago. Rosalyn continues to enjoy music composition and creative writing.

Congratulations to Heather Hostler, Psy.D. ('05) on the birth of Asher James Hostler on December 29, 2007. Asher joins big sisters Sadie (5) and Greta (2). Heather joined the faculty of Messiah College's Psychology Department for a one year appointment beginning Fall 2008.

Capt. Jeremy Haskell, Psy.D. ('05) has been living in Alamogordo, NM with wife Amy, and daughters, Claire and Eliza. Jeremy most recently served as director of Mental Health Services in the clinic at Holloman Air Force Base after returning from a 7 month deployment to the Middle East in March 2008. Jeremy was planning on a Fall 2008 relocation to Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Vitaliy Voytenko, Psy.D. ('05) currently serves as Director of Oviedo Counseling Clinic in suburban Orlando, FL. The teaching clinic is a partnership of Northland, a Church Distributed and Reformed Theological Seminary/Orlando, where Vitaliy teaches and supervises students in the M.A. in Counseling Program. He and his wife Marissa are preparing to move to Ukraine as long-term missionaries with Mission to the World.

Carlos Pinto, Psy.D. ('06) serves as a missionary with the Latin American Mission on loan to World Radio Missionary Fellowship HCJB-Global in Quito, Ecuador. Carlos provides psychological and educational consulting for the regional office. He is also employed as a Care Membership Team member for World Evangelical Alliance Global.

Congratulations to Luke Bossard, Psy.D. ('07) and his wife who welcomed Brooks Michael to their family on July 26, 2008. Luke is working at two sites, dividing his time between Southern Idaho Learning Center and Family Health Services working with children and adolescents.



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