ast year, 24 clinical students, ranging from 1st years to students on internship, completed the clinical program survey report. The biennial report covers all aspects of the program, from admissions, to research, to internship application. Overall, students were very satisfied with the Loyola clinical program (M = 4.42 out of 5), and student morale was rated higher than in 2004. The vast majority of students were happy with the majority of the major topics addressed, including; the admissions process, the externship application process, academic advising, and research mentoring. Some areas where students expressed concern included a lack of flexibility for the child track and a need for more advice on teaching classes. The faculty appreciated the completion of the surveys and plan to take into account the responses for future planning; including recommendations for additional classes and classes to be offered more often. Indeed, many of the concerns voiced by older students, such as housing for applicants and funding issues, have been improved in recent years. The Loyola clinical psychology program is on the rise, and thanks to the results of the survey, we have the data to prove it.

Tom Petzel: The Man, the Myth, The Legend
Sasha Berger

When I sat down to interview Dr. Tom Petzel (or “Tom,” as he insists on being called), I was struck by the warmth of his corner office and the stunning photographs on his wall. He noticed me looking and started telling me about his interest in photography. Turns out, he shot all of the pictures on his wall himself, and has won many awards from his photography club. When he shared this about himself, it was in a humble, but passionate, way. It is clear that Tom Petzel, on the eve of his retirement from the Loyola Psychology Department, is a strong, vibrant individual whose presence will be deeply missed.

Tom came to Loyola in 1970, as a result of a Friday night cocktail party. His buddy, Jim Johnson, was on the faculty at the time and encouraged him to apply. Tom said he thought that might be a good idea, and by Saturday he had the interview. Ron Walker, then the department head, was impressed by Tom, but due to his casual and affable nature in the interview, doubted the “seriousness” of Tom’s motivation to actually come to Loyola. Tom gave Dr. Walker a call to check in, and the next thing anyone knew, the contract was signed.

The rest, as they say, was history—and the theme of not taking oneself too seriously might be one that followed Tom throughout his career here. He and Jim Johnson made a funny and often playfully devious team; on one occasion, they could be found riding the elevator, hiding in storage boxes and jumping out at just the right time to scare some unsuspecting passenger. That was just one of the priceless stories he shared with me, and the gleam in his eye makes it clear that he relished those times.

It is also apparent Tom takes some things very seriously, including his pride in Loyola and the transformations it has undergone during his time here. He talks about the strong presence of female faculty members during a time when this was uncommon, and also the department’s hiring of African American faculty members before many institutions did. He believes that Loyola is

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The "Neu" Guy in Town: An interview with S. Duke Han

Edin Randall

I was rushing down the 6th floor of Damen hall, late for my interview with Dr. Han, when my brisk walk was lulled to a slow gate by the soft sounds of U2. As I reached the office and peeked in, I almost fell over. I could not believe my eyes. What I thought was the iTunes version of Bono and the Edge was really, a live, acoustic version played by yours truly-S. Duke Han. And he was barefoot. Yes, pants rolled-up and barefoot. I had heard he played guitar in a few bands back in the day, loves U2 and stores a spare pair of socks in his desk drawer—but now it all made sense.

Okay, I’m lying. While it is true that S. Duke Han, PhD, the new addition to the clinical psychology faculty, was caught shoeless by his undergrads due to poor planning on a rainy day, is a U2 junkie, and has played in blues, folk, and frat rock bands, I was not lucky enough to enjoy a live concert. Instead, and just as delightful, I was able to spend an hour or so getting the down-low on Duke to share with all of you.

After Duke graduated from Duke (yes, ironic) University, he began his journey in the field of psychology at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, where he worked with Paul Nestor, PhD and studied neuroscience and schizophrenia. Duke finished his graduate work at lightening speed and then moved out to sunny San Diego for his internship and post-doc. While lulled by the laid-back lifestyle and flip-flop wearing supervisors at UCSD, Duke decided it was best to pack up his formal wear and return home with his wife to the Windy City, where he was born and raised.

Duke had always envisioned himself in academia doing research and clinical work, and lucky for him (and us!), Duke landed a job as the only neuropsychologist on the clinical psychology faculty at Loyola University Chicago. After his first semester as an assistant professor, Duke is off and running, making connections with other neuropsychologists in Chicago-land, jump-starting his research lab, and paving the way for a neuropsychology specialization within the clinical psychology track.

It all began about a year ago when, interestingly, Duke pursued Loyola even before he was aware that a job position was open. Initially impressed by Loyola’s mission of shaping socially-conscious researchers and care-providers, Duke knew that Loyola “had heart” and wasn’t the typical “ivory tower” institution. He knew Loyola would be a good match for him and would support his goal of expanding the field of neuropsychology beyond the limits of the medical model to incorporate a more community and service-oriented element. And he was right! Already, Duke has teamed up with Noni Gaylord-Harden, PhD of the clinical psychology faculty to begin work looking at the neuropsychological correlates in African American youth who are coping with stress.

And, things are not only new and exciting in Duke’s professional world; his personal world has been “turned upside down”...in a good way. Duke welcomed his first child (Jadon Nico Sujin) to the Han family and was surprised by how much he enjoyed watching himself transform into a responsible and loving father. It was clear during our conversation how highly Duke values his family. He insisted that it is difficult for him to talk about his life path without mentioning his wife. She is a non-profit attorney who advocates for foster youth. They are an inseparable team and she has helped inspire his “more socially-conscious consciousness.” In fact, the two of them traveled together to the Thailand border to work in a refugee camp with members of the Karen tribe. He is determined to raise awareness about the Burmese refugees here in the United States. When you talk to Duke, ask him to share some stories from his time teaching in the camp—they are inspiring.

And, while you’re at it, bring him a pair of socks. Just in case!
2nd Year Update ~Sasha Berger

Well, things certainly have changed for us 2nd years...we can hardly believe our second year is almost behind us! It was a year of exploration, as we became GSC’s at the Wellness Center and learned more about ourselves as both people and clinicians, under the supportive tutelage of Noni and Joe. Many of us have also taken what may be a record number of classes, all in an attempt to avoid the dreaded third year crunch. We’ll see how that works out...

Speaking of next year, many of us are excited to journey beyond Loyola’s school grounds to begin our practica. Cynthya (a recipient of the 2007-2008 Child and Family Fellowship) will be at U of C, Erica and Rebecca will be at UIC (pediatric neuropsychology), Caitlin will also be at UIC (adult neuropsychology), Lauren will be at Rush, Sasha will be at the Jesse Brown VA, and Christine will be at Northwestern. We look forward to a busy and productive year, and congratulate Caitlin on her impending nuptuals!

3rd Year Update ~Jeff Sieracki

Greetings from the third years. First off, the exciting news is that we all completed our requirements for the masters degree, and after briefly contemplating calling it a career we have all decided to stay for the Ph.D. In addition, after a successful year at the Wellness Center, we are at externships throughout Chicago. Molly and Jeff are doing child assessment at UIC Neuropsychiatric Institute, Jen is at University of Chicago, and Krista is at Rush. Pedja, always the trendsetter, decided to do therapy first, and is completing his adult oriented therapy at Lorene Replogle. We have also been kept busy with all sorts of tasks, some of which were even school related. Jen passed her comprehensive exams, Molly proposed her dissertation, Krista has served as the assessment TA, and Molly, Jen, Jeff, and Pedja have all taught undergrads. Molly will be going to Ghana next year to complete her dissertation on comparing Ghanaian parenting to American parenting. Jeff got engaged to his girlfriend of five years. When reached for a comment, he noted that “I just thought now was the time, what with fourth year funding not being guaranteed.” Krista moved into a loft. Traveling across the globe, getting married, moving into a loft... who knows what excitement the next year will bring. Adios from the third years!

Fourth Year Update ~Brittany Lakin

Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that the fourth year class was waddling about finding their way together through their first year at Loyola. Yet, somehow, almost four years have passed, and they are now two thirds through the program! After many of us successfully finished class work and passed Quals with flying colors last summer, the fourth year class is now using their steam to move forward with their dissertations and finishing their advanced practica placements. Jon is doing therapy with children and families at Cook County Hospital and Kerry is working with adolescents at Amundsen High School. Holly is doing double duty conducting therapy with adults at the University of Chicago’s Anxiety Clinic and doing assessment research on anxiety and depression at Northwestern University. Brittany and Danielle, who insist on traveling to externship sites together, are at Illinois Masonic doing family therapy.

Finally, while the rest of her classmates have been fine-tuning their therapy skills, Becky has been enjoying her time as “mommy” to beautiful baby girl Zoe, and is applying to assessment practica for next year.

After the stressful and jam packed schedule of third year, fourth year is also a time to catch your breath and enjoy some much needed free time. When Kerry is not relaxing with yoga classes, she is taking advantage of a psychoanalysis fellowship where she meets several times a month to discuss its theory and application to therapy. Jon has been kicking around his soccer ball and enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas and Taos. Brittany has been studying to be a cantorial soloist at temple, and helps lead services in the cantor’s absence. Holly has been planning her Italian wedding, which will be in Florence this June. Becky has been traveling with her family around the states and Europe so that everyone can meet little Zoe. Finally, Danielle has been honing her home improvement skills in order to get 5th year funding doing construction.
an institution with heart, and is proud of its upsurge in recent years under the guidance of Father Garanzini.

His accomplishments should also give him a lot to be proud of; he has taught many courses, including the graduate department's History and Systems class, which will never be quite the same without him. He has published over 40 articles. He has overseen the hiring of many departmental greats, including Pat Rupert. He has also enjoyed a tenure as Senior Associate Dean, in which he worked with honors students and revamped the Loyola undergraduate honors program. And perhaps a little known fact: Tom was responsible for the establishment of numerous study abroad programs, including the one to Israel. It is clear that he made an impact; many of his graduate and undergraduate students still write him years later and recognize him when he is out and about in the community.

When I asked Tom about his favorite part of his time at Loyola, he answered without hesitation: “meeting my wife.” Yes, it’s true. Tom met his wife when she was an undergraduate at Loyola, but the very devoted couple did not begin their entirely ethically appropriate courtship until she had graduated.

As Tom looks to the eve of his retirement, he has quite a few things planned: charity work is a high priority on his list. He almost took off when Katrina hit, as New Orleans is one of his favorite cities. He will also continue to take photographs, and looks forward to spending more time with his wife. There is a bitter sweet quality to this ending; Tom remarked that it is “strange” to be clearing out his office, and hopes to perhaps return for a history and systems class or two. On behalf of the Clinical Psychology Department, I thank Tom for all of his years of hard work, dedication, and fun—we will miss him!

Meet the First Years!
Kristen Schellinger

They come from the East Coast, the South, the Midwest, the West Coast, and even Europe, and they have one thing in common — they are all trying to make it through their first year as graduate students (well, two things in common, they also all are interested in completing the Child Track)! In alphabetical order, they are: Jamila Cunningham (who attended Emory University and is currently working in the Gaylord-Harden lab), Bonnie Essner (who completed her Bachelor’s here at Loyola and is now in the Holmbeck lab), Lauren Kelly (who attended Kenyon College and is currently working in the Holmbeck lab), Edin Randall (who attended Williams College and is splitting her time between the Bohmert & Rupert labs), Kristen Schellinger (who attended The University of Arizona and is working in the Durlak lab), and Chris Zaddach (who completed his Bachelor’s at Fordham University, his Master’s at California State University, Northridge and is working in the Richards lab).

While the recent cold spell has been a rude awakening to those coming from warmer climates, the first year students say that the adjustment to graduate school, Loyola, and Chicago has not been as difficult as they anticipated, and they have the wonderful faculty and students in the program to thank for much of that! With one semester under their belt, they are excited by all of the opportunities they have had to get involved with the department from job talks to student committees to meeting the future first years on interview day. Although there have been some stressful nights studying for tests or writing papers, they have been coping with the stressors of graduate school well and look forward to their tenure as second years!

Getting Real with Rupert
Brittany Lakin.

Coming to Loyola in 1978, Dr. Pat Rupert has watched the evolution of the department for almost 27 years. Since she joined the faculty, the department has seen some important changes, including a stronger research orientation and an increase in diversity. The next generation of scholars that make up Loyola’s extraordinary staff now includes a growing number of female faculty members and the addition of many young, passionate

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assistant professors in recent years. Rupert reminisced about her time at Loyola, "It is hard to think of myself as one of the older ones now," she chuckled.

Dr. Rupert did not always want to be a psychologist. She began her career as a 6th grade elementary school teacher. Noticing that many of the students had behavioral and academic problems, she pursued a Masters degree in school psychology. She then went on to obtain a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, and was surprised that an interest in stress and coping in adults began to develop. After being a faculty member and in part-time private practice for many years, her research interests led her to professional issues and burnout. Finally, after covering an ethics course for a professor who had taken ill, Rupert grew interested in the subject and eventually went on to head Loyola’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) for 7 years. Perhaps it was this commitment to ethics that, despite the honor of this feature article, rendered Dr. Rupert unable to promise me future employment!

Now, Dr. Rupert holds the position of the Department Chair of Psychology and is the third female chair in the history of Loyola’s Psychology Department. Dr. Rupert’s new role comes with many responsibilities, including making sure the department is running efficiently, overseeing course offerings, advocating for department resources, and facilitating the hiring process of new faculty candidates. Dr. Rupert’s favorite part of the job is “creating a vision for the future and faculty development,” and it is obvious that Dr. Rupert has great respect for and enjoys working with "an exceptional group of students, faculty, and an incredible staff." Dr. Rupert has her hands full with her new job responsibilities and even after six months of being on the job she commented that she is, “still learning.”

However, Dr. Rupert is used to challenges. She not only successfully balanced her responsibilities of teaching, conducting research, and toiling towards the coveted tenure, but after only her third year at Loyola, Dr. Rupert was asked to be the director of the clinical program. And she did it all while raising 2 beautiful children. Dr. Rupert was refreshingly honest about her experience being a professor and a mother, “It was challenging having a family while holding a tenure position, but the job also provided me with flexibility. It is not your typical 8-5 job.” Dr. Rupert talked about how she sometimes brought her children, then infants, to a supervision meeting or a class here and there, but made it work. “It is important to have a work-family balance,” she said.

Despite her incredibly busy schedule, Dr. Rupert makes sure to schedule in time to relax. She enjoys sampling Chicago’s wonderful cuisine, watching her son play baseball, and taking in Chicago’s fine theater. Dr. Rupert ended our talk by saying that she is, “honored to be chair of such a good group,” and is optimistic about the department’s future. “It is an exciting time to be chair, the future looks bright, the university is out of its financial slump, and I am excited about helping the department grow.”

### Hopleaf Social Event

**Kriston Schellinger**

On January 26, clinical students and faculty met up at Hopleaf Bar in Andersonville for the first social of the year! The cozy atmosphere at Hopleaf provided a much needed reprieve from the cold outdoors and an excellent opportunity for everyone to catch up with those they had not seen since winter break. The fact that there were over 200 imported beers and wines to choose from was an added bonus! A great time was had by all, and everyone is looking forward to the next social event. A big "thanks" goes out not only to the social committee for planning the event, but also to all of the students and faculty who attended and made the event a success. The next social event will take place on Saturday, May 5th, bowling at Lincoln Square Lanes at 1pm. It will be an afternoon of bowling and fun, and a great way to end the semester. See you there!
Congratulations!

**Master’s Proposals:**
- Sasha Berger
- Christine Cello
- Erica Luboyeski
- Caitlin Sparks
- Rebecca Wasserman
- Lauren Zurenda

**Dissertation Proposals:**
- Emily Edlynn
- Holly Hunley
- Barbara Jandasek
- Molly Pachan
- Emily Preheim Dupre
- Melissa Robinson
- Jessie Snowdon
- Jill Zuckerman

**Master’s Defenses**
- Jennifer Edidin
- Krista Kohl
- Molly Pachan
- Jeff Sieracki
- Pedja Stevanovic

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**Dissertation Defenses**

- **Mona Abad:**
  “Quality of Life in Youth With Spina Bifida”

- **Emily Edlynn:**
  “The Impact of Violence on Sexually Abusive Behavior in Two Types of Adolescent Sex Offenders”

- **Rita Khang:**
  “A Longitudinal Study of the Effects of Change in Parenting Behavior on Adolescent Adjustment in Families of Children with Spina Bifida”

- **David Morgan:**
  “Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems: Predicting Recurrence in a Ward Population”

- **Phil O’Donnell:**
  “The Role of Psychosocial Risk Factors and Mental Health Needs in Juvenile Sentencing Decisions”

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**Alumni Updates**

- Justin Resnick is enjoying his time as a father, and is moving to Israel to be closer to his wife’s family.

- Laura Kenealy welcomed a son, Nathaniel Kenealy, on December 4, 2006

- Kristen Elling has landed her “dream job” as the Associate Director for Counseling, Programs and Services at the University of Michigan’s Center for the Education of Women.

- Kristen (Lang) Hansen is now Assistant Clinical Faculty at Brigham Young University’s Counseling Center.

- Kara Lanza Hurley is a Clinical Psychologist, Wellsprings Health Associates (also in private practice) and she and her husband are expecting a baby, due this August.

- Catherine Romero has two big pieces of news: first, she is now the Associate Training Director for internship for Baylor College of Medicine and second, she is recently engaged.

- Cheryl Stenzel has returned from India after 3 years of organizing meditation retreats for children and adults. She is currently working in the outpatient services division of the Allendale Association/Bradley Counseling Center, where she supervises graduate students in their psychotherapy practica.
More Good News...

2007-2008 Internship placements

Holly Hunley: Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital (Hoffman Estates, IL)
Barbara Jandasek: Brown Medical School (Providence RI)
Emily Preheim Dupre: Albert Einstein/Montefiore (Bronx, NY)
Melissa Robinson: New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center (New York, NY)
Jessica Snowden: University of South Florida/Florida Mental Health Institute (Tampa FL)
Jill Zukerman: UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior (Los Angeles, CA)

Grayson Holmbeck, DCT and the 2007-2008 successful internship applicants, at a celebratory dinner!

2007-2008 Externship Placements

Sasha Berger: Jessie Brown VA Medical Center
Cynthia Campbell: University of Chicago, Pediatric Neuropsychology
Christine Celio: Evanston Northwestern Adult Neuropsychology
Jennifer Edidin: John Stroger Cook County Hospital
Krista Kohl: Mt. Sinai Hospital, Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Center
Erica Luboyeski: University of Illinois at Chicago, Pediatric Neuropsychology
Kerry O’Mahar Jessie Brown VA Medical Center & John Stroger (Cook County) Fantus Health Center
Rebecca Cornelius Sanderson: Evanston Northwestern Pediatric Neuropsychology
Jeff Sieracki: The Anxiety and Agoraphobia Treatment Center (Northbrook, IL)
Caitlin Sparks: University of Illinois at Chicago, Adult Neuropsychology
Pedja Stevanovic: University of Illinois at Chicago, Adult Neuropsychology

FACULTY GRANTS

Amy Bohnert:

Joseph Durlak:
Co-PI (with Roger Weissberg, Ph.D., University of Illinois): “Promoting the social and emotional health of school children: Implications of a meta-analysis of educational practice and policy,” Lucile Packard Foundation For Children’s Health ($100,000, December 2006-December 2007)

Grayson Holmbeck:
Co-I: "Family Management of Childhood Diabetes (Type I)", NICHD; PI: Jill Weissberg-Benchell, Ph.D. (N01-HD-4-3363; $1,265,342, 2003-2008)
PI: “Psychosocial Adjustment in Children and Young Adolescents with Spina Bifida: Family, Peer, and Neuropsychological Factors,” March of Dimes; Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Program ($209,262; 2004-2007)
PI: “Psychosocial Adjustment in Adolescents with Spina Bifida”, NICHD; (R01 HD048629-01; $1,830,722; 2005-2010)
Selected Faculty and Student Publications 2006-2007

Loyola faculty and student names in bold


