

## NEW FACULTY: JOAN MILLER AND EMANUELE CASTANO



Newcomer Joan Miller expresses her enthusiasm for joining the GF's Psychology Faculty in the Fall of 2003 and describes her interests:

It has been exciting joining the GF Psychology faculty and becoming part of the community at New School University. I moved here this past summer from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where I taught both in developmental psychology and the program on Culture and Cognition. I was also affiliated with the Research Center for Group Dynamics at the Institute for Social Research. My training and background is interdisciplinary, having obtained my doctorate from the Committee on Human Development at the University of Chicago and drawn on anthropology, sociology and philosophy in the research that I have conducted over my academic career. Thus, the opportunities for interdisciplinary interchange at the New School are both familiar and welcome.

My academic interests are broad, but more specifically focused on issues of culture and human development. In this regard, I welcome the cultural diversity of the New School and of the city as a rich context in which to undertake my culturally-oriented programs of

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Emanuele Castano joined the GF Psychology Department in the summer of 2003 and describes his interests and background:

I joined the Department of Psychology of the GF this past summer, after having taught at the University of Kent at Canterbury, England, for two years, and previous to that in Scotland, at the University of St. Andrews. The latter was my first academic job, after a post-doc at the Mershon Center of Ohio State University, and four wonderful years in Belgium, at the Université catholique de Louvain, where I received my Ph.D. I was born and raised in Italy, where I discovered social psychology as an undergraduate student at the Università degli studi di Padova. My research interests range from the investigation of the determinants and consequences of social identification (e.g., as Italian, man, psychologist, etc.) to the cross-cultural investigation of the perception of group agency. I am also working on a model to predict dehumanization of the enemy following intergroup violence, and I am developing a research program that investigates the factors leading to the attribution of collective responsibility. Since my work is increasingly interdisciplinary, involving the fields of international relations and political philosophy, this is a very good time for me to join the GF, which has a long tradition of interdisciplinary work in the social sciences. I thus look forward to developing my research interests and sharing them with colleagues and students.

## GREETINGS FROM PSYCHOLOGY CHAIR ARIEN MACK

Our Psychology Department was one of the founding departments of the Graduate Faculty back in 1934, when the Faculty in Exile was organized by the first President of the New School, Alvin Johnson. So you might well ask why, in our 70th anniversary year, have we decided to initiate a department newsletter? Or, more to the point, you might ask why it has taken us so long. Neither question has an easy answer beyond the obvious one that no one thought of doing it, perhaps because everybody is just too busy – there are always too many tasks to be done and too few people to do them. What has changed is the department's growing conviction that we needed and wanted closer ties to our alumni, and our sense that our alumni would very much welcome news of us and of their fellow alumni. I suppose we just reached what in current parlance is referred to as a "tipping point." Moreover, the technological advances in desktop publishing and wireless connectivity make this venture easier than it would have been with the old-fashioned publishing apparatus. We hope that we will have the perseverance and you the interest needed to ensure the ongoing life of this venture.

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## WELCOME TO THE STEELES BY JEREMY SAFRAN

In September 2004, Miriam and Howard Steele will be joining our Clinical Psychology program. The Steeles are international experts in the field of attachment theory and research, which grew out of the innovative work of British psychoanalyst John Bowlby and collaborators. Attachment research focuses on the empirical observation of mother-infant interactions and their implication for subsequent psychological health. It also investigates how people develop secure and insecure internal representations of their own interactions with their caregivers and how these representations affect their subsequent interpersonal and emotional competence.

Attachment has become one of the most important fields of research within developmental psychology, and it is arguably the most important field of research within psychoanalysis. The Steeles have done important theoretical work that forges the bridge between attachment theory/research and psychoanalytic theory.

Among other achievements, they are the principle investigators on the first and longest-running prospective longitudinal study of the intergenerational transmission of attachment. This study began by recruiting a large sample of pregnant women and their husbands, and assessing both partners' internal representations of their relationships with their mothers. Later, after the mother

gave birth, the Steeles assessed the quality of parent-child interactions in infancy, and they have continued to assess the children's psychological health and both social and emotional competence at various intervals as they have grown.

Miriam Steele comes to us from the Anna Freud Center, London, and Howard Steele from University College, London. Together they will fill a longstanding gap we have had in the Clinical Program in the area of clinical/developmental psychology.

# FACULTY NEWS

The GF Psychology Department's distinguished faculty members are not only serving the graduate and undergraduate population with their extensive expertise; they are also influencing the field of psychology through their research, editing of books and journals, published writings, and lectures. The following are just some of the outstanding achievements of our faculty this year.

**Emanuele Castano** published an article in *Political Psychology* called "The Perception of the 'The Other' in International Relations: Evidence for Polarizing Effect of Entitativity." Dr. Castano is also consulting Editor for the journal *International Review of Social Psychology* and co-Investigator of a research project on Group Agency and Collective Responsibility, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council in the UK.

**William Hirst** gave a keynote address in Sofia, Bulgaria titled "The Construction of a Collective Memory." Dr. Hirst also received grants in the sum of \$529,000 from National Institutes of Mental Health and \$104,000 from the McDonnell Foundation to study memories of 9/11.

**Nicholas Humphrey**, who spends half the year at the Philosophy Department in the London School of Economics, is now back at the GF. In the fall he organized a major conference in London on "The Place of Value in a World of Facts." He is continuing his research on the evolution of human mental faculties. In April he will give a series of Distinguished Lectures at Harvard University about consciousness.

**Nathan Kogan** was elected by the Society for the Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts (APA, Division 10) to serve a 3-year term on the Council of Representatives, which is the governing body of the APA. Dr. Kogan received the Sir Francis Galton Award from the International Association of Empirical Aesthetics for research and scholarly contributions in the fields of creativity, metaphor and aesthetics. Dr. Kogan also presented a paper called "Careers in the Dramatic Arts: Development and Motivational Perspectives" as part of the Symposium: Pinnacle of Artistic Performance of the 2002 APA convention in Chicago.

**Arien Mack's** article "Inattentional Blindness-Looking without Seeing" was published in *Current Directions in Psychological Science* in October of 2003. Dr. Mack also received grants in the amount of \$505,000 from the Mac Arthur Foundation and \$300,000 from the Carnegie Corporation for the Journal Donation Project. Dr. Mack also received a grant in the sum of \$50,000 from The Russell Sage Foundation for a conference she organized, *Fear: Its Political Uses and Abuses* which was held in February '04 at the New School.

**Joan Miller** is Editor of *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development Newsletter* and Assistant Editor for Theory and Method of the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin*. Dr. Miller gave a talk on "Culture, Agency and Interpersonal Motivation" at the Colloquium of the Ph.D. Program in Developmental Psychology of the Graduate Center, CUNY and at the Developmental Psychology Brownbag of New York University.

**Jeremy Safran** has published and edited a book titled *Psychoanalysis and Buddhism*, which explores the relationship between Buddhist ideals and Freudian concepts.

**Polly Scarvalone** received a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Faculty Development Fund to develop an Online Handbook for Psychology.

**Michael Schober** will become Editor of the journal *Discourse Processes* in the summer of 2004. He is taking on the task after having been Assistant Editor since 1997. Dr. Schober also received grants in the sum of \$489,000 from the National Science Foundation for his research on "Adaptive Interfaces for Collecting Survey Data from Users."

**David Shapiro's** book *Neurotic Styles* has been issued on audio cassette and is being translated into Japanese. *Neurotic Styles* has previously been published in French, Italian, German and Spanish. His article "The Tortured; Not the Torturers; Are Ashamed" was published in the special issue of *Social Research* on Shame (Winter 2004). Dr. Shapiro is giving two talks this spring: "Character and Psychotherapy" in Providence, R.I. for the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Group; and "Clinical Issues of Autonomy, Shame and Self-respect" for the Center for Effective Psychotherapy in Los Angeles.

**Jennifer Stuart** received a grant in the amount of \$42,000 from the Sloan Foundation to study the psychological experience of work and family life.

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# STUDENT NEWS

**Alain Bonacossa** (Ph.D.) received a 2003 Postgraduate Travel Bursary from the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology. He will be conducting field research at the Open University of Israel and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Zissis Pappas** (Ph.D.) presented a poster entitled "Do subliminally presented objects potentiate actions?" at the 44th Annual Psychonomic Society Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia last November. The poster was on the role of the dorsal visual stream in visually guided actions.

**Bettina Spencer** (Ph.D.) presented research done in conjunction with Dr. Castano entitled "The Threat of a Classless Society: Extending the Concept of Stereotype Threat to Social Class in America" at the Columbia Teachers College Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education in February 2004. The Roundtable was focused on strategies for improving and building the quality of multicultural education and psychology. Bettina received a student scholarship for the poster.

**Lesia Ruglass** (PhD) co-authored an essay entitled "Cognitive Behavior Therapy and the Therapeutic Alliance" with Professor Jeremy Safran. The essay will be published in the upcoming *International Encyclopedia of Cognitive Behavior Therapy*.

**Alex Cuc** (Ph.D.) received a prestigious National Science Foundation dissertation fellowship. Alex's dissertation is entitled "On the Formation and Transformation of Collective Memories in Family Conversation."

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Profiles



**Dr. Celia Fisher** (Ph.D., 1978) will receive the 2003-2004 Distinguished Alumni Award at the Graduate Faculty Graduation Ceremony on May 21, 2004. She has made important contributions in the

area of ethics and has been instrumental in developing ethical standards and federal guidelines for the protection of vulnerable populations in research. Dr. Fisher is past Chair of the American Psychological Association Ethics Code Task Force, the New York State Board for Psychology, the Society for Research in Child Development Committee for Ethical Conduct in Child Development Research, and the National Task Force on Applied Developmental Science. She is Vice-Chair of the APA Insurance Trust and founding co-Editor of the journal *Applied Developmental Science*. Dr. Fisher has written commissioned papers on research ethics with mentally impaired adults, children and ethnic minority populations for the President's National Bioethics Advisory Commission and for the National Institutes of Mental Health on suicide research and mental health research involving children and adolescents. Dr. Fisher is also a member of the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP), co-Chair of the SACHRP Subcommittee on Research Involving Children, and a member of the Institution of Medicine Committee on Clinical Research Involving Children. She currently holds the Marie Ward Doty Chair at Fordham University's Center for Ethics.

**Michael Eigen** (Ph.D., 1974) is a training analyst and senior member of the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis. He is also Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology and Supervisor at NYU's Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. Dr. Eigen recently published his newest book entitled *The Sensitive Self*, which explores his argument that sensitivity is the basis for humane ethics.

**Jamie Walkup** (Ph.D., 1987) is Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology at Rutgers, where he teaches Psychodynamic Interviewing and Adult Psychopathology. Dr. Walkup's research concerns the organization and financing of health and mental health care for socially marginal people with serious mental illness.

**Andrew Morral** (Ph.D., 1988) is a senior behavioral scientist at RAND and Associate Director of the Public Safety and Justice Program. Dr. Morral is conducting research funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Center on Substance Abuse Treatment at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Dr. Morral gave a talk at the GF Psychology Speaker Series entitled "The Marijuana Gateway Effect" which explored the idea that use of marijuana leads to use of other drugs.

**William Barr** (Ph.D., 1988) is Chief of Neuropsychology at NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center. Dr. Barr's research interests include memory impairment and behavioral disorders related to epilepsy.

**Craig Piers** (Ph.D., 1993) is Associate Director of Admissions at the Austen Riggs Center, a psycho-analytic hospital in Massachusetts. Dr. Piers also provides psychotherapy counseling for students at Williams College.

**Byron Woolen** (Ph.D., 1994) founded a very successful business/ organizational consulting firm called Worklab Consulting.

**Karen Dahlman** (Ph.D., 1995) is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Dahlman also directs neuropsychology training and is coordinator of the brain tissue donation program of the Alzheimer's Disease Research.

**David Manier** (Ph.D., 1996) is Assistant Professor at Lehman College, CUNY.

**Daisy Cruz-Richman** (Ph.D., 1997) is Professor and Dean at the College of Nursing, SUNY Downtown Medical Center. In 2003, Dr. Cruz was awarded over \$1.3 million in federal, state and city grants.

**Jon Freeman** (Ph.D., 1999) is Director of Laboratory Services at Clinilabs/Sleep Disorders Institute. Dr. Freeman gave a talk at the New School entitled "The Sleeping Brain," in which he discussed how technology has changed our understanding of sleep.

**William Gottdiener** (Ph.D., 2000) is Assistant Professor at John Jay, CUNY. His research interests include psychotherapeutic treatments for substance use disorders, trauma and schizophrenia. Dr. Gottdiener also maintains a small private psychotherapy practice.

**Gerald Echterhoff** (Ph.D., 2000) is currently a faculty member at the University of Cologne in Germany.

**Michael Silverman** (Ph.D., 2001) recently gave a lecture at the New School as part of the Cutting Edge in Science series. The lecture, entitled "Neuroimaging: Studying the Brain," discussed how functional neuroimaging is used to study the brain and behavior.

**Ilan Harpez-Rotom** (Ph.D., 2002) is a National Institutes of Mental Health post-Doctoral Fellow in functional disabilities and early intervention at the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Harpez-Rotom's research is designed to improve treatment outcomes and adherence to recommended treatment for children and their families.

**Yong Cho** (Ph.D., 2002), together with Dr. Quixia Mei Lan, has opened the Asian-American Family Clinic at Zucker Hillside Hospital. The clinic specializes in treating patients with mental illnesses that are specific to Asian countries and which may manifest in culture-bound syndromes. In a New York Times article about the importance of the center (Jan. 18, 2003), Dr. Cho spoke of the necessity for such a clinic stating, "Asians are often very reluctant to seek help."

**Bill Williams** (MA, 2003) is Principal Trumpet for the Sante Fe Opera Orchestra and a visiting faculty member at University of Michigan and the Eastman School of Music. Mr. Williams completed an MA in general psychology with a specific interest in performance anxiety.

**Christian Huygen** (Ph.D., 2003) is Director of the Rainbow Heights Club in Brooklyn, New York. The Club is a psychosocial and advocacy agency serving gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people living with mental illness.

**Yasuhiro Ozuru** (Ph.D., 2003) is a post-Doctoral Fellow at the Institute for Intelligent Systems University of Memphis. Dr. Ozuru's research focuses on memory of conversations and reading comprehension processes. Dr. Ozuru presented a poster on this topic at the Annual Psychonomic Meeting in 2002.

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research. I am also currently applying for grant funding to conduct an investigation of culture, close relationships and norms of reciprocity, with research sites in the U.S., Japan, and India. In the near future, I have plans to submit a grant application to conduct research on culture and theory of mind, which will seek to broaden the theoretical scope and cultural inclusiveness of this framework. During the present academic year, I am joined by Professor Shagufa Kapadia from the University of Baroda, who is here as a Fullbright Scholar. Presently, we are engaged in data collection on a project that is examining parent-adolescent relationships among Indian-American and European-American families within the New York City area as well as among families in Baroda, India.

I am delighted to be here and am very interested in getting to know everyone.

### WELCOME FROM ARIEN MACK

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We will use this newsletter to tell you about what is happening in the department: new programs and initiatives; who has come to join our faculty (in this issue you will find brief articles written by our two new faculty members, Joan Miller and Emanuele Castano describing a bit about who they are and where they came from). We hope to keep you up to date on the research and the achievements of both our faculty and current students and to do our best to give you news of the activities and achievements of our many alumni. Of course, whether we succeed in doing the latter depends a great deal on you. Alumni themselves are the primary source of news about alumni. To make it easy for you to contact us, we have established a Psychology Department address ([gfpsych@newschool.edu](mailto:gfpsych@newschool.edu)) and hope you will use it often to tell us what you are doing.

As you will see from the reports about our students, alumni and faculty in this issue, the department is strong and growing stronger. The addition of Miller and Castano provides much-needed and distinguished coverage in Developmental and Social Psychology, and the

coming of the Steeles next fall will not only deepen our concentration in Developmental Psychology but also will be a significant addition to our Clinical Psychology program. What is not apparent from the items in this newsletter is that we are actively engaged in seeking two new junior faculty members in Clinical Psychology and that we expect to have two distinguished visitors next year: Philip Johnson-Laird, Stuart Professor of Psychology at Princeton University, will spend his sabbatical year with us and Laus Fiedler, Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Heidelberg, comes as the New School's Hues Professor. All in all, while this year is a good year, the next few promise to be even better.

Finally, we are planning a special reception for all our alumni this spring. We hope you will come, and that before then you will send us information about yourself and help us by letting us know your email address, mailing address and phone number. We look forward to hearing from you.