

**Annual Report (2007-2008)**  
**Psychology Department**

**I. Staffing**

A. Dr. Peter Vietze, a Developmental Psychologist, joined the Department as Chair on July 1, 2007. He received his Ph.D. in 1969 from Wayne State University. Dr. Vietze came to Montclair from the John F. Kennedy, Jr. Institute for Worker Education at City University of New York where he was Director of Research. Prior to that Dr. Vietze served as Executive Deputy Director of the New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities where he was also Chair of the Department of Infant Development. Dr. Vietze has enjoyed a career as a Program Director at NIH, Research Scientist and College Professor. His areas of expertise include Developmental Disabilities, Infant Social and Cognitive Development as well as Child Abuse and Neglect.

B. Tenure

Dr. Yoav Arieih, Dr. Deborah Fish Ragin and Dr. Valerie Sessa were all granted tenure.

Promotions

Dr. Yoav Arieih, Dr. Anthony D'Urso and Dr. Valerie Sessa were promoted to Associate Professor

C. Graduate Assistants

Ari Bernstein, Sara Gravatt, Courtney Hopkins, Amy Lancaster, Jamie Lynn Masco, Peter Molinaro, Christopher Pingor, Mason Shepherd,

**II. Curriculum Development:**

A. Undergraduate

The new Minor, Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement, a University Wide cross disciplinary Minor was launched in collaboration with Anthropology, Broadcasting, Communication Studies, Earth and Environmental Studies, Educational Foundations, Experiential Education, Family and Child Studies, Health and Nutrition Studies, Linguistics, Management and Information Systems, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, **Psychology**, Sociology, Women Studies.

The new Introduction to Research Methods (PSYC 203) was offered as a replacement for PSYC 102, the former second course of a two course Introduction to Psychology sequence. PSYC 101 was redesigned to cover all areas of psychology.

New course- Adolescent Health: A Gender Perspective. Offered as a jointly listed course with Women's Studies Department. Developed to examine unique health concerns of adolescent girls. (Developed by Deborah Ragin)

## B. Graduate

The Faculty voted to resume offering the Certificate in School Psychology and Post- Doctoral Certificates in School Psychology and in Forensic Psychology.

The Faculty also voted to require a Graduate Capstone Experience in place of the Comprehensive Examinations in all MA programs but the General Master's Program.

## III. Special Events:

### Retreat

January 14-- Retreat, supported by the Provost and Dean to develop a Vision for the Department. The Vision statement is currently:

*The Psychology Department at MSU is a diverse community of educator-scholars who create a student-centered learning environment in its undergraduate and graduate programs. We embrace a diverse and culturally sensitive perspective.*

*We respect each faculty member as a colleague and her/his unique and particular professional commitments as they relate to academic responsibilities within his/her field of psychology.*

*Faculty provide excellence in*

- 1) inspired teaching of the science and practice of psychology,*
- 2) research, and*
- 3) dedicated service in the University and broader community.*

*We ensure that our students are prepared to think scientifically and to enter a wide range of productive roles.*

The Faculty recognizes that this is a dynamic statement and is open to change by a majority vote.

**Other Events**

May 1--Psi Chi Induction ceremony (Organized by Professor Debra Zellner)

**IV. Other Department/Program Achievements and Endeavors:**

None

**V. Activities of Administrative Units within Departments:**

None

**VI. Faculty Achievements:**

**Lisa Ambrose**

**A. Scholarship**

Textbook Reviewed

The Spoken Word, Pearson, Allyn & Bacon

**C. Service to the University**

University Senator

Member, Red Hawk Day Committee

**Paul C. Amrhein**

**A. Scholarship**

**Papers Published and In Press**

Knopsky, A., & Amrhein, P.C. (2007). Phonological facilitation through translation in a bilingual picture-naming task. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 10, 211-223 (Keynote article). (Published by Cambridge University Press)

Smith, J.L., Amrhein, P.C., Brooks, A., Carpenter, K.M., Levin, D., Schreiber, E.A., Travaglini, M.A., & Nunes, E.V. (2007). Providing live supervision via teleconferencing improves acquisition of motivational interviewing skills after workshop attendance. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 33, 163-168.

Apodaca, T. R., Miller, W. R., Schermer, C. R., & Amrhein, P.C. (2007). A pilot study of bibliotherapy to reduce alcohol problems among patients in a hospital trauma center. *Journal of Addictions Nursing, 18*, 167-173.

Moyers, T.B., Martin, T., Christopher, P.J., Houck, J.M., Tonigan, J.S., & Amrhein, P.C. (2007). Client language as a mediator of motivational interviewing efficacy: Where is the evidence? *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, 31*(S3), 40-47. (Published by the Research Society on Alcoholism)

Aharonovich, E., Amrhein, P.C., Hasin, D., Bisaga, A., & Nunes, E.V. (in press). Cognition, commitment language, and behavioral change among cocaine dependent patients. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*. (Published by the American Psychological Association)

#### **Conference Presentations:**

Amrhein, P.C. (2008, June). *What does linguistic coding tells us about client commitment to behavioral change?* Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Baltimore, MD.

Amrhein, P.C., Aharonovich, E., Hasin, D., Bisaga, A., & Nunes, E.V. (2008, June). *Clinical Relationships between Cognition, Commitment Language and Behavioral Change in Cocaine Dependent Patients*. Seventieth Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan Puerto Rico.

#### **Invited Presentations:**

Amrhein, P.C., (2008, April). *Understanding How People Change Their Behavior By Analyzing What They Say in Psychotherapy*. Symposium: Studying social interaction in the context of motivational interviewing. Department of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland.

Amrhein, P.C., (2008, March). *Understanding How People Change Their Behavior By Analyzing What They Say in Psychotherapy*. Cognitive Science Program Lecture, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.

#### **C. Service:**

Dissertation committees:

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (successfully defended 5/15/08)

Department of Sociology and Social Psychology at the University of Tampere in Tampere, Finland.

April 2008, External Review Committee-CUNY-Staten Island, Masters Program in Neuroscience, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Awarded Sabbatical Leave-Spring, 2009.

**Yoav Arie**

**A. Scholarship**

Papers Published:

Arie, Y. & Marks, L. E. (2007). Post-Transient Shifts in Auditory Lateralization. *Perception and Psychophysics*, 69, 523-528.

Arie, Y. & Marks, L.E. (2008). Cross-Modal Interaction between Light and Sound: An Accuracy-Speed Analysis. *Perception and Psychophysics*, 70, 412-421.

**Irwin J. Badin**

**A. Scholarship**

Papers Presented:

Badin, I.J., Garofallou, J. & Stein, S. (2008) Freud in a chair: Using a psychoanalytic lens to understand and treat the once-a-week patient. Symposium presented at New Jersey Psychological Association Conference. March 2008.

Badin, I.J. & Cantor, D. (2008). Clinical Dilemmas: How to stay out of trouble. New Jersey Psychological Association Advanced Clinical Practice Series. May 2008.

**Jennifer Bragger**

**A. Scholarship**

Publications:

Kirnan, J.P., Bragger, J.B., Harris, R., Alfieri, J. (In press). An investigation of stereotype threat in employment tests. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.

**Anthony V, D'Urso**

**A. Scholarship**

## **Technical Publications**

June 2008 – New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Annual Report Board

June 2007 – New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board Annual Report

Workshops

Finding Words – NJ - Forensic Interviewing Academy – Directed forensic academy and conducted three sessions in October 2007, March 2008 & June 2008 training 110 detectives, prosecutors, mental health clinicians and child protective specialist workers

## **Invited Presentations**

May 2008 – American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) – New Jersey Chapter – “Taking Shots at the Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome (CSAAS): Pedophilic Videotaping of Abuse and the Disclosure Process”

May 2008 – Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) - “Dynamics of Child Maltreatment & the Investigatory Process”

August 2007 – Beyond Finding Words – National Child Protection and Training Center (NCPTC), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) – “Taking Shots at the Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome (CSAAS): Pedophilic Videotaping of Abuse and the Disclosure Process”

September 2007 – Department of Children and Families, North Jersey Developmental Center – “Risk and Behavioral Indicators in Severely Disabled Students”

## **B. Professional Distinctions**

### **Gubernatorial Appointment**

Chair, New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Board

## **C. Pro-bono Work, Community Outreach, Service to MSU**

### **Pro Bono Appointment**

Member, New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Protection Sub-Committee

### **Departmental Service**

Chair, Department Personnel Advisory Board (DPAC)

Chair, Graduate Curriculum and Programs Review Committee (GCPRC)

Member, Child/Clinical Search Committee

### **Katherine Ellison**

#### **A. Scholarship**

Research Conducted

Summer 2007-Research conducted, Kalahari Meerkat Project, South Africa [Earthwatch]  
Presented at Psychology Department Colloquium.

### **Milton A. Fuentes**

#### **A. Scholarship**

#### **Publications**

Cantor, D. W., & Fuentes, M. A. (in press). Psychology's Response to Managed Care. *Journal of Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*.

Yankouski, B., Kurtovic, T., Trent, J., Tursi, J., & Fuentes, M. (in press). Voices of hope: Children's messages of peace. *Peace Psychology Newsletter*.

Herrera, M. B., Adekoye, T., Yankouski, B., & Fuentes, M. A. (2007, Summer). Peace Camp: Promoting Peace, Building Skills, and Reducing Stress. *Mental Health News*, 9 (3), 31.

Palmer, L. & Fuentes, M. A. (2007). The relevance of diversity to the identity and practice of psychologists. *New Jersey Psychologist*, 57 (2), 16-18.

#### **Presentations**

Tursi, J., Spottle, K., Fuentes, M. A., & Deevakonda, P. (2007, October). *A trip down mentoring lane: ethnic minorities success with a pre-collegiate mentoring conference*. A paper presented at the Fall Conference of the New Jersey Psychological Association, Iselin, NJ.

Fuentes, M.A., Adames, H, & Ilia, N. (2007, August). *Building the pipeline for Latino psychologists: a promising training model*. In L. Ramos-Sanchez (Chair), Latino Training Models---New Directions in Cultural Competency Training.

#### Symposium

Conducted at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Fuentes, M. A. (2007, August). *Sowing seeds of diversity: reflections from the garden state*. In M. Fuentes, Tracking Diversity Efforts in State Associations---Stories Told, Lessons Learned. Symposium conducted at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Fuentes, M. A., Yankouski, B., Gaskins, J., & Dickinson, J. (2007, June). *Schools Versus Gangs: Ready and Willing, but are They Able?* In J. Dickinson (Chair), Risks, Antecedents, and Prevention of Gang Membership. Symposium conducted at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community and Research Action, Pasadena, CA.

#### Community-Based Workshop

Fuentes, M. A. (2007, November). *Becoming a psychologist*. An invited workshop at The Queen of Peace High School Career Orientation Day, North Arlington, NJ.

#### Poster Presentations

Arrieta, S., Sanguanchart, K., Smith, S., & Fuentes, M.A. (2008, April). *Latina adolescent suicide: Prevalence, causes and recommendations*. Poster session presented at the Third Annual National Child Advocacy Conference, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.

Solano, V. Y, Andrade, M. A., & Fuentes, M. A. (2008, April). *School truancy: Causes, implications and solutions*. Poster session presented at the Third Annual National Child Advocacy Conference, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.

Trent, J., Leone, K., Fuentes, M. A., & Yankouski, B. (2008, February). *Care to Talk: Sociability at Different Levels of Familiarity*. Poster session presented at the 9th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

Trent, J., Kurtovic, J., Yankouski, B., Gaskins, J., & Fuentes, M.A. (2007, August). *Beyond the Acquisition of Knowledge: Key Lessons Learned in Psyc 101*. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

St. Onge, S., Fuentes, M.A., White, K., & Deevakonda, P. (2007, August). The five “whats” of a personal statement. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Yankouski, B., Kurtovic, T., Trent, J., Tursi, J., & Fuentes, M.A. (2007, August). *Voices of hope: children’s messages of peace*. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA

Tursi, J., Gaskins, J., Yankouski, B., & Fuentes (2007, June). *The Dos and Don’ts of Mentoring: Evaluating a Mentoring Conference*. Poster session presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community and Research Action Conference, Pasadena, California.

### **B. Grants**

- 4/08 Puerto Rican Family Institute. Peace Camp 2008. (\$4,000)
- 12/07 American Psychological Association. ACT Parents Raising Safe Kids Program. (\$1,000)
- 5/07 Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs, American Psychological Association. MSU Scholars Program (\$4,000)

### **C. Service**

#### **Service To The Profession**

- 1/07-12/07 MEMBER. Executive Committee, New Jersey Psychological Association.
- 1/06-12/07 CO-CHAIR. Diversity Committee of the Executive Board. New Jersey Psychological Association.
- 5/05-4/08 SECRETARY. National Latino Psychological Association.
- 1/05-12/07 MEMBER-AT-LARGE. New Jersey Psychological Association.
- 5/04-present CO-CHAIR. Chapter Formation/Membership Committee, National Latino Psychological Association.
- 10/06-1/07 MEMBER. Nomination and Elections Committee. Society for Community and Research, Division 27 of the American Psychological Association.

### **Service to the University**

- 12/07-4/08 CHAIR. Child-Clinical Psychology Search Committee, Psychology Department, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/06-present MEMBER. Personnel Advisory Committee, Psychology Department, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/05-present MEMBER. Leadership Council, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/02-5/07 ADVISOR OF THE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB. Psychology Department, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/00-present MEMBER. Dean's Multicultural Advisory Council, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

### **Community Service**

- 7/02-present MEMBER. Board of Advisors. New Day Community, Catholic Community Services. Newark, NJ.

### **Community And Consultation Experience**

- 5/05-present CONSULTANT. ACT Against Violence Training Program, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2/02-present CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST. Bronx Child Placement Prevention Center, Puerto Rican Family Institute, New York City, New York
- Conduct psychological evaluations; facilitate family counseling training program; provide staff consultations, conduct agency in-services.

**Margarita Garcia-Estevez**

#### **A. Scholarship**

Presentation:

Estrada Palma In Honduras, Woodbury Historical Society, Woodbury (NY), May 19 2007.

[Tomas Estrada Palma, the first president of Cuba, was a resident of this small town in New York State for close to 20 years before the Cuban War of Independence from Spain. He left Woodbury for Cuba in 1902 to assume the presidency. The local historical society has an extensive collection on Estrada Palma.]

### **Danielle Martines**

#### **A. Scholarship**

##### **Publications**

###### Book

Martines, D. (July, 2008). *Multicultural School Psychology Competencies: A Practical Guide*. Thousand Oaks: CA Sage Publications

###### Article

Ponterotto, J. G., et al, & Martines, D. (April, 2007). Multicultural Personality Dispositions and Psychological Well-Being. *Journal of Social Psychology*. Vol 147, No.2 (119-135)

###### Chapter

Nahari, S., Martines, D., & Marguez, G. (2007). Consulting with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Parents. In Equivel, G., Lopez, E., & Nahari, S. *Handbook of Multicultural School Psychology*. NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

### **Robert McCormick**

#### **B. Grants**

New Jersey Partnership for Child Welfare Program. The Center for Child Advocacy was awarded \$1,200,000 to provide training in the counties of northern New Jersey to DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services) personnel. This grant was awarded to the Center by the Department of Children and Families of the State of New Jersey.

Post-BA Certificate in Child Advocacy. This grant is awarded to the Center for Child Advocacy by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). It completely covers tuition costs for DYFS personnel taking our Post-BA program. This year the grant totaled \$232,250.

Hispanic Information Center of Passaic, Inc., Foster Care Program. The Center for Child Advocacy will provide training for the staff of the HIC. The amount of the grant is \$6408.

### **C. Service**

Committees:

Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Co-Chair Curriculum Subcommittee of the Graduate Council

Graduate Council

Distinguished Scholar Committee

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Search Committee (Psychology)

Leadership Council

Multidisciplinary Program Committee (Subcommittee of the Leadership Council)

Other:

Director, Center for Child Advocacy

Program Coordinator, Child/Adolescent Clinical Concentration (MA in Educational Psychology)

Dean's Recognition Award (Service)

**Debra Fish Ragin**

### **C. Professional Distinction**

President of Division 48, Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence,  
American Psychological Association

### **D. Pro-bono Work, Community Outreach, Service to MSU**

Hunter College High School, NYC, Assist in the development of Service Learning program for grades 7-12. Increasing the number of service learning opportunities and introducing the program to middle school students to encourage more participation.

**Valerie Sessa**

### **A. Scholarship**

Sessa, V.I. & London, M. (Eds.) (2008). Work group learning: Understanding, improving, and assessing how groups learn in organizations. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc. (Now Taylor & Francis Group).

Sessa, V.I. & London, M. (due out summer 2008). Interventions to stimulate group learning in organizations. *Journal of Management Development*.

London, M. & Sessa, V.I. (2007). Development of group interaction learning patterns: How groups become adaptive, generative, and transformative learners. *Human Resource Development Review*.

### **B. Grants/Contracts/Awards**

Principal Investigator, AACU/Bringing Theory to Practice Demonstration Site Grant, ("Expanding Capacity for Engaged Learning across Montclair State University: Building academic, personal, and civic development through a Service Leadership Program."); US \$90,000 (2007).

## **Cigdem P. Talgar**

### **A. Scholarship**

Posters Presented:

Jason Trent, Nicole Gerber, Cigdem P. Talgar. The Demands Of Logos On Memory: Are Graphical Words Enough? Presented at Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, March 12-15, 2008, Boston, MA.

Sara B. Gravatt, Amanda McCloy, Cigdem Talgar. Congruent Or Incongruent? Testing The Resiliency Of The Picture Superiority Effect Presented at Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, March 12-15, 2008, Boston, MA.

## **Peter Vietze**

### **A. Scholarship**

**Presentations**

Vietze, P., Ebenstein, W. & Thompson, A. (2008) Effective employment training for youth with disabilities. Paper presented at the Quadrennial Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities, Cape Town, South Africa, August 2008.

Vietze, P & Gordon, A. (2008) Person centered planning for youth in transition Paper presented at the Quadrennial Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities, Cape Town, South Africa, August 2008.

**B. Grants**

AmeriCorps Community Early Intervention Program, (To Community Access Resources and Extended Services) NYS Office of Community and Family Services, \$126,000.

**C. Professional Distinctions**

Treasurer, Special Interest Group on Parenting, International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities.

**D. Service**

Member Executive Board, Platinum Minds

Consultant, Community Assistance Resources and Extended Services, New York, NY

**Debra A. Zellner**

**A. Scholarship**

Publications (refereed)

Barbiere, J.M., Vidal, A., & Zellner, D.A. (2007). The color of music: Correspondence through emotion. Empirical Studies of the Arts, 25, 193-208.

Rota, L.M. & Zellner D.A. (2007). The categorization effect in hedonic contrast: Experts differ from novices. Psychonomic Bulletin and Review, 14, 179-183

Zellner, D.A., Saito, S., and Gonzalez, J. (2007). The effect of stress on men's food selection. Appetite, 49, 696-699.

Zellner, D.A. (2007). Contextual influences on liking and preference. Appetite, 49, 679-

682.

Zellner, D.A., McGarry, A., Mattern-McClory, R., & Abreu, D. (2008). Masculinity/femininity of fine fragrances affects color-odor correspondences: A case for cognitions influencing cross-modal correspondences. Chemical Senses, 33, 211-222.

Parker, S, Bascom, J., Rabinovitz, B., & Zellner, D.A. Positive and negative hedonic contrast with musical stimuli. Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts, in press.

*Note: The following co-authors are or were MSU students – Barbieri, J., Vidal, A., Rota, L., Saito, S., Gonzalez, J., McGarry, A., Mattern-McClory, R., Abreu, D.*

#### Published Proceedings

Zellner, D.A., Jones, K., Morino, J., & Parker, S. (2007). Hedonic rarefaction accompanies positive hedonic contrast. In S. Mori, T.Miyaoka, and Wong, W. (Eds.), Proceedings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics, Tokyo, Japan, pp. 527-532.

#### Invited Publications

Zellner, D. A. Multi-modal Interaction: Color Chemical. In E.B. Goldstein (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Perception. Sage Press, in press.

#### Conference Presentations

Zellner, D., Jones, K., Morino, J., & Parker, S. (2007). Bad stimuli increase hedonic evaluations and separations. Association for Psychological Science.

Zellner, D.A., Jones, K., Morino, J., & Parker, S. (2007). Hedonic rarefaction accompanies positive hedonic contrast. In S. Mori, T.Miyaoka, and Wong, W. (Eds.), Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics.

Zellner, D.A., Siemers, E., Teran, V. & Locher, P. (2008). Symmetrical presentation of food makes it taste better. Eastern Psychological Association.

Cobuzzi, J.L. & Zellner, D.A. (2008). Hedonic assimilation or contrast with simultaneous presentation? Eastern Psychological Association.

*Note: The following co-authors are or were MSU students - Jones, K., Morino, J., Siemers, E., Teran, V., & Cobuzzi, J.*

#### Colloquia and Invited Talks

How liking and preference is influenced by context. National Food Research Institute, Tsukuba, Japan, 2007.

*The Scientific Facts about Sugar Addictions: A Review of the Literature. Oldways* Conference on Making Sense of the Science: Sugars, Sugar Substitutes, Sweetness, and Health, National Press Club, Washington, DC, 2008.

**Contract**

Leaning mechanisms in food craving. Funded by Pepsico to Monell Chemical Senses Center with Marci Pelchat.

**Service to the Profession**

Co-executive Editor of the journal *Appetite*.

Psychology Councilor for the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Psychology Editor of the journal of CUR (Council on Undergraduate Research), the *CUR-Quarterly*.

**Service to MSU**

Member of MSU IRB