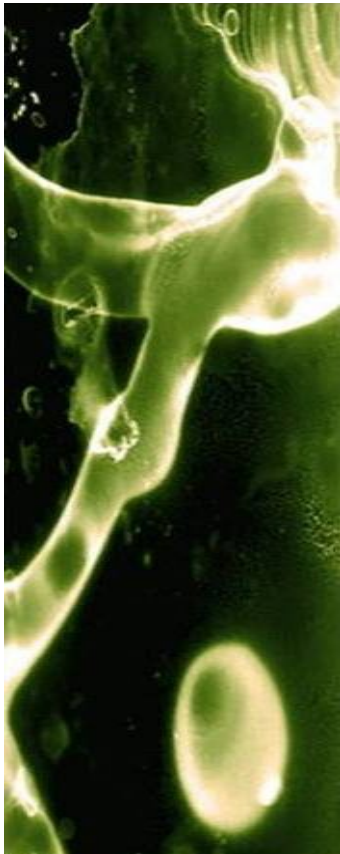




The University of Texas at Arlington



A Message from the Chairman

The 2010-2011 Academic Year was a very noteworthy one for a number of important reasons. After starting the 2010-2011 academic year with a major increase in overall University enrollment to a new high of 32,956, we welcomed an outstanding new graduate class that included two Fulbright Scholars. This was a clear recognition that our Ph.D. Program has become nationally and internationally known as a good place to come for excellent graduate training. We also now have 500 Psychology majors. In the Spring semester, we were able to recruit a new faculty member, Dr. Jeff Gagne from The University of Wisconsin, to fill an important role in Quantitative Behavioral Genetics. At the close of the Spring semester however, we learned that the Provost, Dr. Donald Bobbitt, had resigned to take a distinguished position as the President of the Board of Regents of The University of Arkansas System. Fortunately, though, Dr. Ron Elsenbaumer, the long-time VP for Research here at UT Arlington, has been selected to replace Dr. Bobbitt.

Overall, we continue to make major strides as a Department, College, and a University. The 234,000-square-foot Engineering Research Building was opened this Spring, and it is a state-of-the-art structure that houses laboratories, classrooms, and office space to accommodate many of the national research projects of the College of Engineering and the College of Science. University enrollment will be above 34,000 during Fall 2011. The College Park District, now under construction and spanning more than 20 acres, will include: College Park Center, which will house the University's Special Events Center; The Green at College Park, an urban oasis and green space for the University community; a residence hall with student apartments; restaurants and retail stores; a University Welcome Center; and a 1,800-car parking garage. Finally, in the spring, February 3, 2012, we will host the 6th Annual *Metroplex Day* here at UT Arlington. *Metroplex Day* is a joint collaboration among The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas at Dallas, and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The goal of this annual event is to highlight the great science that is being conducted at the three major UT institutions in North Texas, as well as to continue to facilitate future collaborations. It is designed to create a greater awareness of interdisciplinary biomedical-related (broadly defined) research as well as to promote even

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greater collaborations among scientists. This past year, *Metroplex Day* was held at UT Southwestern, and attracted over 221 participants, including 100 poster presentations. For this year's event at UT Arlington, the Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Sean Mackey from Stanford University. His topic will be: "Opening Windows to the Brain: Lessons Learned from Neuroimaging of Pain."

Again, events such as *Metroplex Day* are prime examples of UT Arlington's growing into a Tier I University. Our extramural research funding is increasing at a rapid rate, and we are continuing to add nationally recognized scientists to our Faculty. Moreover, we are now also becoming more visible in the local community. However, we are in great need of increased donations/endowments for the Department of Psychology. These are needed to make up for the State budget cuts to help support our graduate students and faculty. Such donations/endowments are also critical attributes needed for recognition as a Tier I University. We have a great Development Office here at UT Arlington to help in these fund raising activities, headed by Jim Lewis, as well as our own College of Science representative, Shelly Frank. Please contact her (817-272-1497) if you have any ideas or questions about our fund raising activities.

Robert J. Gatchel, Ph.D., ABPP

**Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, College of Science
Nancy P. & John G. Penson Endowed Professor of Clinical Health Psychology**

"If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day."

- Alex Noble

Endowment Contribution Fund—Let's Develop Some Greater Momentum!

As noted in the above *Message from the Chairman*, we are in great need for increased donations/endowments for the Department of Psychology. For those interested in contributing to the Department of Psychology's Endowment Fund (any dollar amount will be greatly appreciated), please contact Dr. Gatchel at: gatchel@uta.edu (817-272-2541), or Shelly Frank at: shellyfrank@uta.edu (817-272-1497). Also, "pooled" group donations are also acceptable. These are all tax deductible.

Thank You.



Faculty, Staff, and Department Highlights

Dr. Pablo Mora:

- Dr. Mora was awarded funding from the Austin-based Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to examine how Latinos' cultural views affect their decision to seek mental health services and contribute to mental health disparities for Latinos.
- Dr. Mora also received a College of Science Research Enhancement Program Award for his proposal, entitled "Understanding Ethnic Disparities in the Reporting of Depressive Symptoms."

Dr. Lauri Jensen-Campbell:

- Dr. Jensen-Campbell has been invited to participate in a Spring 2012 Lorentz Center Workshop at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS). The topic of the Workshop will be on "Ostracism, Exclusion and Rejection."
- Dr. Jensen-Campbell was also awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award by the UT System Board of Regents during the Fall, 2010. This Award rewards faculty who deliver the highest quality of undergraduate instruction through a demonstrated commitment to teaching.

Dr. Robert Gatchel:

- Dr. Gatchel was awarded the UT Arlington 2011 Graduate Dean's Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring Award for his outstanding history of effective mentoring.
- Dr. Gatchel was also awarded the 2011 "Outstanding Contributions to Health Psychology," presented to him at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association.

Laura Wolf:

- Laura Wolf, Academic Advisor II, received her Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, with Higher Education Administration emphasis from the College of Education and Health Professions at UT Arlington.

Dr. Martha Mann:

- In Spring 2011, Dr. Mann was inducted into the UT Arlington Academy of Distinguished Teachers. This honor is a clear indication of Dr. Mann's devoted, enthusiastic and long-standing commitment to the teaching mission of the University.
- Dr. Mann's proposal for The University's Quality Enhancement Plan Phase II, entitled "Toward Improving Critical Thinking and Long-Term Retention Online," was designated for funding during the Fall, 2010.

Dr. Jared Kenworthy:

- Dr. Kenworthy is part of a group which has been awarded a non-research grant from the Texas Workforce Commission. The purpose of this grant is to host the Governor's Science and Technology Champions Academy at UT Arlington. This Academy is a one-week residential camp for high school science and technology winners and their mentors and took place during the first week of August.

Dr. Yuan Bo Peng:

- Dr. Peng received a research grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for his research, entitled "Developing a Closed-Loop Wireless Stimulating-Recording Device for Pain Treatment."

Dr. Paul B. Paulus:

- In 2010, Dr. Paulus was inducted into the UT Arlington Academy of Distinguished Scholars. This honor is an indication of Dr. Paulus' outstanding scholarly achievement and many contributions to the University.

Dr. Heekyeong Park:

- Dr. Park has received a College of Science Research Enhancement Program Award for her proposal entitled, "Neural Correlates of Associative Memory" for the period of 2010-2011.

Faculty, Staff, and Department Highlights (continued)

Dr. Daniel S. Levine:

- Dr. Levine served on the Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES) Steering Committee for 2010-2011
- Dr. Levine was also an invited plenary speaker at the International Symposium on Neural Networks held in Guilin, China, on May 30-31, 2011.

Dr. Timothy Odegard:

- Dr. Odegard and his wife welcomed their son, Jude Odegard, in March 2010. Congratulations to the Odegard family!

Dr. Verne Cox:

- In 2010, Dr. Cox was honored as a member of the Freshmen Leaders On Campus (FLOC) for “especially” influencing freshmen during their academic year

Drs. Fuchs, Lin, Park, Peng and Perrotti:

- Along with Dr. Mario Romero-Ortega from Biomedical Engineering, these Psychology faculty members successfully established a local Society for Neuroscience Chapter. The new Arlington-Fort Worth Chapter (http://www.sfn.org/index.aspx?pagename=nq_11summer_council) will hold its first meeting in September when they will be accepting applications for membership.
- Dr. Fuchs will be part of a scientific session entitled “Evaluation of Spontaneous Pain and Evoked Hypersensitivity: Closing the Gap between Preclinical and Clinical Studies,” which was accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the *International Association for the Study of Pain* to be held in Milan, Italy in the Summer of 2012.

“Life has its purpose; make sure you are fulfilling yours”

- Anonymous

Congratulations to Drs. Jared Kenworthy and Timothy Odegard!



Drs. Jared Kenworthy and Timothy Odegard were promoted to Associate Professors, with tenure, this past Spring semester. Drs. Kenworthy and Odegard both began here at UT Arlington as Assistant Professors in 2005.

Student Highlights

- In August of 2010, **Samara Morris-Bobzean** was selected from among other highly qualified candidates to receive a *Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)* Doctoral Fellowship. Each LSAMP fellow receives a stipend for two years. The program also provides intensive mentoring and academic support for fellows to be successful in their graduate studies and continues after obtaining their Ph.D. degrees. Dr. Linda Perrotti is her mentor.
- **Roshni Raveendhran** and **Amanda Johnson** won two of the three “Best in Show” awards for the oral presentations of their senior project research during the spring 2011’s *Honors Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Symposium*. Their mentor is Dr. William Ickes.
- The Office of Graduate Studies has recently accepted **Madeline Rex-Lear’s** application for the Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship.
- In April 2010, **Patrick Ramirez** won one of the two Outstanding Poster Awards at the *Symposium on Brain Plasticity and the Reasoning Mind* held at the UT Dallas/UT Southwestern Medical Center Brain Health Center. Dr. Levine is his mentor.

“Happiness is when what you Think, what you Say, and what you Do are in Harmony”

- Gandhi

Congratulations to Student Awardees

The Department of Psychology selected this past year’s Annual Awardees as listed below:

- **Emily Farris:** Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award
- **Megan Uhelski:** Verne Cox Outstanding Graduate Research Award
- **Farah Khraishi:** Outstanding Senior in Psychology
- **Zafina Ahsan and Tiffany Savage:** Distinguished Seniors in Psychology
- **Shannon Bates:** The James Baerwaldt Memorial Service Award
- **Rowena Theodore:** The Andy Baum Memorial Award
- **Athula Pudhithidath:** The James Kopp Memorial Award

Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES)

- **Ajal Patel:** Provost’s Poster Award (Mentor: Dr. Shannon Scielzo)
 - **Maria Guarneri-White:** Graduate Dean’s Poster Award (Mentor: Dr. Lauri Jensen-Campbell)
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Welcome to Dr. Jeffrey Gagne

Dr. Jeffrey Gagne has joined us as a tenure-track faculty member starting in the Fall 2011. Dr. Gagne received his Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology in 2007 from Boston University. He subsequently did a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. His interests are in child development, behavioral genetics, temperament, psychopathology, and behavioral assessment. He has studied genetic and environmental influences on temperament in the Genetics of Emotional Ontogeny sample (3-36 month-old twins), multi-method behavioral assessment issues in the Wisconsin Study of Families and Work sample (non-twins at 4.5 years of age), and is currently analyzing longitudinal data from the Wisconsin Twin Project. This project involves behavioral genetic and candidate gene analyses of toddler, first grade, and adolescent temperament and psychopathology data. In addition to his duties as a researcher, he was also a part-time lecturer in the psychology department.



He will be greatly missed!

James Kopp, longtime Psychology Faculty member, dies at age 75

The Department of Psychology lost a beloved member of its family with the death of Associate Professor James Kopp on Nov. 19, 2010. Dr. Kopp, who was 75, had been a UT Arlington Faculty member since 1970. Dr. Kopp had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in the Fall semester. Dr. Kopp's work was focused on behavioral training techniques that were originally introduced by the great psychologist, B.F. Skinner. These techniques shaped his belief that positive reinforcement was the best way to shape and modify behavior. He demonstrated these techniques to students by using mice and rats in teaching basic shaping skills for life. The undergraduates called this course the "rat lab," which gave them a hands-on experience of learning principles, and how a schedule of positive reinforcement works. Dr. Kopp always practiced what he taught, by being one of the most positive individuals in the Department. Indeed, he is remembered by friends and colleagues as a compassionate man who cared deeply for his students. His passion for teaching made an impact on many of his students, and he remained friends with many of them long after they left UT Arlington.



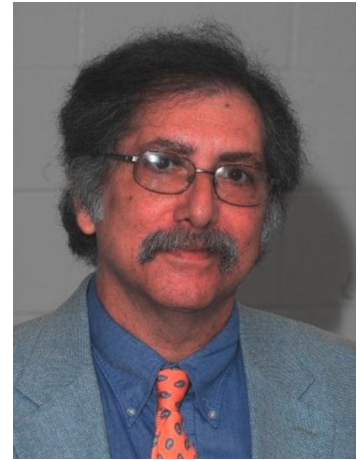
In Memorium

Professor, Health Psychology Pioneer Andrew Baum, dies at age 62

Friends, colleagues and students remember Psychology Professor Andrew “Andy” Baum as compassionate, kind, a great mentor and a giant in his field. Dr. Baum, who died on Nov. 22 at age 62, was at UT Arlington for just four years but he made a huge impact on those with whom he worked and taught. He developed the comprehensive Bioassay Laboratory in this Department. At the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, held in Washington, D.C. from August 4-7, 2011, a special Symposium was held in honor of Dr. Andy Baum. The title of the Symposium was “Professional Contributions of Dr. Andy Baum to Health Psychology— A Celebration of His Career.” Chaired by Dr. Robert Gatchel, the Symposium consisted of Speakers who presented a chronological account of the many major contributions made by Dr. Baum:

- “The Early Days: Crowding and Stress” Dr. Paul Paulus, UT Arlington
- “The Early Days of Health Psychology—Behavioral Medicine” Dr. David Krantz, The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda
- “The Pittsburgh Days: Cancer Research” Dr. Angela Dougall, UT Arlington
- “Effects of Stress Hormones on DNA Damage and Repair” Dr. Frank Jenkins, The University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute
- “Stress in Natural and Technological Disasters” Dr. Neil Schneiderman, University of Miami

There was a great audience for the Symposium, and the attendees came away with a realization of what a major figure Dr. Baum was in a number of very important areas in psychology and medicine.



The Dr. Andy Baum Memorial Fund

A special fund has been created to honor the memory of Dr. Andrew Baum, Professor of Psychology and beloved member of the UT Arlington family, who died on Nov. 22, 2010. Donations to the fund may be mailed to: UTA College of Science/Dr. Andy Baum Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 19047, Arlington, TX 76019. These funds will go to the further development of the department’s Comprehensive Bioassay Laboratory originally developed by Dr. Baum.



Welcome to the New Graduate Students for 2011 - 2012

The **Department of Psychology** is pleased to announce the names of students who will begin their graduate training here in the Fall:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Mentor *</u>
Allyson Arana	Dr. Jensen-Campbell
Meghan Babcock	Dr. Ickes
Karline Chapman	I/O
Tiffany Davis	Dr. Scielzo
Lorraine Dawson	I/O
William Bradley English	I/O
Anna Fitzhugh	Dr. Odegard
Kara Frandsen	I/O
Aaron Friedman	I/O
Maria Guarneri-White	Dr. Jensen-Campbell
Tyler Hamby	Dr. Scielzo
Brenna Hertel	I/O
Matthew Knauf	Dr. Gatchel
Uyen Lam	I/O
Jason Leon	I/O
Meha Nepalia	I/O
Katherine Ramsey	I/O
Celeste Sanders	Dr. Gatchel
Catherine Spann	Dr. Park
Alysha Varley	Dr. Odegard
Jarryd Willis	Dr. Ickes
Matthew York	I/O

* I/O = *Industrial/Organizational Psychology program*

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... Intelligence plus Character—that is the goal of true education.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Congratulations to Ph.D. Graduate Students

<u>Name</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Degree & Graduation Date</u>
Lauren Arditti	Dr. Paulus	M.S. 8/2011
John Biggan	Dr. Basco	M.S. 12/2010
Alysia Bransford	Dr. Lopez	M.S. 5/2011
Emily Brede	Dr. Gatchel	M.S. 5/2011
Wen Cheng	Dr. Ickes	Ph.D. 8/2011
Torry S. Dennis	Dr. Perrotti	M.S. 8/2011
Tamer Desouky	Dr. Mora	M.S. 5/2011
Cara Fay	Dr. Kenworthy	Ph.D. 8/2011
Jennifer Jones	Dr. Kenworthy	Ph.D. 5/2011
Chloe Lemelle	Dr. Scielzo	Ph.D. 12/2010
Robyn Petree	Dr. Ickes	Ph.D. 5/2011
Jason Popan	Dr. Kenworthy	Ph.D. 8/2011
Patrick A. Ramirez	Dr. Levine	M.S. 12/2010
Madeline Rex-Lear	Dr. Jensen-Campbell	Ph.D. 8/2011
Rebecca L. Robinson	Dr. Ickes	M.S. 8/2011
Kathryn H. Rollings	Dr. Ickes	Ph.D. 5/2011
Belinda Smith	Dr. Scielzo	M.S. 8/2011
Adria Toliver	Dr. Scielzo	M.S. 12/2010
Lara Trevino (Kachlic)	Dr. Dougall	Ph.D. 8/2011
Megan Uhelski	Dr. Fuchs	Ph.D. 5/2011

- Dr. Kathryn Rollings took a consultant job with School Office Services, Dallas
- Dr. Robyn Petree has a position with Service Management Group in Kansas City as a Research Analyst
- Dr. Lara Trevino is now on a postdoctoral research position at The University of Rochester Medical Center
- Dr. Wen Cheng is moving back home to Taiwan in search of an academic, research and/or applied statistics job there
- Dr. Jennifer Knack just started as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Clarkson University
- Dr. Jennifer Jones is working as a Psychology Professor at Richland College in Dallas
- Dr. Jason Popan is a Visiting Assistant Professor in Psychology at The University of Texas—Pan American
- Dr. Cara Fay took a position as consultant and manager for Leadership Worth Following, LLC in Irving
- Dr. Megan Uhelski is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow working in the Department of Diagnostic and Biological Sciences at The University of Minnesota
- Dr. Cloe Lemelle is an Executive Consultant at Batrus Hollweg International (BHI)

“The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps—we must step up the stairs.”

- Vance Havne