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## Research. Who Knew?

By Kelly Voss, B.S., May 2002, Past President of Psi Chi  
and Ashley Lovell, Senior, President of Psi Chi

Research. When you hear these two syllables spoken in class, the sense of excitement that the professor is trying to convey often gets lost. Smothered in the student's anticipation of long hours at the library reading and unending data entry - with little practical payoff, it's no wonder that research can seem like a dreary experience - certainly less fun than a day at Disney World.

Or is it? At Belmont, psychology students have a lot of opportunities to turn a little research into a ticket to Florida, Chicago or even San Francisco.

Speaking from personal experience, we have gone to Atlanta, San Francisco, Orlando, Norfolk, Wisconsin, and most recently Chicago for the 2002 annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, to present our research.



Ashley and Kelly with Dr. David H. Barlow at APA meeting in Chicago

By presenting research that we conducted at Belmont, not only did we get to enjoy exciting cities, but we actually got to develop research skills, generate new ideas and meet interesting people.

Belmont University's psychology department is blessed with an office full of professors who heavily promote research and aid in the process of completing it. The role of the student is to be willing, dedicated and most of all interested in the research topic. And that will get you far – as far as Disney, San Francisco, or as far as you want to go in your career or graduate school.

So to all the psychology students who don't see the benefits of research in their lives, read closely. The challenge of completing a research study is worth the long-term rewards of professional development. You've heard all of that before – your professors have surely told you that graduate schools love research skills and employers look for them too. But if that's too far away to think about, consider that research at Belmont can keep you occupied in the short term by providing opportunities to travel and meet new people.

So, find out how to get started. Talk to a professor. Look into the opportunities for conferences. And get inspired.

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## ***STUDENT RESEARCH***

This spring the following students participated in the Belmont Undergraduate Research Symposium (BURS)

- Christi Beth Johnston and Erin C. Reed, “Confidence in Partner Assessment and Romantic Relationship Satisfaction”
- Kate A. Ranganath & Staci D. Roberts, “The Effects of Gender Stereotypes on Attitudes Toward Capital Punishment”
- Christi Beth Johnston, “Gender Stereotypical Behavior and Siblings’ Roles”
- Kate A. Ranganath, “Implicit and Explicit Racial Prejudice and Attitudes Toward Capital Punishment”
- Meghan Webb, “No Guilt, No Shame”
- Robert C. Bearden, “The Effect of Gender Makeup and Leadership Type on Group Performance”
- Kari R. Basden, “The Effects of Gender and Family Cohesion on Adolescent Separation-Individualization”
- Matt Workman, “Effect of Hair Color of Females on Males Perception of Adventure Seeking and Social Desirability”
- Bethany Flowers, “The Idea Female Image and Body Satisfaction in Women: The Role of Attention”



Psychology Students and Faculty at BURS

- Jennifer Jones, “Type A/B Personality and Knowledge of Political Events”
- Sarah B. Osborne, “The Relationship Between Physical Appearance and Perception of Wealth”
- Stacey Hill, “Mary Cover Jones and Behaviorism”
- Erin C. Reed and Sarah Osborne, “Body and Object Perceptions”
- Anna Gross, “An Analysis of Harry Harlow’s *The Nature of Love*”
- Jennifer Jones, “The Historical Impact of Sir Francis Galton”
- Ashley Lovell, Luther Tanley, and Marsha Zurawicki, “A Measure of the Relationship Between Coping Styles and Intrinsic/Extrinsic Religious Beliefs During a Stressful Event”
- Danielle Taylor, “The Effects of Mood on Eyewitness Confidence”
- Luther C. Tanley, “Principles of Perception in Support of Gestalt Theory”
- Marsha Zurawicki, “An Overview of Kenneth B. Clark and His Influence on Present-Day Psychology”

Additionally, the following students attended the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) meeting in Orlando, FL as presenters:

- Meghan Kibler, “The Relationship Between Racial Views and Crime Sentencing”
- Stefanie Kibler, “The Effect of Negative, Positive, and Neutral Moods on Dating Relationship Satisfaction”
- Ashley Lovell, Luther Tanley, and Marsha Zurawicki, “A Measure of the Relationship Between Coping Styles and Intrinsic/Extrinsic Religious Beliefs During a Stressful Event”
- Ashley Lovell, “Do ‘You Know’ What I Mean? Evaluating the Perceptions of Tag Questions”
- Sarah Osborne and Erin Reed, “Body and Object Perception”
- Luther Tanley, “Procrastination and the Effects of Low Self-Efficacy and the Inability to Delay Gratification”
- Kelly Voss, “Math Performance: The Stereotype Threat and Self-Efficacy”

- Marsha Zurawicki, “The Perception of Self-Confidence Within Individuals”

In the Professional Division at SEPA:

Michael Gregg, Melanie Morris, Stefanie Kibler and Kelly Voss, “The Relationship Between Visual Capture and Two-Point Discrimination”

Ashley Lovell and Kelly Voss were also accepted as presenters at the American Psychological Association (APA) meeting in Chicago, IL. (See article on p. 1.)

### **May 2002 Graduates:**

#### **Psychology:**

Jeremy Brandon  
Beth Griffin  
Anna Gross  
Casey Hamilton  
Stacey Hill  
Meghan Kibler

Stefanie Kibler  
Luther Tanley  
Danielle Taylor  
Kelly Voss  
Matt Workman  
Marsha Zurawicki

#### **Liberal Studies (Psychology Minor):**

Chris VanAtta

### **Psi Chi Inductees – Fall 2002**

Fall induction for Psi Chi is on October 22 at the home of Dr. Giordano. The following students are inductees:

Anne Cook	Celeste VanNoy Copeland
Isaac Harper	Marilyn McAllister
Mary Margaret Phillips	April Ring

### **Our Alumni –**

**Claude V. King, ex.'76**, is the president of Final Command Resources in Murfreesboro. He has recently published two new books: Final Command Action Manual and Come to the Lord's Table: A Sacred Assembly for the Church.

**D. Tony Rankin, '84**, is a clinical therapist in private practice in Nashville and a family specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He also serves as a practicum supervisor for psychology students.

**Clyde Basker, ex.'62**, is living in Rayville, MO and is a Diplomat of Forensic Counseling. Planning retirement to begin full-time private marriage counseling.

**Charles “Scott” Norton, ex.'68**, is a school principal in Lakeland, FL.

**Lisa Donati Kuhn, '98**, is in graduate school at the University of Memphis working toward a M.A. in teaching. She was married to Tony Kuhn Sept. 29, 2001.

**Teddy Robert Wells, '79**, has moved to Chattanooga from Manhattan and is advising a Chattanooga-based custom publisher.

**Patricia Michelle “Shelley” Campbell Stipp, '95**, has recently moved to Phoenix, Arizona to help establish a new church.

**Heather Busbee Pass, '95**, attended graduate school at The University of Southern Mississippi, obtaining an M.S. degree

in Food and Nutrition. She also completed a one year internship at Vanderbilt University to become a Registered Dietitian and is currently working as a Nutrition Consultant in Nashville and as the Staff Registered Dietitian for the YMCA at Cool Springs.

**Jennifer Behnke, '99**, sends the following information: "I graduated from Belmont in 1999 with a B.S. in Psychology. I anticipated going directly to graduate school but encountered a few unexpected turns in the road. First, my husband decided it was time to fulfill a lifelong dream of sailing the islands, so we sold everything, bought a boat, and did just that. We had an awesome time! Second, we returned to Nashville refreshed and ready to pursue our careers only to find out that I had cancer. Thankfully, one year later, I am cancer-free, healthy, and not bald anymore! And thirdly, somewhere along the way I realized that my true calling is to write and perform music. Currently, I am working as a research assistant for a cognitive psychologist at Vanderbilt University and pursuing music on the side."

**Christia Spears Brown, '96**, is in the final stages of completing her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in developmental psychology with a minor in statistics. She will be the speaker for PURS on Nov. 21.

*Please return the form in this newsletter if you have any alumni news to share*

#### **Events in Fall 2002**

- October 22 – Psi Chi Induction, home of Dr. Peter Giordano
- October 25 – Crisis Intervention, 10AM, WHB 309, Convocation Credit PG
- November 1 – Steve Haggbloom, WKU, Graduate School, 10 AM, WHB 309, Convocation Credit AL
- November 21 – Psychology Undergraduate Research Symposium (PURS). 8:30 AM, Bunch Library Multi-Media Hall, Convocation Credit AL, Speaker: Christia Spears Brown. Topic: "Children's Understanding of Discrimination."
  
- Service Project: Cook dinner for DISMAS House
- Service Project: Collecting textbooks for a university in Liberia (let us know if you have any to donate)

#### **Dean's List – Psychology Majors/Minors – Spring 2002**

Delara Amin Alaghmand	Jessie Angel	Kari Basden
Brooke Berrie	Amanda Carmichael	Anne Cook
Celeste VanNoy Copeland	Logan Denson	Radha Dunham
Bethany Flowers	Melissa Giorgi	Beth Griffin
Anna Gross	Isaac Harper	Rebekah Harrison
Jewel Hearn	Christi Beth Johnston	Jennifer Jones
Kate Kelsey	Meghan Kibler	Stefanie Kibler
Ashley Lovell	Abby Marvin	Marilyn McAllister
Ellen Norvell	Sarah Osborne	Heena Patel
Brenda Lee Peery	Mary Margaret Phillips	Kate Rangentah
Erin Reed	April Ring	Ashley Robinison
Erin Samuels	Emily Sheffer	Brittany Shupe
Natalie Simpson	Christina Snow	Ashley Stelzer
Trisha Stephens	Greg Sullivan	Emily Tanner Smith
Luther Tanley	Amanda Tinnon	Kelly Voss
Abigail Watkins	Amber Willis	Marsha Zurawicki

#### **Faculty Changes**

##### **Leaving Belmont to join her husband in Boston:**

**Dr. Valjean M. Whitlow** In February of 2002, Dr. Whitlow's husband was transferred by his employer to Framingham, MA. In June, Dr. Whitlow moved with their son Roderick to join him. She is a post-doctoral fellow at the Boston University Medical School. We miss you Valjean!

##### **Joining us as a full-time, tenure track faculty member:**

**Dr. Linda D. Jones** Dr. Jones is really not new to our department. She was an adjunct for 6 years and has been an interim full-time faculty member for the past two years. We are happy to welcome her now as a permanent member of our department.

**Joining our faculty as new adjuncts are:**



**Dr. Quentin Newhouse, Jr.** Adjunct Instructor of Psychology. Dr. Quentin Newhouse, Jr. is an Experimental Social Psychologist with 27 years of university teaching experience. Dr. Newhouse completed degrees at the following universities: BA (Psychology) from Marietta College (OH), M.S. (General Experimental Psychology) and Ph.D. (Experimental Social Psychology), both from Howard University. Dr. Newhouse has also worked as a social science statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau, as a Direct Marketing Analyst for Safeway, Inc. and as a Computer Specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Dr. Newhouse relocated to Nashville from Washington, D.C. Dr. Newhouse's research interests include tacit knowledge and racism. Dr. Newhouse is single, but he has a teenaged daughter who lives in the D.C. area.

**Dr. Maria G. Valdovinos** Adjunct Instructor of Psychology. Maria Valdovinos graduated from the University of Kansas in 2001 with a Ph.D. in Developmental and Child Psychology with a specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis. Her research interests include the effects (and side effects) of psychotropic medication on the behavior of people with developmental disabilities. Currently she is a post-doctoral fellow at the John F. Kennedy Center at Vanderbilt University. She holds membership in the Association for Behavior Analysis, Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies, American Association of Mental Retardation, and Division 25 (Behavior Analysis) of the American Psychological Association. Other interests include reading, racquetball, and traveling.

Based on what you know about Freud, are you surprised by this quote?

***“But scientific work is the only road which can lead us to a knowledge of reality outside ourselves”***

Sigmund Freud, The Future of an Illusion

### **Means Awards**

The **Means Awards in Psychology** are named for the late Dr. Marie Hackel Means. Dr. Means taught psychology at Belmont in the 1960's after having retired from a position in counseling. She was the first woman to be awarded a Ph.D. in psychology from Peabody College. Dr. Means owned some stock in the Psychological Corporation and it is that connection which has provided the funding for the Means Awards. She specified in her will that the dividends from the Psychological Corporation stock would be given to the Psychology Department at Belmont. Each year since her death the Psychology Department has received a check to be used for scholarships, an annual senior award, and travel awards for students to present research at conferences.

Dr. Means' husband preceded her in death by many years, and they did not have children. After her retirement from teaching she continued her service to Belmont through this generous gift.

The Marie H. Means Award, given to the outstanding graduating senior each year, was awarded to Kelly Voss this past May. Kelly was a Belmont Presidential Scholar. She is currently employed by Vanderbilt University as a Research assistant in Adolescent Medicine and hopes to attend graduate school in the future.

## Means Scholars



**Elise A. Tyler** – This is my freshman year at Belmont, and I am honored to receive this scholarship. I am a graduate of University School of Nashville, and have taken a semester of classes at Nashville State Tech. After receiving a degree in psychology at Belmont, I wish to pursue a masters in social work. My minor is in fine arts, and I hope to integrate my art into my career as a psychologist/social worker.



**Amy J. Van Hooydonk** – I graduated from Brentwood Academy and attended the University of Tennessee – Knoxville for two years. Having been born and raised in Nashville, I am ecstatic to be back in town again. Along with a major in psychology, I am seeking a history minor. After Belmont, I hope to earn a Masters in Divinity. I have a heart for Jewish culture and may also look into getting a Masters in Judaic Studies for the purpose of Christian education.



**Mary Margaret Phillips** – This is my junior year, and I'm a psychology and elementary education major. This semester I'm busy taking Research Methods II and Psychology of Personality. When I graduate, I want to teach. I'm also very interested in going to graduate school and pursuing a career as a school psychologist. In my spare time, I enjoy watching movies and spending time with friends.



**Kate Ranganath** -- I'm a senior psychology major and sociology minor. I am from Charleston, SC, and this is my third year at Belmont. After I graduate in May, I wish to pursue a doctorate in social psychology, focusing on Gender and Race issues.