Greetings from the Department of Psychology. My name is Dan DeNeui and I will be starting my fourth year as Chair of the department this fall. The past year was a very busy and exciting one for the faculty and students of the Psychology Department. We continue to be the most popular major on campus with 506 students working on undergraduate degrees in Psychology. In addition to the Psychology major we also offer a degree completion programs in Psychology and Human Service. Our Mental Health Counseling graduate program also continues to thrive serving 47 active students. On June 16th, we honored 116 graduating seniors in Psychology and 22 Mental Health Counseling students. We wish all of our graduates the very best in their future endeavors.

This year saw the end of an era in the retirement of our long-term Office Coordinator Bonnie Rott. Bonnie had served the Psychology Department and SOU (or SOC & SOSC as it was called during various times during her tenure here) for over 35 years. Bonnie retired in December of last year and we had a wonderful going away party to honor her years of service. Fortunately, we turned things over to our new Office Coordinator Linda LaGasse who has been a very capable and welcome addition to the department.

We also welcomed Dr. John Taylor, a Cognitive Psychologist who comes to us from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Dr. Taylor has hit the ground running and, in addition to his excellent teaching in our core courses, he has started a vibrant research lab that provides valuable research opportunities for students. This coming year we will welcome two new faces to the department. Dr. Cody Christopherson is a Clinical Psychologist who will teach courses for both the Mental Health Counseling and undergraduate psychology programs. Rachel Jochem is a Developmental Psychologist from the University of California Davis. She will be teaching core courses for the undergraduate program and working with students in her research lab. We are very excited to have both Cody and Rachel joining our faculty.

My colleagues in the department are some of the hardest working on campus and, though you'll read about some of their accomplishments in this newsletter, the entire list is far too long to begin to cover here. The success of the psychology program depends in part on the dedication and passion of our talented faculty but also on you, our esteemed alumni. We can teach, inspire, and mentor, but our success as a department is intimately tied to you. To that end, we'd love to hear from you, so drop us a line to say hi and let us know what you've been up to. As always, if you're back on campus please feel free to stop by the department-you know where to find us. Have a great summer.

- Dan

SOU Psychology Professor Dr. Mark Krause Publishes Book

We are all so proud of Dr. Mark Krause who has co-written and published a textbook with Dr. Daniel Corts. The textbook was recently published through Pearson. The book is entitled Psychological Science: Modeling Scientific Literacy. Mark’s book presents psychology as a practical, modern science and gives students the ability to better understand their world. Here are a few of the reviews Dr. Krause has received from instructors:

This is the best Intro Psych text that I have seen in all of my years of teaching Intro Psych...The research included is beyond compare and coordinated with examples that are current, aligned with student interests, and walks you through the process with the connected example...I greatly appreciate the focus on critical thinking and scientific literacy and the opportunities to practice these skills...I think the writing is engaging for students [and] the examples are very compelling...This is the best Intro Psych book, go to Amazon.com and type in the title; there is a full page of information as well as a biography of Dr. Mark Krause.
Two SOU Psychology Department Professors Retire

Lani Fujitsubo

Dr. Lani Fujitsubo received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from United States International University. She taught in both the undergraduate psychology program and the Master's in Mental Health Counseling program. Her undergraduate courses include: Abnormal Psychology, Human Behavior and Film, Psychology and Film, Personal and Social Adjustment, and Capstone. Her graduate courses include: Professional Ethics and the Law, Advanced Psychopathology, and Internship Supervision. Her research areas of interest have included: Multicultural Issues in Therapy, Human Sexuality, Poker Tells, Community-Based Learning.

Retirement brings to me an enormous sense of gratitude towards all of my colleagues and students. I have been so lucky to have had the opportunity to work at SOU doing things I love. I have learned so much about life from my students. I have admired their personal strength and devotion to learning. I have been inspired by my colleagues' commitment to education and the integrity of the learning process.

"Find things that you love to do, and do them A LOT." I have taken those words of wisdom to heart and been fortunate enough to be able to follow them while teaching at SOU. I plan to continue to follow those words of wisdom into retirement.

My plans for retirement include lots of travel, art and music, being able to learn more about so many wondrous things, and time and adventures with my four-legged family, my two legged family and my fabulous friends.

A sincere "Thank You" to all my past students and colleagues, and I wish you all the time and opportunities to do the things you love A LOT.

The Ed/Psych Building
Dr. Josie Wilson is a clinical psychologist with extensive experience as a counselor educator at Southern Oregon University. She has an M.A. in Counseling from Western Michigan University and earned her Ph.D. from Georgia State University. As a licensed practitioner in Oregon, New York, and Michigan, she worked with clients from 3 to 80 years of age.

Josie was a Fulbright Scholar in 1999-2000 and taught in Mexico at the University Of Guanajuato School Of Psychology. Collaborating with her Mexican colleagues, she helped develop and publish a professional ethics curriculum relevant to Mexican psychologists. Josie served as consultant for several southern Oregon agencies providing ethics training or on-going supervision for their staff. She also served on the Oregon Psychology Association Ethics Committee and the American Mental Health Counselors Association Public Policy Committee.

Josie has had many roles in the Psychology Department and at SOU. She has taught Introductory Psychology, Lifespan Development, Personal and Social Adjustment, Child Psychopathology, Helping Skills, Senior Capstone, Group Counseling, Professional Ethics, and has provided supervision for the graduate counseling students. She served as Department Chair for several years and was the clinical Coordinator and the Program Coordinator for the Masters in Mental Health Counseling program. From 2004-2009, she was Dean of the School of Social Sciences and then Founding Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at SOU. She returned to the Psychology Department in fall 2009 and we have been lucky to have Josie again lead the MHC program.

Josie will retire from her full-time position in December 2012. For the next three years she will teach one-third time while she figures out the next phase of her life. She and her husband Michael Belsky plan to explore the world; they both love to travel and have agreed to take turns deciding where to go. She will continue to hike and hopes to develop some new interests that have been on her wish list for many years.
Cody Christopherson graduated with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Notre Dame in 2011. Most recently, he completed a post-doctoral resident with Kaiser-Permanente in Vallejo, California with an emphasis on Spanish language therapy and assessment for adults, children, and families. His research interests are broad and include research on research methods and theory and philosophy of Psychology. Specific research questions he has studied include whether the pursuit and assessment of happiness is self-defeating and whether college students can exercise volitional control over their recreational internet use. He and his family enjoy large-scale gardening and community-supported agriculture and are excited to join the SOU Psychology family in Ashland.

Rachel Jochem is finishing her Ph.D. in Human Development from The University of California, Davis. Her research interests are on children's social emotional development in the context of parenting. Rachel's preference is for observational data collection which bring children and their families into the lab or captures parent child interactions in their home. Her recent publications focus on how contextual and individual factors influence parents' perceptions of themselves as parents and how those perceptions relate to parenting behaviors. Rachel is new to the Rogue Valley, but says she is loving the landscape and joins Cody in her excitement to join the SOU campus community.

Did You Know We have a Psych Club?

The Psychology Department has a Psych Club which include two separate clubs that incorporate into one group. The Psi Chi members of our club are part of an international honors society, for which they will be members for life. The requirements for this group are based upon academic merit for those pursuing a psychology degree. Basic requirements are to have completed a specific number of psychology based units and have a GPA within the top 30% of psychology students. The Psychology Club is open to any student that is interested in not only meeting in a social setting, but also interested in furthering involvement in the scholastic community, increasing critical analysis skills, and broadening knowledge on various psychological topics. Most of these concepts are designed to expand on the SOU Psychology Department mission statement. This year we have decided to focus on creating awareness for our club not only on campus but within the community. We have had guest speakers, conducted fund raisers, and are offering T-shirts and sweatshirts that will be on sale and available to all students. We are also proactively increasing our membership and taking double the students to the Western Psychological Association Conference by creating this awareness. The WPA Conference is a great opportunity for students to see how psychology is used in the real world.
We are Growing like Crazy!

We are happily undergoing a growth in our population here in the Psychology Department. We are now larger than the School of Business and the School of Education. We are the LARGEST department at SOU. Thanks to SOU's small class sizes students can take advantage of the research and scholarship opportunities offered by SOU's many partnerships with local agencies and organizations.

Check out the numbers!

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The Psychology Department has grown 67% between 2007 and 2011!

Psychology is a discipline with a bright future. It is among one of the fastest-growing fields in America today. Completion of a rigorous undergraduate program in psychology affords a student a host of skills that can be applied to the marketplace in nearly any occupation or to graduate school. Employers know that psychology majors are generally well-rounded, well-educated citizens and people who can be trained to fit an employer's needs due to the knowledge base and skills he or she gains from a bachelors degree in psychology. SOU.

Transferable skills that Psychology majors bring to the job market:

- Scientific literacy in reading & writing
- Strong analytical skills & statistical/computer proficiency
- Interpersonal awareness & self-monitoring/management skills
- Communication skills & the ability to work in groups
- Problem-solving & information-finding skills
- Critical thinking, research, & measurement skills
- Ethical leadership & decision-making skills
- A knowledge base of the history & future of psychology
We hope to continue to keep in touch with all our alumni through our newsletter. Please feel free to send newsletter ideas to Linda LaGasse at lagassel@sou.edu. We would love to hear from you and find out what you've been up to since leaving SOU. And do check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PsychSOU

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Mission

The goal and mission of the psychology department is to prepare students to enter a changing and demanding job market and to facilitate and encourage a lifetime of learning. More than at any other time in history we are faced with global changes that require us to assist students in gaining the information, technology, and new ways of thinking and viewing the world to achieve personal and professional success.

The psychology department believes that the best way to facilitate student growth and learning is to provide a solid scientific and theoretical base while teaching students to think critically, challenge accepted beliefs, and develop skills for their future. We believe it is our responsibility to provide the opportunities and tools necessary to integrate this knowledge and abilities into the students’ personal and professional identity, and to provide the student with a greater understanding of the diversity, interdependence, and interrelatedness of the world.