The Hawkline

FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of the things that has always struck me about the KU Clinical Program, and that I believe sets it apart from other programs, is its strong sense of tradition. That tradition was on display on December 12 when we held our stop day holiday skits When I started the program in 1978, stop days skits were well-established, and 36 years later they are still going strong. The talent of many of our students is unbelievable; at the end of the hour my jaw literally hurt from laughing so much. What really impressed me this year, however, was the talent of some of our faculty members. For instance, we were treated to songs by Charlene Muehlenhard, who always seems to find a way to blend the old with the new by combining well-known music with lyrics inspired by her sex lab. Especially impressive this year was the Fraser Hall Blues, sung by Steve Ilardi and accompanied on guitar by our cognitive/developmental colleague, John Colombo. Stevie I. and Johnny C. made quite the combo. Thanks to everyone who helped end the year on such a high note.

While the Fall semester stop day skits has long been a tradition, this year we started a new Spring semester stop day tradition. As all of you know, we have a number of student awards. In the past we have announced awards as they were decided upon, but this year we held an award extravaganza and announced all of our awards on stop day. We used this occasion to not only recognize our current students, but also as a chance to say goodbye to our students leaving on internship. This also gave us the opportunity to reflect some on the people for whom our awards are named. In my day the only award was the Schulman award, but it wasn’t until I started digging around that I got a glimpse of who David Schulman was, and why an award in his honor was so fitting.

Ray’s retirement was a huge loss for us, but we also gained some new faculty members; we are delighted to welcome Kelsie Forbush and Tamara Baker to our clinical faculty. Kelsie and Tamara introduced themselves in the Faculty Sampler section, so I will just say how pleased we are that we were able to hire two outstanding faculty members. In last year’s Hawkline, I noted that we were trying to hire one new faculty member, so the fact that we recruited two terrific scholars is great news for the program. We look forward to their contributions to the program for many years to come.

Last year I also mentioned that the first winner of the 1949 Award, to honor distinguished graduates” was Tom Burish. As I also noted last year, Tom has a remarkable academic record of teaching, research, and administration, culminating in his current position as
Provost at the University of Notre Dame. We were pleased to welcome him back to campus on March 6. Tom gave an exceptional university wide talk titled “Institutional Grit: The Critical Role of Flagship Universities” and the following day was gracious enough to visit with our current students and reflect some on his days as a graduate student, and the path that led him to where he is today. Thanks so much to Tom for his graciousness and inspirational message to all of us. It was a great start for the 1949 Award.

There were many goings-on in 2014, but above were the high points for me, and I think for many of the faculty and students. Next year promises to be another busy one for us, but hopefully it will be a great year. And here’s hoping that y’all have a great year in 2015 as well.

Rick Ingram

**CLINICAL PROGRAM STUDENT AWARDS**

**SCHULMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

CO-WINNERS WERE Teresa Yeong-Yi Pan and Alexandra “Alex” Roth (see Alex’s bio for the Houston Award)

**Teresa Yeong-Yi Pan** received her B.S. degree in Physiology/Neuroscience and B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego in 2009, and received her M.A. in Clinical Psychology at KU in 2013 and completed her thesis research under the supervision of Cary Savage, Ruth Ann Atchley, and Laura Martin. Her research interests encompass common comorbidities that occur with obesity and eating disorders such as depression. Most recently, Teresa has also been working on program development at the JayDoc Free Clinic, where she has been working on implementing integrated mental health services in a primary care environment for uninsured and underserved populations. Teresa’s current clinical work includes working as part of an inter-professional team in the KUMC Family Medicine clinic, working with Dr. Barnard in outpatient and inpatient pediatrics, and providing mental health services at the JayDoc Free Clinic. Additionally, she is also a GRA at the Kansas City's Center for Children's Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition (Children's Mercy Hospital) under Drs. Susana Patton and Meredith Dreyer on a project evaluating mealtime behaviors in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Teresa also served on the program’s 2014 admissions committee.

**C. R. SNYDER AWARD FOR RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT**

**Libby Harfmann** received her B.S. in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, from Michigan State University in 2010. Libby then completed her MA degree at KU and conducted her thesis, “An Investigation of Maintenance and the Correlates of Depression: Rumination, Emotion Regulation, Cognitive Inhibition, Sleep, and Diet,” under the mentorship of Dr. Rick Ingram. She is currently working on her dissertation, “Cognitive Inhibition, Rumination, and Insomnia in Depressed, Suicide-Prone Individuals,” and this study has the potential to advance our understanding of the mental states associated with suicidal ideation and behaviors. Libby is also currently working with veterans at the Topeka VA medical center who struggle with PTSD or depression.

**B. KENT HOUSTON AWARD IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**

**Alexandra Roth** received her B.S. in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, from Drake University in Des Moines, IA, in 2011 and completed her MA degree at KU in May 2013 under the mentorship of Doug Denney. Alex will begin collecting data this spring for her dissertation, which titled “The Cognitive Profile of Older Adult MS Patients Compared to Healthy Controls and aMCI Patients.” Alex is currently completing a clinical practicum in neuropsychology at KU Medical Center under the supervision of Eric Ecklund-Johnson, PhD and Caleb Pearson, PsyD.

**MITCH HANDELSMAN/LORI IRVING TEACHING AWARD**

**Christina Williams** graduated from University of Kansas in 2009 with B.A. degrees in Psychology and Classical Antiquity, With Highest Distinction. Christina completed her Master’s thesis, entitled “The Effect of Parental Depression on Cognitive Vulnerability” with Dr. Rick Ingram. Through her task and dissertation, Christina has continued to investigate the interplay of emotions and cognitions in those at risk for depression. Christina has also collaborated on a grant-funded project to treat and prevent depression in teens. She is currently applying for internship and hopes to match at a site that will further her research and clinical interests in depression vulnerability.
Clinical and Professional Skills Award
&
Don Hutchings Memorial Award
(Winner of both these awards)

Kate Rhyner graduated with a BA in Psychology and English, Cum Laude, from the College of William and Mary in 2010. Currently working with Dr. Amber Watts, her research interests include the impact of health behaviors, including physical activity, on mental health and cognitive functioning in older adults. Her dissertation, currently in progress, is examining the mediating effects of depression and insomnia on the impact of exercise on cognitive functioning in older adults. Kate’s clinical work has included practicum experiences in neuropsychology at the Topeka and Kansas City VA medical centers conducting assessments with veterans for neurodegenerative diseases and traumatic brain injury. She also served as assessment peer supervisor for the KU Psychological Clinic. Kate is currently interviewing at VA internship sites offering specialization in neuropsychology.

SANDY DINOFF MEMORIAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD

Alexander Williams graduated with his B.A., Summa Cum Laude, from William Jewell College in 2008, majoring in psychology, political science, and history. He received his MA in political science in 2010 and his MA in clinical psychology in 2013, both at KU. Alex completed his doctoral dissertation under the supervision of Drs. Michael Rapoff and Nancy Hamilton. He successfully defended it in October 2014, and prior to that, presented his findings as part of the program’s proseminar series in September 2014. Alex’s research examines ways to improve outcomes for exposure therapy via manipulations of cognitive heuristics (e.g., the peak-end rule of memory). Clinically, he is interested in evidence-based practices.

CURRENT STUDENT PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS:

The following is a partial list of publications and presentations from the past year involving clinical graduate students. It should give you a sense of the range of things our current students are involved with. Names of students currently enrolled in the program are in bold.


Tsai, M., Dwyer, M., & Hamilton, J. (2014) Effects of depressive symptoms and distress on psychosocial and physical factors in pre-bone marrow transplant patients. Poster presentation at the American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.


Esterline, K. E., & Muehlenhard, C. L. (2014). “I wish you could’ve been there”: College students’ experiences of performative making out. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha, NE.


Pan, T. Y., & DeMarco, A. C. (2014). Relationship between thought-shape fusion and severity of depression in obese women who are healthy or clinically depressed. Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco.

DeMarco, A. C., & Pan, T. Y (2014). Relationship between severity of depression and dysfunctional attitudes in obese women who are healthy or clinically depressed. Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco.


NESTLING HAWKS: 2014 ENTERING CLASS

Natasia Adams (Health Track)
BA & M.A - University Alabama Birmingham.
Natasia is working with Nancy Hamilton

Andrea Bevan (Health Track)
BA - University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Andrea is working with Amber Watts

**Brittany Bohrer** (General Track)
BA - University of North Dakota
Brittany is working with Kelsie Forbush

**Tyler Hunt** (General Track)
BA - Purdue University
Tyler is working with Kelsie Forbush

**Mirjana Ivanisevic** (Heath Track)
BA - Georgia State University
Mirjana is working with David Johnson

**Michael Namekata** (General Track)
BA - San Jose University
Michael is working with Steve Ilardi

**Daniel Reis** (General Track)
BA - Washington State University
is working with Steve Ilardi

**Taylor Rigby** (Health Track)
BA - San Francisco State University
Taylor is working with David Johnson

**Erik Wing** (General Track)
BA - University of Wisconsin, Madison
Erik is working with Steve Ilardi

**FLEDGLING HAWKS: ON INTERNSHIP**

**Becky Hunter:** V.A. Palo Alto Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA.

**Michelle Kanga:** VA Maryland Health Care System/University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.

**Katie Keil:** VA Illiana Health Care System, Danville, IL.

**Teresa Lillis:** Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.

**Ty Owens:** Portland VA Medical Center, Portland, OR.

**Clarice Wang:** VA Medical Center- West Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL CLINIC**
I will start this column out on a personal note. My family had a really tough 2014. Our daughter, Sam (who just turned 5!), had an accident and suffered a skull fracture. We were at Children’s Mercy Hospital for 5 days and our care was outstanding. Sam made it through with flying colors and really has not missed a beat. My heart missed a lot of beats and experiencing a trauma with her was the biggest challenge Tom and I have faced to date. I was so grateful for my friends and family during this difficult time, and I want to especially thank my Children’s Mercy Family (many KU graduates among them) and my KU Family. The graduate students rallied and helped with tasks and brought us wonderful food! Cyd Schnacke and Bruce Liese helped cover my supervision and Libby Harfmann my outstanding student clinician took on my duties at the clinic. Bonnie Schafer was my rock, and Sam could not wait to come visit Bonnie and show her the owee 😊

We continue to revise and advance, expand practicum, and welcome any input from alumni about how to move us forward! Please contact me or come for a tour anytime!

Best,  
Sarah Kirk  skirk@ku.edu

**Faculty Sampler**

**From Retirement – The One and Only Ray Higgins!**

Here are some interesting things I have learned about retirement:

1. Wearing white socks with sandals is no longer seen as an "unnatural act".

2. Medicare Part D is easier to understand than structural equation modeling.

3. Every night is Friday night and every day is Saturday.

4. "Blue Mondays" are a thing of the past.

5. I can criticize the NRA without jeopardizing my wellbeing.

6. Sleeping late never means having to say you are sorry.

7. Being dazed and confused is no longer.......well.......I forget.

8. Living without a salary is like being a student again.

9. The world would be a better place if sweat pants were a universal dress code.
Ruth Ann Atchley This has been another busy year in the Department of Psychology and in my own research. The department was able to hire four new faculty members this year and so our faculty is returning to its normal strength, though we (always) still have some areas that need help. The addition of such great new faculty, including two new faces in the Clinical program, helps keep our department strong and lively. With help from the Provost’s office we were able to hire a post-doctoral fellow to help with our teaching mission. And with help from the College, the Child Clinical program was able to bring in a Visiting Assistant Professor, who is helping us meet our undergraduate and graduate teaching commitments. In my own research, we were able to use funding provided by the National Academies, Keck Futures Project to bring together a very exciting group of researchers together in Moab Utah to determine how we can better study the cognitive neuroscience benefits that come from spending more time in natural environments. I was also able to give a well-received talk to the Psychonomics Society last month about this research program. The most exciting travel of the year for us was a month long trip to Australia where I gave a talk at the University of Adelaide and where I was able to participate in two neuroscience conferences (not to mentioned feeding a lot of kangaroos and holding some kola bears).

Tamara Baker Since coming to KU, I have tried to continue my level of productivity as an educator, researcher, and mentor. I just recently completed the last year of my NIH NCI funded research project focusing on the psychological and socio-cultural factors influencing cancer pain management in older adults. Although we are still cleaning the data on the intervention phase of the study, results from baseline data have been published and presented at a number of conferences. As a mentor, I am most proud of my students, some of whom have been accepted, and currently attending graduate and postdoctoral programs at Ohio State (The Ohio State University!), University of Michigan, and Penn State.

Just a little information about my research: my research agenda examines intra (within) race group variability in symptom and chronic disease (pain, cancer, arthritis, etc.) self-management among community- and clinic based populations, while identifying psychosocial and physical health indicators influencing the experience and management of these conditions. Applying an a priori within group approach allows me to rigorously examine the unique characteristics specific to that population (older adults, Black men), while providing a mechanism by which to draw more valid conclusions when comparing race groups. This is an important approach considering potential differences that occur between race groups within their historical, cultural, and socialized patterns. I am also interested in assessing factors that contribute to health disparities and inequities in the management of disease, and receipt of and access to healthcare resources and services. This involves understanding the influence social determinants have at the patient, provider, and institutional levels.

While I continue my research at a national level, networking opportunities have afforded me the opportunity to establish international collaborations, where I am currently working with faculty at CES University in Medellín, Colombia. This has, and continues to be, a rewarding experience, as I look forward to expanding my scholarly work in global aging research, while improving my Spanish!

¿Tu hablas español? …if so, see me!!!

On a personal note. What can I say…coming to Kansas has been a life changing experience for me and my family! Having lived in Tampa, FL (I know you’re asking, why would I leave FL for KS!?!?!) for 10 years, it has been quite an adjustment. As a side note, the last pair of boots that I purchased was the first year of my postdoc at the University of Michigan, which was in 2001 (no kidding)! I have purchased more sweaters in the past three months, than I have in the past 15 years (again, no kidding)…and don’t ask if I’ve purchased a “real winter coat” (the answer is…NO)! Overall, life is good, and the folks here are pretty friendly. I’m still taken a little off guard as to how friendly people are! I have never been to the grocery store without at least one person (who is not employed at the store) to say hi. Coming from the east coast, this is a rarity…but, I welcome the friendliness! So far, I do appreciate the fall/winter, and explaining to my 5 and 7 year old why the leaves were turning different colors and falling to the ground. I had to laugh when asked this question forgetting that the only Fall season my kids have experienced consisted of palm trees and 80 degree weather!! They let me know at least once a week that it’s: 1) very cold here and 2) they want to go back to FL! So, when I’m not busy answering the millions of questions as to why it’s so cold, I enjoy spending time with my kids and husband (who, although born and raised in the Midwest, absolutely hates the cold weather…he’s in denial), working out, and balancing that out with eating good bread pudding and thinking constantly about when I can return to New Orleans to partake in BBQ fried oysters…they are the BEST! No, I’m not from New Orleans, but the food is phenomenal! Overall, the transition to KS has been good and I’m going to enjoy every minute of it! La vida es muy buena!
Mike Rapoff  This has been another wonderful year for the Rapoff family. We welcomed our baby granddaughter, Elliot Catherine Rapoff into the world on August 25, 2014. She is thriving and is, as of this writing, 3 months old and her older brother Harrison “Sonny” Rapoff is 15 months old and is doing well. Our son Nathan and daughter-in-law Lori live in Skiatook, Oklahoma, a suburb of Tulsa with our grandchildren and we see them often. Our daughter Lindsey still lives in town and we get to see her often also and she is enjoying being a “Teta” (Aunt in Macedonian) for her nephew and niece (I am “Dedo” and my wife Kim is “Baba”, also in Macedonian).

I am working on developing an online course on pain with input from Bob Twillman.

I continue to have terrific graduate students, with [Michele Tsai](#) and [Alex Williams](#) going off to internship next year and [Ali Calkins](#) working on her Master’s thesis. [Catrina Litzenburg](#) (formerly Lootens) is taking a post-doctoral fellowship at Oklahoma Health Sciences. We had several publications this year again with current and former students:


Doug Denney  Sand Storms

The eight men arrived by Southwest Airlines late at night, their travel bags filled mainly with sand. They had hoped to visit the train station before retiring for the night, but their Kansas City host, Lobsang, said the hour was probably too late. Inspection of the job site could occur the next morning when the ancient labors they had been entrusted to perform were to begin. From experience, they knew the job would require almost five full days to complete.

Two days into it, they had made a good start. The 6-foot center design with its elaborate filigreed border of white, black, saffron, and three shades of green sand was finished when the monks retired to their evening meditations. As on the night before, the velvet-covered theatre cord was again strung around the mandala and the signs asking people to remain outside the work area hung from the cord. Union Station descended into the late night of the second day with only an occasional person walking through the expansive lobby, their footsteps on the marble floor echoing throughout the empty stillness of the historic old building.

The mother was momentarily confused. Emerging into the cavernous hub of the station, one could easily become disoriented, unsure as to which hallway to follow next. The gilded street names over each entrance were all but useless in the dim lighting. The place was spooky, and although not particularly prone to bouts of fear, there was always the possibility the boy wearily tagging along behind her might become frightened in these strange surroundings. If he did, she planned to distract him by showing how sounds echoed in the room.

She knew her toddler would readily seize on the opportunity to try his full repertoire of guttural noises in such an elegant auditorium. As she mulled over this contingency plan, she recovered her bearings. Spotting the appropriate hallway across the lobby, she quickly headed for it. Whether she was even aware of moving around the cordoned area as she crossed the room is anybody’s guess. But something about the sinusoidal regularity of the blue velvet cord strung from post to post had easily seduced the boy’s attention. And, as his hand explored the luxuriant softness of the cloth, his eyes discovered the sand.

She was only a few steps down the hallway when she realized he wasn’t behind her. Turning back to the massive space, she saw him inside the cordoned area. Retracing her steps, it seemed as if the last few sweeps of his feet through the sand were executed in slow motion. Added to what he had already accomplished before discovery, the boy had nearly completed his mission of destruction by the time she reached him. Unceremoniously jerking him back under the cord, she pulled him down the hall from whence she had just come. The video recording of the incident reveals no evidence of ambivalence as to what she should do. Perhaps she hadn’t even glanced at the mandala on her first crossing of the rotunda, and by the time she had returned to the child, she could not recognize the significance of the multi-colored sand he was playing in, and now her only thought was something like, “what a stupid place to put a sand pile!” More likely, in the course of dealing with the daily escapades of her rambunctious son, the minor tragedies, like the different colors of sand, simply blended into one another without much discernable difference in malfeasance, and the only realistic way for a mother to cope was just to keep...
on keeping on. After all, who do you call when your 3-year-old destroys a traditional Tibetan sand mandala in the geometric center of Kansas City’s Union Station?

The video was played repeatedly on the local news channels and then, although the term had yet to be invented in 2007, it “went viral” on YouTube. Owing to the poor lighting, the identities of the mother and child were never determined. But public scorn over parental irresponsibility was swift to follow. A Ms. Misty Combs commented: “Why can’t people control their kids. Respect these monks. It’s disrespectful to bring your child to an event like this (?) and have it ruin the entire event for everybody.” Joe Hughes readily agreed with Ms Combs: “I’m tired of shitty parents not watching their kids and when that kid does something like this, they just shrug and get that stupid look on their face and say, ‘Kids….what are you going to do?’ I don’t know. How about: watch them to make sure they don’t destroy something that doesn’t belong to them?”

It seems the monks were about the only ones unconcerned about the incident. Pointing out that the mandala is always destroyed after completion anyway as a way of symbolizing the fleeting nature of life, they seemed blissfully indifferent that a child had jumped the gun on this one occasion.* One of the monks surrounded by reporters eager to capture even the slightest trace of earthly angst could only manage a statement of the obvious: “Now we have just three days left to finish the mandala, so we will have to work faster.”

Psychological development is often summarized as a path stretching from the impulsive actions of the child to the reflective wisdom of the monk. This is a story about one of the nonlinearities hidden in this model: a point along the progress where further movement toward the reflective wisdom of the monk is best achieved through a closer embrace of the impulsive actions of the child. It is perhaps for similar reasons that grandparents are usually such able caregivers to their grandchildren.

* As I write this, I’ve learned that the incident was repeated on April 25, 2014, in the second floor rotunda of the City Hall in Jersey City, NJ. In this more recent case, the mandala was destroyed about one hour before its completion by a toddler whose mother was one of 30 people attending a naturalization event to welcome them as U.S. citizens. Welcome to America, Mrs. Abatundai! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj2dA_ncPg4 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8J_Ctk4-IoQ

Nancy Hamilton I will start by stating that I never quite know what to say for the Hawkline. So, I often say nothing. This year, I have a few interesting things to report. First, I finished two long-term project. Fibromyalgia and Sleep Treatment (project FAST) showed a high prevalence of Sleep Disordered Breathing (SDB) among patients with Fibromyalgia. Unfortunately, there were no effects of treating SDB in this sample. So, the work goes on in trying to figure out the relationship between sleep and pain symptoms in this population.

The second project was designed to evaluate the role of sleep in new mothers (3-6 months post partum). This was a project conceived with one of my graduate students (Teresa Lillis) and Sarah Pressman (we miss her). There were a number of interesting findings but I will highlight just a few. First of all, our participants seemed to get enough sleep. But, there were a number of interesting predictors of both sleep quality and quantity, exercise (good), baby sleeping location (in parents room-bed), and social interactions (for better and worse). Also, not surprisingly sleep was related to mood the next day, both directly (in the obvious directions) and as a buffer. Good sleep helped new moms as they interacted with their fussy babies. With any luck you will see these data in a future issue of Health Psychology.

On a personal note, I continue to savor memories of our trip to Europe this summer. We visited Iceland, France (Paris and the Normandy region), and England (Salisbury and London). Here are some things that I
learned on the trip: 1) The visitor’s guide to Iceland offers the most valuable advice for tourists everywhere: “Don’t be a complete asshole.” Hard to argue with that. 2) As long as you are not a complete asshole, the French are gracious and lovely people. Their snooty reputation is undeserved. 3) I think that it is possible that the phrase “measure twice, cut once,” was first uttered by a stone worker at Stonehenge who, as it turns out, did not measure twice. If you are curious about the last point, contact Pat Shelly at “Salisbury & Stonehenge Guided Tours” for a tour.

Steve Ilardi  Somehow the stars all aligned last spring, giving me the opportunity to recruit not one, not two, but THREE entering graduate students to join the TLC Lab this year. And purely by coincidence, all three new students are guys. It had nothing to do with my longstanding desire to field a TLC Lab men’s basketball team in the City Rec League, although a chi-squared analysis of gender ratio-by-lab effects was significant at the p<.05 level. (But, in my defense, the appropriate non-parametric test was non-significant).

In any case, my new students - Erik Wing, Michael Namekata, and Daniel Reis - have already made a big impact on the lab during their first semester, helping design and launch a new placebo-controlled study of the effects of probiotic supplementation on depressive symptoms, sleep quality, and heart rate variability (vagal tone). They're also helping me formulate a revision and extension of the TLC protocol for depression ('Version 3.0').

Charlene Muehlenhard  In January, I had a harrowing drive from Cincinnati back to Kansas. In Indiana and Illinois, I-70 was icy and treacherous. Multiple vehicles per mile were abandoned, upset, or smashed. For 50 minutes (6:00-6:30 PM), I did not see another vehicle driving on I-70, and I decided that I should get off the highway too. I was lucky to get a hotel room (the last one) at the Effingham Holiday Inn. They set up a shelter in a large meeting room; they gave out pillows and blankets, and stranded travelers slept on the floor.

In May, Cyd and I and 2 friends (including Clinical grad Kathryn Minick) visited another friend in Colorado. We went to the Denver Botanical Gardens and to the Grass Station, a very wholesome-looking cannabis dispensary. Renovations on my house continued. This summer’s project was the first-floor bathroom, with its exposed pipes wrapped with duct tape. I also got the house painted and dealt with termites, radon, and tree-sized poison ivy.

In August Ray Higgins retired. The Clinical Program dedicated the microwave oven, which has been faithfully serving the Clinic Program since 1982, to him. Here’s a video featuring Ray that you might enjoy: http://www.jibjab.com/view/Q8tJ5w45MyvspGYI

In October I broke my right little finger in a weird accident; a chair with a narrow base and a high center of gravity fell over, and the seat landed on my finger. My hand was in a cast for weeks. Who knew that sitting in a chair could be so dangerous?

Several Sex Lab students defended this year: Basak Efe, Michelle Kanga, and Jill Nesbitt (defending dissertations); John Sakuluk (in Social) and Eddie Wright (oral comps); and Adijat Mustapha and Kate Esterline (master’s theses). CONGRATULATIONS to them, and HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everyone!

Amber Watts  I recently had my research featured in U.S. News and World Report. The study was on the relationship between neighborhood walkability and cognitive decline in older adults with and without Alzheimer’s Disease. I am building relationships with the Tai Chi program at Lawrence Memorial Hospital and, along with my graduate student Andrea Bevan, will begin collecting data to study the benefits of Tai Chi for older adults. My first doctoral student, Kathleen Rhyner, successfully proposed a dissertation this fall to study Physical Activity and Cognition in older adults. Another project, spearheaded by grad student Aili Breda, will investigate the effects of attitudes about aging on health outcomes in older adults.

Hawks in Flight

I had a note from Rebecca Hunter (see Fledgling Hawks) who is on Internship at Palo Alto VA and heard a piece on NPR about post-traumatic growth and one of the psychologists mentioned was David Feldman ’04 from just down the road at Santa Clara University. David has recently co-authored a book titled Supervsurvivors: The Surprising Link Between Suffering and Success. Great work David and congratulations!

Jill Hockemyer ’07 send some super-cute photos of the new addition to the family in July. Matthew Allen Prendergast joined the family on 7/8/2014. Jill mentioned older brother was enjoying little brother and the family was doing well in Iowa.

Abbey Hughes ’14 and Eugene Botanov ’14 have joined the swelling ranks of Northwest Jayhawks. Abbey accepted a fellowship in the UW Rehabilitation Medicine MS Research Center and Eugene at Marsha Linehan’s Behavioral Research and Treatment Center at
UW. Eugene continues to keep me up to date on everything from Ethics to Prescription privileges – keep it coming Eugene!

**Phuong Chau ’10** sent word that she is in Washington state and now in a neuropsychologist’s position at Seattle VA. She indicated she is really enjoying the position and how great it was to see **Tiffany Meites** and **Thao Bui**.

Some Jayhawks are back in the Lawrence area and have contacted us.

**Jane Warren ’76** was in touch and had returned to Lawrence from Nebraska where she was in private practice and teaching. Jane is an Assistant Professor Bellevue University in the M.A. Clinical Psychology Program and planned to continue some teaching duties via online courses. We appreciated hearing from Jane and welcome a visit back to Fraser anytime!

**Twila Preston ’99** is closing up shop after 15 years of private practice and planning to move back to the Kansas City area the summer of 2015 and to join **Rodney McNeal** from Clinical Child Program at his practice. Twila has been involved in some very interesting work with diverse clients (Hispanic, Native American, and rural). She conducts evaluations and many for disability and vocational rehabilitation purposes. She has also done work for the Federal Public Defender, Native American Tribes, a bariatric surgery practice, and Wayne State College counseling center. Twila was also interested in hearing from anyone who may have an interest in her existing practice and if you have an interest we can put you in touch. We will be glad to have you back in the area Twila!

**PASSINGS:**
We are unaware of any passings this year.

**CLINICAL PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS:**
We are greatly appreciative of those who have contributed to the Clinical Program this past year. (Very recent contributions that have not been reported to us in time for this issue of the Hawkline will be reported next year.)

**Beatrice A. Wright Scholarship Fund**
Coleen Wright Rand, Beatrice Wright, Bette Fletcher, Randal W. Fletcher

**B. Kent Houston Award in Health Psychology Fund**
Carol R. Lowery

**Clinical Psychology Development Fund**

**Richard J Browne, Gail Young Browne, Rick E. Ingram, Nancy A. Hamilton, Lorraine Mangione, David J Lutz, Ellen Scott McLean, Mary McCartney Keil,**

**Robin J. Lewis-Schoner, Arthur M. Schoner, Paula Drumwright Seikel, John A. Seikel, Daniel L. Larsen, Thomas G. Burish, Virginia L. Whitener, Janet R. Endelman, Patricia A. Green, Timothy L. Boaz, Jeff Crowson, Jane A. Finn, Ernst & Young Foundation, Keri Kinnaird, Jim L. Olson, Mary Lee Montgomery-Olson, Mary Seedorff Kesler, David W. Kesler, Beth L. Dinoff**

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**Don Hutchings Memorial Fund**
Lorraine Mangione

**Edward Dreyfus Endowment**
Edward Dreyfus

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