

News



Dr. McDonald

A multidisciplinary team of researchers consisting of Dr. Janna Oetting, professor of Communication Disorders, Dr.

Janet McDonald, professor of Psychology and interim Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Michael Hegarty, associate professor of English, recently received a \$1.8 million grant from the National Institute of Health. The goal of the grant is to study language acquisition, with a focus on children with specific language impairment in the context of Louisiana dialects.

Dr. Cherry's new book released - "Lifespan Perspectives on Natural Disasters"

This book is one of a kind in the disaster science literature, surely to be a widely referenced resource for disasters from a developmental perspective.

Amanda Van Lamsweerde and Dr. Lane to Attend NIH-Sponsored fMRI Training Program.

Amanda Van Lamsweerde, a 3rd-year student in the Cognitive/Developmental Psychology doctoral program, and Sean Lane, Associate Professor of Psychology, were recently chosen to attend an NIH-sponsored fMRI training program at the Uni-

versity of Michigan. The two-week program will take place in August, and travel, room and board is provided.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

FACULTY RESEARCH

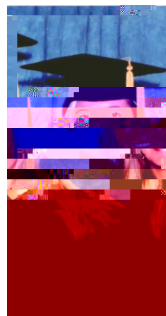
CURRENT GRADUATE

Dr. Russell Pella



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Dr. Pella, a graduate of our clinical program, was recently selected to receive the outstanding dissertation award from the National Academy of Neuropsychology. His doctoral dissertation, completed under the direction of Dr. Wm. Drew Gouvier, was entitled "Evaluation of Embedded Malingering Indices in a non-litigating, relief seeking sample: A partial cross-validation using control, clinical and derived groups."



Dr. Jill Talley Shelton

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Dr. Jill Talley Shelton received her PhD in Cognitive Psychology from LSU in 2008. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at Washington University in St. Louis, working with both Dr. Dave Balota on aging research and Dr. Mark McDaniel on prospective memory.

Dr. Dennis Combs



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Dr. Dennis R. Combs is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at The University of Texas at Tyler. His expertise is in the assessment and treatment of schizophrenia and psychotic disorders. He has published over 40 research articles and book chapters on schizophrenia and his research has been funded by the NIMH. Dr. Combs received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from LSU in 2002.



Dr. Bill Sallas

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Dr. Bill Sallas received his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from LSU in 2008, under the direction of Dr. Mathews. He works for Huron Consulting Group in the Chicago area, and credits the program with training him well for his current position. Dr. Sallas and his wife just welcomed their second child into their family. Congratulations!

Dr. Jeff Starns

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Dr. Jeff Starns received his Ph.D in Cognitive Psychology from LSU in 2006, under the direction of Dr. Jason Hicks. He was then awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at Ohio State University, working with Dr. Roger Ratcliff. He will be joining the faculty at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst as an assistant pro-

fessor, where he will continue to explore his research interests in formal models of memory and memory for source information.

Alumni News Undergraduate Students

Suzette Tassin
Graduated
May, 2009

Winner of the
2008-2009
Paul C. Young
Award.

Josh Rawson— Graduated
May, 2009

Currently in I/O Psychology
Master's program at Louisi-
ana Tech University

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Master's program at George
Mason University and work-
ing at Defense Manpower
Data Center

Laureen Sherrer—
Graduated May, 2008

Working as a program de-
veloper in Baton Rouge for
the Governors Office of Eld-
erly Affairs

Dr. Erlanger Turner gradu-
ated from LSU in May 2004.
He received his Ph.D. in Clini-
cal Psychology in 2009 from
Texas A&M University. Cur-
rently, he is completing a
postdoctoral fellowship at
Kennedy Krieger Institute/
Johns Hopkins School of
Medicine in the Department
of Behavioral Psychology. Dr.
Turner's research and dinical
interests include child-family

psychology with a focus on
applying behavioral medi-
cine treatments for use with
ethnic minority .

Current Faculty Research

Dr. Phillip Brantley:

Current Faculty

Current Graduate Students

Dr. Amy Copeland:

Dr. Thompson Davis:

Current Graduate Students

COGNITIVE

Dr. Melissa Beck:

Dr. Emily Elliott:

Dr. Jason Hicks:

Dr. Robert Matthews:

Dr. Katie Cherry:

Dr. Kevin Grobman:

Dr. Sean Lane:

Dr. Janet McDonald:

SCHOOL

Dr. Clayton Cook

Dr. Frank Gresham

Dr. George Noell

Dr. Jeffrey Tiger

The Department of Psychology proudly recognizes the research efforts of our faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students. To this end, we would like to create a travel fund that would go directly to support the financial needs of graduate students who are participating

conferences create links to other researchers, and builds relationships for future internship and post-doctoral fellowship opportunities.

Please contact Emily Elliott, eelliott@lsu.edu, if you are interested in obtaining more information about this exciting opportunity.