The 4th International Conference on Eyewitness Identification and Memory took place on the UTEP campus from October 13 to October 16, 2004. The speakers included Steven E. Clark (UC Riverside), David Dunning (Cornell), Colin G. Tredoux (U Cape Town, South Africa), Christian A. Meissner (Florida International), Otto H. MacLin (U. Northern Iowa), Laura A. Zimmerman (UTEP) and Roy S. Malpass (UTEP, and Conference organizer). The conference began with an assessment of recent progress in the field, and quickly moved on to presentations concerning the effects of instructions and admonitions on eyewitness identification decisions. A recurrent problem in the field is distinguishing accurate from inaccurate identifications, and Dunning presented an extended analysis of his recent work on this matter. In general, decisions that are made quickly (rather than deliberatively) are thought to be more likely to be accurate. Clark described the results of his extensive review of regularities and consistencies in the eyewitness literature, while MacLin described his recent work on the replication of certain critical experiments. Meissner presented his recent work on facial memory for own and other race persons. Zimmerman discussed the field of naturalistic decision making, focusing on the real-time decisions required of law enforcement officers and eyewitnesses. She described the research on this topic she is developing in conjunction with the El Paso Sheriff’s Office. Malpass discussed issues involved in moving from laboratory data to formation and implementation of administrative policy.

The final day of the conference was devoted to discussions of research on creating high quality representations of faces from computer analysis, and creating good images of persons previously seen from eyewitness memory; both of these goals have been difficult to achieve. Speakers included Peter Hancock (U. Stirling, UK), Colin Tredoux (U Cape Town, South Africa), Victor Johnston (NMSU), Christopher Solomon (U Kent, UK), Herve Abdi (UT-Dallas), Alice O’Toole (UT-Dallas), Graham Pike (Open U, UK) and Nicola Brace (Open U, UK). The discussion traced the importance of sampling faces for analysis, strategies for obtaining information from facial images, and eliciting information from witness memory. The human machine interface issues were important in the discussion. The ability of law enforcement to use witnesses to produce facial images with high similarity to the witnessed person is of obvious importance, and is the direction in which these diverse research programs are headed.
Alumni Update

Joachim Reimann and Dolores I. Rodriguez-Reimann graduated from UTEP with Bachelors of Arts degrees. Dolores and Joachim left El Paso in 1990, and completed their Ph.D.s in psychology in 1996. They now jointly own and operate a clinical psychology and organizational consulting business in San Diego, and conduct research through San Diego State University's Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies. Much of their research interest focuses on psychosocial prevention and treatment issues around TB, type 2 diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease, particularly among Mexican Americans living near the US-Mexico Border. In that process they place core emphasis on cultural competence. For more information please see their web site: www.excellenceinternational.com

Psychology Department approved to hire two new faculty members.
The department has been approved to search for two new faculty members; one in Legal Psychology and the other in Clinical/Health Psychology. The department is currently searching for well qualified candidates for these positions and will be interviewing candidates during December and the early part of the spring semester. The department is gratified for the university support for its programs and the recognition of the success and growth in Legal Psychology and Clinical/Health Psychology at UTEP. We are excited by the prospect of being able to better serve the needs of our students and to further develop the already excellent research programs in these areas.

Presentations

Alvarez, A. "Cognitive Therapy and the Control of Emotions" at the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez on September 9, 2004. The workshop was organized by the Universities Psychology Department and the Juarez’s Associations of Psychologists.


Publications


Psi Chi Honor Society
Induction Ceremony was held November 8, 2004.

Congratulations to the new inductees:

**New Members:**
- Crisol Escobedo
- Amber Donaldson
- Catherine Daniel
- Julio Rosado
- Jessica Leyva
- Lissette Amparan
- Liliana Cordero
- Carol Fonseca
- Arleen Mendez
- Yalile Chavez
- Yvette Aguilar
- Beatriz Monte
- Alan Clark
- Rosalinda Montes

**Fall Semester Officers**
- President: Erika Mercado
- Vice-President: Jorge Marquez
- Treasurer/Secretary: JuanadeSmet
CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Congratulations to Dr. John Wiebe, who was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology. A party celebrating his achievement was held at the home of Dr. William Lucker (see pictures). Professor Wiebe joined the Psychology Department in 1998 after completing a clinical internship at the University of Chicago Medical Center; he received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Dr. Wiebe’s research examines how patients and caregivers adapt to chronic illnesses such as end-stage renal disease and HIV infection. His research has attracted national attention and his commitment to students is equally well known within the UTEP community. We wish Professor Wiebe many more successful years at UTEP!
Faculty Profile

Dr. Blume’s mother is American Indian (Cherokee and Chactaw) and his father is Anglo. Although most of his family lives in Missouri, he was born in a navy hospital near Los Angeles. Since then, he has lived in 11 different places in 8 different states, including El Paso. Art graduated from SW Missouri with a BS in Psychology and a Masters degree in Ethics from McCormick in Chicago. After that, he conducted hospital-based therapy with literally hundreds of substance abusing patients for over a decade until matriculating at the University of Washington in September, 1997. He defended his dissertation in May, 2000, went on a year long internship at the University of Washington School of Medicine, graduated with a doctorate in Clinical Psychology with a health emphasis in 2001, and moved to El Paso. Dr. Blume’s program of research is in addictive behaviors among populations at risk. He enjoys backpacking and hiking. When his schedule allows, he would much rather be at timberline than in front of a computer.

Graduate Student Profile

Thom got his Bachelors at the University of Minnesota, Duluth with a B.A.S. in Psychology and Frozen Tundra Survival and a minor in Frostbite prevention. Thom plans to work in a hospital or similar care provider organization doing research with chronic illness, obesity, and those with whom clinical complications are co-morbid with their organic illness, preferably in an interdisciplinary team setting as his goals are that of productive research. Thom chose Health Psychology because he is interested in the interactions of body and mind.

Undergraduate Profile

Tommy graduated from Del Valle High School in 2002. After high school, he immediately entered UTEP. In the summer of 2004, he was awarded a COR research grant and chose to work in the Center for Law and Human Behavior. He is conducting research for his senior honors thesis which will investigate relationships between character witnesses and criminal defendants. After he receives his B.A. in Psychology, Tommy intends to pursue a Ph.D. He is currently undecided as to what his area of interest will be and what institution he will attend.

Kicking Butts

By: Theodore V. Cooper, Ph.D. & Osvaldo F. Morera, Ph.D.

Tobacco use is the most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. As a result, the reduction in smoking and tobacco use prevalence is a national health concern, prompting the need for both basic and applied research. Here, in the UTEP Psychology Department, two faculty members have taken up the cause to help this problem behavior go up in smoke! Drs. Cooper and Morera have undertaken independent research projects and plan to pool their interests and talents on collaborative projects in the near future.

Dr. Cooper, funded by an NIMH M-RISP Faculty Development Grant, is surveying Hispanic smokers and non smokers to explore attitudes and behaviors related to smoking, smoking cessation, substance use, and mental illness. In addition, focus groups will seek feedback from Hispanic smokers regarding preferred modalities to quit smoking. Dr. Cooper was also recently awarded a grant by the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation to conduct tobacco use assessment and brief intervention in the UTEP Student Health Center, an attempt to assess the effectiveness of the use of Clinical Practice Guidelines to smokers presenting for other health related needs.

Dr. Morera recently was awarded a National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities grant to develop and implement a web based intervention for female smokers on the UTEP campus in an attempt to bring effective and accessible tobacco cessation to a typically underserved population.

In addition, based on Dr. Morera’s recent survey of student smokers which indicated a high prevalence of occasional or social smoking on the UTEP campus, a collaborative effort is underway between the two labs to propose the development of a state-of-the-art tobacco cessation program targeted to light or social smokers in an effort to arrest levels of current smoking and reduce the likelihood of transition into regular smoking.

No doubt, regardless whether its independent or collaborative research, these two faculty are committed to reducing tobacco use prevalence specifically in the border region and in the Hispanic community more generally.
Seven Career Opportunities in Research Fellows traveled to the annual Career Opportunities in Research conference held by the National Institute of Mental Health. The COR program identifies highly skilled undergraduates, and helps to prepare them for careers as research scientists. The conference was in San Juan, Puerto Rico this year. The conference was from November 10th to the 14th, but many students went a day early to do some sightseeing while there. Two of the students had to devote a day of their time there to also take the GRE subject test – demonstrating their tremendous dedication. The students who attended were Jessica Leyva, Tommy Cabeza de Baca, Dulce Barrios, Crisol Escobedo, Ruth Lopez, Carol Fonseca, and Jorge Marquez.

In addition, the four seniors in the group presented their research. The research covered the work they did during the summer during their summer internship. Their abstracts are presented below.

Carol Fonseca -
EXAMINING MALE PARTNERS’ INFLUENCE ON LATINA WOMEN’S CANCER SCREENING BEHAVIOR. Carol A. Fonseca, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.  
*Faculty Mentor:* Lydia Buki, Department of Counseling Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

Jorge Marquez –
THE PRISONER’S DILEMMA GAME AS A MODEL OF SOCIAL COOPERATION AND SELF CONTROL: VARYING THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION AND PROBABILITY OF RECIPROCATION. Jorge A. Marquez, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.  
*Faculty Mentor:* Edmund Fantino, Department of Psychology, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California.

Ruth Lopez
WAGE RETURNS TO BILINGUALISM AMONG MEXICANS: THE ROLE OF THE PRESENCE OF MEXICANS IN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS. Ruth D. Lopez, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.  
*Faculty Mentor:* Rogelio Saenz, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Dulce Barrios –
PROTOCOL ANALYSIS OF A DECISION MAKING TASK. Dulce M. Barrios, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.  
*Faculty Mentor:* Bruce D. Burns, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.