What a Difference a Summer Can Make!

There was a tremendous amount of activity here in Rosenstock Hall over the summer. Returning students may not recognize the classrooms, computer labs, and faculty offices this semester. Along with needed structural updates, bare floors were carpeted, dated room accents were removed, walls were painted (did you notice the colorful accent walls in the classrooms?), windows were added to entry doors in the basement, and many additional upgrades were completed.

In case you have already forgotten or are new to Hood this year, here are some “before” and “after” photos of several Psychology Department offices and classrooms in the basement of Rosenstock. The renovations were completed just prior to the start of the Fall semester, and the moving company and Hood facilities did a terrific job getting things set back up in time for classes.

The changes to our department are not just cosmetic, we are pleased to introduce our newest faculty member, Dr. Jason Trent. Dr. Trent specializes in social and personality psychology, and is a welcome addition to the Hood faculty.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and that you are settled in, ready to learn, work, and have a great school year.

Welcome home!

(Photo credit: Ms. Kerri Eyler)
New Psi Chi Teaching Award Honors Dr. Robert Boyle

Following the induction of new members into Psi Chi (the psychology honor society) in May, 2013, the Hood chapter surprised the faculty and announced the establishment of a new teaching award. Psi Chi members will select a “professor of the year” from the psychology faculty. To earn this award, the faculty member will have served as a true inspiration and mentor to the students, and to the department. His/Her teaching, inside and outside of the classroom, is of the highest quality, and students feel this professor represents the best that our field has to offer.

Psi Chi has invested in an award plaque that will be placed in the department and engraved with the award recipient’s name at the end of each academic year. In a fitting tribute, Psi Chi members have named this special recognition of teaching excellence the “Dr. Robert Boyle Professor of the Year Award”.

Dr. Boyle, a social psychologist and current department chair, has been a key member of the psychology department and the
teaching award. Psi Chi members will

Dr. Robert Boyle

Dr. Boyle has taught and inspired countless psychology majors in his myriad of psychology courses, including social psychology and statistics, and he has mentored students and departmental faculty alike to excel in their chosen academic and career paths.

Dr. Boyle’s research interests include the psychology of cults, optical illusions, and documenting the history of the psychology department at Hood. He has published in a wide range of psychology journals, and has generated invaluable resources for faculty, staff and students. Dr. Boyle has advocated strongly for the department for many decades, and worked closely with colleagues to create a warm and welcoming academic environment.

Congratulations to Dr. Boyle and future award recipients!

“Sensation tells us a thing is. Thinking tells us what it is this thing is. Feeling tells us what this thing is to us.”
-Carl Jung

Ready to go “In-Depth”?

This will be the third year we have offered this exciting series. In-Depth was created to address student interest in applied careers in psychology.

Each month a clinical faculty/staff member or outside speaker presents a provocative and challenging applied case.

Last semester, to highlight what can be done with an undergraduate degree in psychology, a recent graduate of our program, Ms. Rebecca German, presented some of her work with autistic children. We also heard a riveting presentation by a courageous woman diagnosed with dissociative identity disorder (formerly known as multiple personality disorder) and post-traumatic stress disorder.

We have another great line-up for students this semester. We are now pleased to announce fall semester’s presenters and topics for this exciting series:

**SEPTEMBER 19:** Dr. Diane Oliver will present a family therapy case.

**OCTOBER 29:** Dr. Terry Martin will share a case of a young boy experiencing significant grief following his brother’s death.

**NOVEMBER 14:** Dr. Ted Rosen will share a case involving industrial/organizational psychology (the intersection of psychology and business).

All students are welcome to attend these informal presentations from 12:45-1:30. Students are encouraged to ask questions following the talk, and related literature is available for interested students. Bring your lunch and your curiosity. Dessert is always provided!

Psychology Coffee Hours: Caffeine and Sugar for Everyone

Have you ever wondered what Psychology faculty are like outside of the classroom? Interested in hearing about research going on in the department, or to ask representatives of Psi Chi or the Psychology Club for information about tutoring help, campus events, or graduate school plans? Have you ever just needed a darn good cup of coffee with some sweet treats?

Come to the Psychology Coffee Hour and you will not be disappointed! This activity is open to the entire Hood Community.

Stop by the basement of Rosenstock Hall every Thursday during common hour and join the fun. Bring your lunch and stay a while, or you are welcome to just visit.

It is a great opportunity to develop relationships with your classmates as well as with the fabulous psychology faculty.

***Thursdays***

**12:45—1:45 p.m.**

Rosenstock Room 1
Psi Chi: New Officers and New Vision

This year Psi Chi will be turning its focus to helping members of the Hood community prepare themselves for the GRE. We will potentially be holding math tutoring sessions for the first ten to fifteen minutes of the psychology department’s weekly coffee hour, and a mock GRE will be held in the spring. We will also be partnering with Psychology Club for the annual Autism Awareness Walk.

Questions about Psi Chi? Email Steven Powell at sp15@hood.edu.

Psychology Club: Making Friends and Helping Out

This year we welcome anyone who wants to participate and join in our activities. The psychology club has bi-weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:00 in Rosenstock, Room 1. We will be doing awareness tables again including suicide prevention, bipolar disorder, and Alzheimer’s. We will also be showing a few campus wide movies to create awareness as well! As a group, we will also be participating and volunteering in community walks, as well as creating the second walk for autism awareness on the Hood college campus!

The psychology club is looking forward to a fun and exciting year! Our officers this year are president Lauren Engel, vice president Mary Hickman, secretary Paige DeVore, treasurer Will Haller, and historian Molly Cluster.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please email Lauren Engel: lee1@hood.edu or Paige DeVore: pd7@hood.edu.

“\textit{The purpose of psychology is to give us a completely different idea of the things we know best.}”

- Paul Valery

So You Think You Understand the Psychology Major?

With so many changes to our major as well as the Hood curriculum, we strongly encourage students to check in with their advisor during the scheduled advising period, to be sure you are on track with our major; as well as help you maximize the resources Hood has to prepare you for a career after college.

Two years ago we changed the degree requirements for the major based on a review of key materials from graduate schools and peer institutions.

Following the conversion of 3-credit courses to 4-credit courses, additional adjustment to the major requirements had to be made. Importantly, many classes that had been inclusive of both graduate and undergraduate students will now be exclusively undergraduate OR graduate classes.

Please check the course offerings and strategically plan out your remaining years on campus to ensure you will complete all your desired coursework.

Graduating senior psychology majors, 2012-2013
We are thrilled to introduce our newest faculty member, Dr. Jason Trent. Some of you are lucky enough to have him as a professor this semester. Dr. Trent joined our department this fall, and brings with him a passion for social and personality psychology. Teaching is Dr. Trent’s main priority, and that makes him a wonderful fit for our department as well as the Hood College family. Originally from New Jersey, Dr. Trent completed his doctorate at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Feel free to stop by his office and ask him about his numerous travels, favorite breakfast dishes, and his top book choices.

Interested in research? Dr. Kundey, Dr. Oliver and Dr. MacDougall are all accepting applications to join their respective research teams. Dr. Trent is also currently putting together his lab and will soon be accepting applications as well. Contact them directly for more information.

Not sure who is who? Feel free to use this photo on the right to put a face with a name (Dr. Robert Boyle is pictured on page 2). Stop by our office hours (listed on the departmental website) or come to the psychology coffee hour to get to know us, and for us to find out how we can help and mentor you during your time here at Hood (or at least to find out why we are all wearing different colored robes)! We look forward to seeing you!