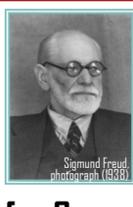


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Upcoming Events:

Volunteer Fair- Wednesday, November 3 11-3 Alumni Lounge SJU

TBD Coffee with the Profs

Stay tuned for more details about events from the Psychology Club!

Life after Undergrad, Opening Doors for Success

by: Katie Kenefick –*Fundamental Attribution Errorist*

From sales research and public relations, to mental health counseling and teaching at the university level, there are endless opportunities for careers in the field of psychology. For some of these careers however, a doctorate of philosophy (PhD.), a doctorate of psychology (PsyD.), or a master's degree (M.A./M.S.) through additional years of schooling may be required.

Graduate school is a next logical step for those CSB/SJU seniors who plan on pursuing careers in therapy, counseling, teaching, or research. Some may take a year or two off before continuing on to higher education, while others keep the momentum going from undergrad and apply for enrollment in the next fall semester.

Applying to graduate school is a long but very rewarding process. Letters of

recommendation, transcripts, an academic resume, a personal statement outlining your career goals and fit with the program, scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and an application fee must be sent for an application to be considered. A face-to-face interview at the prospective school is the second phase of the process. A piece of advice from Katie Brown, a CSB senior applying to graduate schools to obtain a PhD. in Social Psychology is, "Start the process early. Researching schools and completing applications takes more time than you can imagine, and you don't want to send schools anything less than your best." Graduate schools are most interested in those students who show strong academic achievement, have experience participating in the research process, and who are involved in related extracurricular or volunteer activities.

Both campuses offer a wide variety of services to help guide students through the graduate school application process. Career Services provides students with an opportunity to critique their resume, edit their personal statement, and improve on their interviewing skills. In addition, psychology faculty members are wonderful resources who are willing to get you involved in research projects, advise you on how to tailor your class schedule to meet future goals, and discuss potential life plans. It's never too early to start looking into the possibility of attending graduate school and an advanced degree in one of the many subfields of Psychology (e.g. Cognitive, Developmental, Clinical, Industrial/Organizational, etc.) opens a lot of doors for future success!

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Psychology Professor Runs for Congress

by: Andy Obritsch –*Contributing Writer*

As many are aware, the race for Minnesota's 6th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is billed as one of the most expensive races in the country. Incumbent Rep. Michele Bachmann (R) and challengers Tarryl Clark (D) and Bob Anderson (IP) have combined to make Minnesota's 6th District

race one of the most expensive in the United States. What you may not know is that CSB-SJU Psychology Professor Aubrey Immelman is also a candidate, running as an unaffiliated independent conservative platform. Running for political office is not new for Immelman. In 2008 he ran against Bachmann in the Republican primary, winning 14 percent of the votes. If elected, Immelman's main focus

will be the severe economic recession that is affecting our country as well the partisan gridlock that is exacerbating the problem. One advantage Immelman has in this fiercely competitive congressional race is his extensive background in political psychology and political profiling. Using the work of Theodore Millon, Immelman has created a method of profiling political figures. He does this by analyzing

things the individual has said and classifying these statements using his Millon Inventory of Diagnostic Criteria (MIDC). Regardless of the outcome of Minnesota's 6th District race, one thing for sure is that Immelman will not have a shortage of material to analyze this election season.

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Katie Kenefick Fellowship Experience

by: Eric Nead –*Contributing Writer*

In the summer of 2010 current senior Katie Kenefick had the opportunity to work in the Psychology Department as a Summer Research Fellow. Over the course of the summer she worked exclusively with Dr. Rodger Narloch and Dr. Bob Kachelski assisting them with research projects specialized to their respective fields. Drawing on previous experience from working with Dr. Narloch on a research project during the school year, Katie

analyzed data exploring the relationships between anxiety, decision making, and identity formation. This work eventually culminated in a formal presentation at the end of the summer. Katie also worked alongside Dr. Kachelski in a psychology literature review and qualitative data analysis. Dr. Kachelski conducted this research study on critical thinking, epistemological beliefs, and its application to the learning objectives of the Psychology Department. From her experience this

summer in which she was asked to apply almost everything she had learned thus far at St. John's and St. Ben's, Katie took with her the knowledge that there is always room for improvement.

For those interested in a being a Summer Research Fellow, Katie advises to prepare yourself for a summer full of rewarding work where you are able to see psychology in action. Notification about fellowship positions is often sent out in the spring by the Psychology Department Coordinator (Annemieke

Lagerwaard) along with applications for the positions which are specific to each professor.



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