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Dr. Nissim-Sabat Marks 30 Years of Psychology, Sports, and Poker

Back in 1976, a young clinical psychology Ph.D. had to make a choice between accepting a job in Texas or one in Virginia. Fortunately for us, **Dr. Denis Nissim-Sabat** chose Virginia, and he has been here ever since, completing his 30th year at UMW this year.



Dr. Dennis Nissim-Sabat

Denis grew up in the Queens borough of New York City. He says one of his fondest memories dates from when, as a high school student, he would board the subway every day, then read the New York *Times* during his commute to Brooklyn Tech. Ever since then, Denis says, he always starts his day by reading the newspaper to see what is happening in the world. And he encourages his students to do likewise, reserving a few minutes at the beginning of each class for students to report on interesting happenings in the news.

Denis began his academic career as an undergraduate at what was then a liberal arts college in Cleveland named Western Reserve College (so-called because it lay within the borders of the Ohio "Western Reserve" once claimed by the state of Connecticut). It was Denis' experience at such a college that fueled his desire to teach at a similar institution.

Like many of our students today, Denis didn't go to graduate school full-time right after graduation. Instead, he spent two years teaching in a minority area of Chicago, while going to grad school part-time.

Denis wasn't sure what type of graduate school to apply to, since he loved both psychology and social work. Eventually, he entered the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia. While there, he attempted to integrate clinical psychology with courses in social work as best he could.

It was after receiving his Ph.D. from Temple that Denis was offered and accepted a position in the psychology program at what was then Mary Washington College. In part, Denis' decision to come to MWC was based on the fact that it was closer to his home and to that of his wife, Mary Lou. And so he and his family made their way to Fredericksburg and

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UMW Psi Chi Chapter Wins Top Award

The UMW Psi Chi chapter has won the Ruth Hubbard Cousins National Chapter Award for the one chapter in the country that best achieves the purposes of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology.

This award is the highest honor bestowed by Psi Chi and consists of a plaque and the sum of \$3,500. The award will be presented on August 11 at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, to be held in New Orleans. Psi Chi will also pay the transportation and hotel expenses for one of the chapter's officers to travel to New Orleans to accept the award. In addition, as part of the award ceremony, the UMW student will also present the chapter's essay on "How to Become a Successful Psi Chi Chapter."

In order to be considered for the award, the UMW chapter had to submit an extensive application. Among other things, the contents of the application included the essay (written by the Psi Chi members); a description of the chapter's membership application and induction ceremony; a calendar of the chapter's annual events; a narrative of the activities of the chapter over the past three years; and a proposal for the use of the monetary award.

The essay was written by this year's officers - **Molly Hurt** and **Laura Ramsey** (co-presidents); **Nina Damgaard** (secretary); and **Katelyn Pulito** (treasurer). It compared running a successful Psi Chi chapter to the process of running an empirical research study. The essay will be published in the Fall 2006 issue of the newsletter, *Eye on Psi Chi*.

The chapter budgeted a large portion of its award money to pay the induction fees for candidates who have financial need. Some of the money will also be donated to a charity of the members' choice, and some will be used to purchase items for the annual Topher Bill Auction. In addition, some of the award will also be used to help pay for officers to attend the award ceremony in August.

We congratulate the officers and members of the UMW Psi Chi chapter and their advisor, **Dr. Liss**, on being named the outstanding Psi Chi chapter in the country!

Dr. Steckler Named New Chairperson

Dr. Debra Steckler has been named by President William Anderson Jr. as the new chairperson of the department, effective July 1, 2006. She succeeds **Dr. Roy Smith**, who is completing his three-year term as chair.

Drs. Kilmartin and Kolar Set Sabbaticals Next Year

UMW psychology majors will have to go through the 2006-07 academic year without two of their favorite professors.

Drs. Chris Kilmartin and **Dave Kolar** will each be taking a sabbatical leave for the entire academic year. Sabbaticals are given from time to time so that professors can undertake some special project and “recharge their batteries.” This year, for example, Dr. Steve Hampton is on what he calls his “golfbeachattical,” during which he is studying the psychology of area courses and the fish at Cape Hatteras!

During his sabbatical, Dr. Kilmartin will actually be involved in two major projects. During the fall semester, he will be going on a nationwide tour of his new men’s psychology comedy act entitled, “Guy Phi: The Fictions that Rule Men’s Lives.” Dr. Kilmartin will spend this spring and summer polishing the act before going on tour in the fall. In addition, he will be working on a new book about masculinity and culture.

Dr. Kilmartin will spend the first part of the spring semester writing, doing his new act, and consulting with various colleges on men’s issues. Then, in March, he heads to Austria where he will teach at a university for four months on a Fulbright Grant.

The Fulbright Scholars program sends approximately 800 U.S. faculty members to 140 countries around the world, where they teach or conduct research on a wide variety of topics. The program is extremely competitive and the award is considered to be very prestigious.

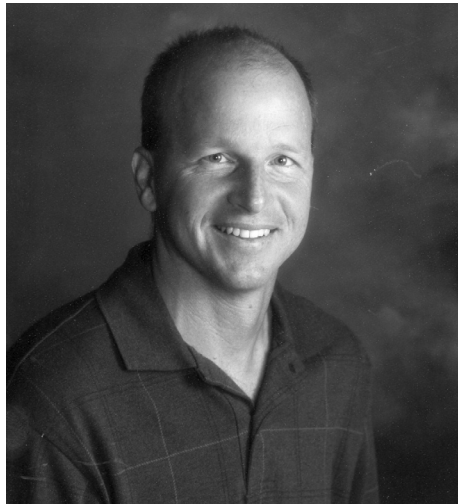
For his Fulbright, Dr. Kilmartin will be heading to Klagenfurt University in southern Austria. Dr. Kilmartin stated that in the Austrian system, classes meet once a

week for 50 minutes. While there, he will teach three courses related to gender studies: American Masculinity Interdisciplinary Perspectives; Gender Based Violence; and Theories of Gender. In addition, he also hopes to replicate with Austrian males some of the research he has done in the United States on social norms and masculinity.

In addition, Dr. Kilmartin also hopes to travel and get in some golfing at European courses.



Dr. Kilmartin



Dr. Kolar

In preparation for his experience, Dr. Kilmartin has begun to study German because, as he puts it, he doesn’t want to be an “ugly American.” So far, he says he can answer in German the question, “What color is your pencil?”, but he hopes to advance beyond that before next April!

Dr. Kilmartin did express one reservation about his project, noting that he uses a lot of humor in his classes and that Germans and Austrians are known more for their stoicism than their humor. He hopes that his jokes will evoke appropriate laughter and that they will not lay an egg (or, as the Austrians might say, “legen ein Ei”)!

While Dr. Kilmartin is off to Austria, Dr. Kolar will be staying right here in Fredericksburg and expanding his work on a project on which he is already working.

Two years ago, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) organization received a U.S. Department of Education grant to expand and evaluate their programs in the Fredericksburg area. As part of the grant, Drs. Kolar and McBride were hired in a part-time capacity to work on the evaluation component. Since then, they have been combining their work at UMW, their work on the BBBS grant, and their role as parents to two young sons.

It’s all gotten to be pretty much. So next year, Dr. Kolar will use his sabbatical to spend more time on the grant. Next year will be especially taxing, since it will be the final year of the grant and a lot of data will be coming in that needs to be analyzed. So Dr. Kolar will analyze the data and also hopes to be able to mold it into a conference presentation and/or a publication.

In addition to his grant work, the sabbatical will give Dr. Kolar more time to spend parenting Andrew and Alex. In addition, there is some rumor that he might be able to find a few spare hours to use to improve his golf game.

In commenting on his leave, Dr. Kolar said he would miss the interaction with students, but not the hours spent in grading papers and exams.

Congratulations to both Drs. Kilmartin and Kolar on their sabbaticals. We wish them well and hope they return rested and ready to resume their activities here at UMW!

- Thanks to Karen Sturm and Ashley Tucker for work on this article.

Dr. Bonnie Moradi, Graduate in Residence, Discusses Research on Self-Objectification and Eating Disorders

For two days last October, the UMW psychology community was honored to bring to campus **Dr. Bonnie Moradi** as the department's eleventh Graduate in Residence (GIR). During her stay, Dr. Moradi impressed students and faculty alike by her energy, insight, and obvious zeal for psychology in general and for her research in particular.

Currently an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Florida (UF), Dr. Moradi graduated from MWC in 1996 with a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in women's studies. She entered graduate school at the University of Akron, where she obtained her master's degree and her Ph.D. in counseling psychology in 2001.

Dr. Moradi has conducted a large number of research studies in the general area of women's mental health. In particular, she has examined the relationship between perceived discrimination and mental health outcomes in women from a variety of minority groups. In addition, she has also been a leading researcher on the topic of women's feminist identity development.

While in graduate school, Dr. Moradi amassed an impressive number of awards, including: The Research on Psychotherapy of Women Award from Division 35 of the APA (which she won twice, in 1999 and then again in 2004); the Prize for Research on Women and Gender, awarded by the Association for Women in Psychology APA Division 35 (2000); and the University of Akron's President's Letter of Commendation for Excellence in Research (2004).

In 2001, Dr. Moradi accepted a faculty position at UF, where she continued to win accolades, including: the Mary Roth Walsh Teaching the Psychology of Women Award from the APA Division 35 (2002); the University Scholars Mentor Award (2003); and the Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Counseling Psychology Program (2003).

At UF, Dr. Moradi teaches courses in Cognitive Assessment, History and Issues in Counseling, the Psychology of Personality, the Psychology of Women, Advanced Psychology of Women, and Women's and Gender Issues in Therapy.

During her short career, Dr. Moradi has published 24 papers in refereed psychological journals, and has a number of additional manuscripts under review or works in progress. In addition, she has given numerous colloquia and presentations at universities and professional conferences. She also is a consulting editor to the journal *Psychology of Women Quarterly* and is a member of a

number of APA committees. She also does consulting and outreach in the areas of multiculturalism, rape awareness, feminism, and gender issues.

During her time on campus, Dr. Moradi visited psychology classes taught by Dr. Liss, Dr. Kilmartin, and Dr. Kolar; shared lunch and ideas with students; and attended a dinner and presented a public talk.

Dr. Moradi's classroom appearances revolved primarily around theory and research on the topic of females' "self-objectification" and its relationship to eating disorders. Self-objectification refers to the situation in which women internalize an observer's views of the woman's body. According to Noll and Frederickson's "objectification theory," there is a positive relationship between self-objectification and eating disorders. Being objectified can cause females to experience shame over their body, which in turn can lead to maladaptive eating behaviors in order to feel better about themselves.

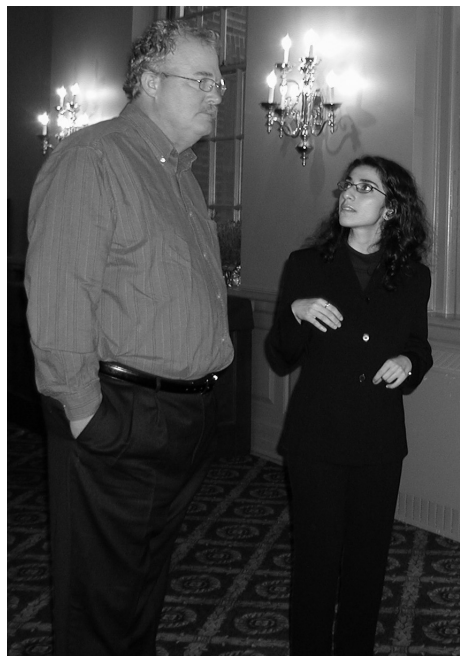
Dr. Moradi discussed some of the research related to this issue. In one study, for example, there was a positive relationship between the amount of time women spent reading beauty magazines and both self-objectification and eating problems.

Dr. Moradi also discussed some of the research that she and her colleagues have done regarding this theory. In one study, for example, 221 undergraduate females completed a number of instruments designed to measure constructs such as sexual objectification, body shame, and internalization of sociocultural standards of beauty. Results showed a strong relationship between sexual objectification, body shame, and eating disorders. In the future, Dr. Moradi hopes to extend her work to other diverse populations such as racial and ethnic minorities and lesbians and gays.

On Thursday evening, Dr. Moradi attended a dinner with approximately 70 psychology faculty and students. After dinner, Dr. Moradi gave a public lecture entitled, "Perceived Discrimination and Mental Health: Current Findings and Future Directions," which summarized some of the research that she has done on women's mental health.

Following her two days on campus, Dr. Moradi was the guest of honor at a reception at the home of Dr. Kilmartin.

Dr. Moradi is clearly one of the up-and-coming "stars" in her area of research, and the department was clearly proud of her and happy to bring her back to her undergraduate college.



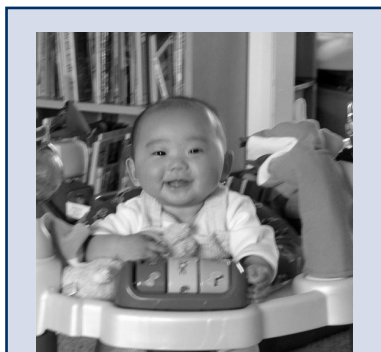
Dr. Bonnie Moradi talks with Dr. Hampton

Topher Bill Auction Nets \$2,200 for Scholarship, Charity



Students gather to bid on items at Topher Bill auction.

The Psychology Department made approximately \$2,200 on the 2006 Topher Bill Auction held in February. Proceeds will go to the Topher Bill Scholarship Fund (to help one or more worthy psychology majors) as well as to the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault (RCASA). Among the items donated were dinner at the house of Drs. Kolar and McBride; two weekends at a bed and breakfast in New England; a concert by Dr. Kilmartin and his trio (quartet? quintet?); an airplane sightseeing trip over Fredericksburg; golf or minigolf with psychology faculty members; and a trip to a Richmond Braves baseball game.



Dr. Kevin Handley and his wife Julie have adopted a baby born in Korea in September of 2005, whom they have named Emma Soo Min.

2005 Grad Travels Country with AmeriCorps

In South Central Los Angeles, she served food at a food pantry on Skid Row. In Broward County, FL (near Ft. Lauderdale), she helped people recover from Hurricane Wilma. In Creswell, OR (near Eugene), she's been working in an elementary school. And shortly, she will be living in a yurt in St. Bernard's Parish, LA (one of the areas hit hard by Hurricane Katrina).

"She" is Katie Jensen, a 2005 UMW psychology alumna, and she has been doing all this as part of a 10-month stint with AmeriCorps, an agency whose goal is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based community service.

Katie and her colleagues began the process by undergoing a rigorous month-long training program in areas such as CPR, first aid, and disaster response. Following this, the volunteers were randomly divided into teams. Katie's team consists of 12 volunteers, ranging in age from 18 to 24.

Their first assignment was in LA. Most of their time there revolved around working for the local food bank. They lived together at a hostel in San Pedro.

Their work in Florida lasted only about a month. There, they worked for the Million Meals Committee, getting their hunger-serving agencies back up and running. During this time, they

slept on mattresses in one room of a local chapel.

In Oregon, the team has been assigned to an elementary school. For five days a week, they worked in the classrooms as tutors, mentors, and teachers' assistants. After school they helped with lesson preparations or worked in an after-care program. And on weekends they worked helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house.

The team will shortly go to Louisiana for two months of gutting houses. They will have to wear a full body HAZMAT suit with a respirator and safety goggles to protect them from any mold spores or other contaminants that they might encounter in the devastated houses. And community members will wash the team's clothes every day and prepare dinner for them.

Katie says that all the people have been very welcoming to the volunteers and that she loves her work and has made many good friends.

We congratulate Katie and the other AmeriCorps' volunteers for their year of service to others. If you would like more information about this program, you can find it on www.americorps.org.

And oh - by the way: If you don't know what a "yurt" is, you can find out at www.yurts.com!

Psi Chi Inductees Hear Drs. Erchull and Schiffrin

The following students were inducted into Psi Chi during the fall semester of 2005: **Nicole Berry; Allison Gorczowski; Paul Gushurst; Ryan Jenkins; Elizabeth Koch; Samantha Michaud; Kate Miller; Akemi Parker; Ryan Phelps; Theresa Raposa; Megan Ronan; Ellen Segall; Ashley Tucker; Susan Williams; and Katherine Wilson.**

Guests at the induction ceremony were treated to a talk by one of our newest professors, **Dr. Mindy Erchull**. Dr. Erchull told the students that in order to achieve their goals, they will need commitment, passion, curiosity, courage, and flexibility.

In addition, the following members were inducted in the spring of 2006: **Christine Andrews; Sarah Axelson; Joni Briganti; Amanda Cenerelli;**

Allison Chin; Alexander Coppelman; Adam Creech; Taylor Edwards; Kristina Ethridge; Lauren Evans; Ryan Evans; Amber Forster; Jessica Frank; Megan Haines; Erin Hogan; Alexander Jacobsen; Farrah Jensen; Jennifer Jordan; Wendy Lindner; Peter Lockinger; Megan Martinez; Abigail Moore; Tammy Pasto; Emily Perry; Caitlin Rechi; Debra Rezendes; Allyson Shull; Steven Sutherland; Chesney Tolbert; and Sheila Winslow.

Dr. Holly Schiffrin spoke at this induction. She shared with the audience some of her fond memories of her days as a student at MWC and told them that as a faculty member, she would try to give her own students the same kind of experience that she was lucky to have had as an undergraduate.

Congratulations, all!

Psychology Department Welcomes Two New Professors

Dr. Erchull Sees UMW Job as One She Was Meant to Have

Her interview trip from Arizona to Fredericksburg had been long and busy, and on the way home, she almost got snowed in at BWI airport. But, she said, as soon as her husband David picked her up from the airport and she began telling him about UMW, he knew that this was the job she was supposed to have. Luckily, both Mindy and UMW psychology faculty agreed with her husband, and today **Dr. Mindy Erchull** is the newest member of our department.

Mindy's first visit to the campus was for her job interview last year. She says she was struck by how friendly and helpful everybody was. Of all her interviews, she says, "this was the one that was most comfortable, and the department just felt like home."

However, that trip was not Mindy's first connection with UMW. As an undergraduate psychology major at Connecticut College, Mindy met a graduate student who was completing her master's degree there. That student was Jenny Gorman Rose, an undergraduate UMW psychology major. According to Mindy, Jenny "raved" about both the university and our psychology department in particular. As luck would have it, a job at UMW opened up just when Mindy was finishing graduate school. And, as they say, the rest is history.

But Mindy's career path almost took her down another direction in psychology. As an undergraduate, she became interested in clinical psychology and saw herself going into private practice one day. However, in designing her honor's thesis, Mindy discovered that her passion really lay in social psychology and began to suspect that she was destined for a job as a professor. This hunch was borne out when she worked as a teaching assistant in her final year at Connecticut.

Mindy grew up in Halifax, a small town in southeastern Massachusetts. After graduating from Connecticut, she obtained her Ph.D. in 2005 from Arizona State University (ASU). (Do you know which other UMW psychology professor graduated from Arizona State?)

At ASU, Mindy majored in social psychology with a concentration in quantitative psychology. Her emphasis within social psychology is on women's health, especially women's reproductive health and health decision making. In addition, she has also focused on feminist identity and the predictors and consequences of self-labeling as a feminist.

At UMW, Mindy will be teaching courses in introductory psychology, social psychology, statistics and methodology, and the psychology of women.

Mindy said she chose UMW in part because she has always seen herself as teaching at a college similar to Connecticut. "I love the personal relationships that develop

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Three Times a Charm for Dr. Schiffrin

When Holly Hollomon went to graduate school, her mother told her, "Holly, I could see you going back and teaching at Mary Washington." Fortunately for those of us in the UMW psychology department, those prophetic words came true in August of 2005 when **Dr. Holly Hollomon Schiffrin** became a full-time faculty member in our department.

Actually, this is Holly's third stint at Mary Washington. She first came here as a student, graduating in 1994 with a major in psychology. Then, in 2002, she returned, this time as faculty member filling a one-year position due to the untimely death of Dr. Topher Bill. Now, Holly has returned for the third - and, we all hope - last time.

As a student at then-MWC, Holly was active in the department, being among other things the student coordinator of the Psyc 100 participant pool. In addition, Holly also did undergraduate research and took an unforgettable trip to New Orleans with Drs. Kilmartin and Penwell to present her findings at a regional conference.

Following graduation, Holly obtained her Ph.D. in applied child psychology from the University of Miami, Florida. Since then, except for her year at UMW and some part-time teaching elsewhere, Holly has been working for Westat, a private research company in northern Virginia. Also during that time, Holly met and married her husband Jon, an attorney who works in northern Virginia.

At Westat, Holly's career was taking off, and she thought she was set there permanently. But then, in 2003, something happened that totally changed Holly's life - the birth of her daughter, Lauryn. At about the time Holly was deciding that balancing her life between work and her family was more important to her than just making money, a permanent position opened up at UMW, and Holly was offered the job.

Holly says that three factors led her to accept the offer. First, she loves Mary Washington and wanted to be able to give back as a faculty member what she had received as a student. Second, she wanted a job that would help her do a better job of balancing work and family. And third, at UMW she would be able to use her training in child development, something she wasn't able to do at Westat.

Holly says she loves the psychology department because of both the students and the faculty. Having occasionally taught a course elsewhere, Holly says the students here are truly unique. In addition, she has also been impressed at how open the faculty here is. All in all, she believes that the UMW psychology department is truly a community of both students and faculty.

Now that she is back at UMW, Holly will be teaching courses in the areas of introductory psychology, child development, statistics, and methodology. She has become

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Drs. Erchull (left) and Schiffrin

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so he and his family made their way to Fredericksburg and MWC.

At that time, Denis was the only clinical psychologist on the faculty and hence taught Abnormal Psychology. In addition, for a number of years thereafter, Denis taught a four-credit course called Tests and Measurements. As part of the course, students were required to do some testing of children; and, since Denis and Mary Lou were the parents of three young children (Ryan, Suzanne, and Michael), he could help students procure "subjects" for their projects. Later, however, the department decided for pedagogical and practical reasons to discontinue this course.

Denis also teaches a number of other courses, including Introduction to Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and History of Psychology. In some of his early years at MWC, Denis also taught Developmental Psychology, partly due to the fact that his Ph.D. dissertation was a test of the cognitive developmental theory of Jean Piaget.

In addition to his teaching and other work in the department, Denis has been actively involved in issues related to the university as a whole. Most notable in this regard has been the multiple terms he has served as a member (and chair) of the Faculty Affairs Committee, which deals with issues concerning the well-being of faculty. One of Denis' major accomplishments on this committee occurred a number of years ago when he played a major role in the development of a policy that provided for medical and parental leaves for faculty.

More recently, Denis was elected by his colleagues as

president of the Faculty Senate, in which capacity he is now finishing the second and final year of his term. Because the Faculty Senate President is elected by a vote of all the faculty, this position is considered by many to be the most prestigious faculty position at UMW.

Denis has always been interested in politics and world affairs and has integrated these interests into his scholarly and professional activities. For example, knowing the importance that Russia has had in the history of psychology, Denis began developing ties a number of years ago with psychologists in what was then the Soviet Union. One of the outcomes of this endeavor was a conference in Russia that Denis helped to coordinate. Unfortunately, subsequent events made it impossible for Denis to continue his contacts in this area.

In the late 1980s, Denis took a sabbatical to become an American Psychological Association (APA) Congressional Fellow in the office of Senator Paul Simon in Washington. During his year on "the Hill," Denis participated with the senator's staff in a number of psychology-related projects and established a number of contacts both in the APA and in congress.

More recently, Denis has worked as a consultant with the APA. In particular, Denis has worked on projects related to mental health issues among Native Americans.

Early in his time at MWC, Denis also became a licensed clinical psychologist and opened a small practice in Fredericksburg, mainly so that he would have experiences to keep

him up-to-date in the area of abnormal psychology. Even with all his other duties, Denis continues to keep up with his practice.

Among his other interests and talents, Denis is a avid sports participant as well as a fan. In particular, Denis loves basketball, and Dr. Roy Jarnecke, a fellow clinical psychologist and an adjunct professor in the department, tells about Denis' last basketball game.

"We were playing a lunchtime two-on-two game at Goolrick with two other players," Jarnecke recalls. "Denis was playing a scrappy game, as he always did, and he started to drive down the left side of the lane. There was an audible snapping sound and Denis fell to the ground. His Achilles tendon had ruptured. He was in a cast for some months and had to be transported to and from the College for a considerable period of time."

Now that he no longer plays basketball, tennis has taken over as one of the great loves of Denis' life.

According to Dr. Jarnecke, Denis considers one of his greatest accomplishment the fact that he founded a monthly poker game that has been going continuously now for more than 20 years. Among the early regulars were the late UMW professors Dr. Topher Bill of the psychology department and Dr. Richard Palmieri of the geography department. Over the years, the group has evolved and today, only Denis and Dr. Jarnecke remain as the original members.

These days, Denis and Mary Lou also spend time with their three grown children. Ryan, the oldest, lives in Palm Springs, CA, where he works for the union representing hotel and restaurant employees. Daughter Suzanne recently married James Redford and she and her husband live in Cleveland Heights, OH, where they are both employed in the restaurant business. And Michael, their youngest, who was an outstanding soccer player at UMW, is now in the graduate program in sports management at Marshall University.

We congratulate Denis for the many contributions he has made to UMW as well as the many other areas which his life has touched!

Professor Publishes Article

Dr. Thomas Moeller published an article, "How 'Unequivocal' is the Evidence Regarding Television Violence and Children's Aggression?" in the October issue of the *APS Observer*, the monthly journal of the Association of Psychological Science.

One Research Team Wins Psi Chi Award, Another Presents Poster

A Psychology 491 research team headed by Drs. Liss and Erchull has won an award from Psi Chi. The award, the APS National Convention Research Award, will enable the team to present a poster of their research at the national APS convention in New York city this May. After the session, the team will receive a certificate as well as a check for \$300.

Student members of the team include **Jaelyn Nelson, Laura Ramsey, Molly Hurt, Megan Haines, and Dixie Turner.** The title of their research is, "Do We Care What Others Think? Public Versus Private Evaluations of Feminists."

In addition, Drs. Liss and Mailloux's 04-05 research team recently presented a poster at the International Neuropsychological Society conference in Boston. The poster was presented by team member and UMW alumna **Katie Gould.** Other student members of the team were **Beth Austin, Liz Pendleton, Patricia Coyle, and Marie LePage.** The title of the poster was, "The Construct of Sensory Processing Sensitivity."

Congratulations to both teams on their impressive showing!

Where Are They Now?

An article in the October 23, 2005 issue of the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star* featured **Vicky Nichols Wilder ('80).**

Vicky is a dance therapist and works with children in the Spotsylvania County school system. "Music and movement are intrinsically motivating and accessible to children at a preverbal stage of development," says Vicky. "Movement is the language of children."

Stephanie Amato Scheff ('81) recently joined the Fredericksburg City Public Schools after a long teaching career in Spotsylvania County. Stephanie's daughter Lindsey also recently won her high school's Student of the Month award.

Joe Campbell ('82) has moved from being the director of residence life at Drexel University (in Philadelphia) to being the university's director of procurement. In addition, he is also the chair of the Drexel NCAA Certification Committee. He and his wife Bethany have two children, Joey and Rachel.

Liz Tua ('95) is director of accreditation for Corinthian Colleges, a for-profit nationwide educational company.

Robin Kozic Martignoni ('97) has received her master's degree in education from Rutgers University in New Jersey and is now a reading specialist.

Kristin Bertini ('00) recently married Stephen Donohue in Alexandria.

Brianne Patchell Friberg ('01) and her husband Brian successfully completed the Chicago Marathon last October.

They live in Madison, WI, where Brianne is finishing her Ph.D. in child development.

Rosemary Dearborn Jones ('01) and husband Rob are the proud parents of a baby girl, Reagan Grace.

Sarah Newman Norlund ('01) and her husband Roger are the proud parents of a baby boy, Darwin Alexander, born on January 13. Sarah and her family live in the Netherlands. She reports that in accord with the custom in the Netherlands, Darwin was born at home with the assistance of a midwife and no drugs! Baby and parents are all reported to be doing well.

Allison Wallin ('01) is currently in the Ph.D. program at the University of California at Irvine. The focus of her research has been on the role of physiology and health in children's transition to kindergarten, as well as attachment security and stress on children's memory and physical health. One of Allison's research projects won an award last year from the Division of Health Psychology of the American Psychological Association. In addition, Allison also got married last April.

Sarah Byrne ('02) has been appointed program director the Rappahannock Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. As program director, Sarah oversees the agency's mentoring programs, keeps statistics, and keeps up with agency regulations.

Pam Hauke ('05) is working as a teaching assistant at the Ivymount School in Rockville, MD.

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at smaller schools and appreciate that teaching is valued and not just seen as something that has to be done," she says.

Mindy and David, a landscape designer, recently bought a house in Culpeper, which she says they share with "two of the stupidist cats on the planet," and she and David are now engaged in a number of fixer-upper house projects. In her spare time, Mindy enjoys reading and knitting. In addition, she has recently begun to take belly-dancing lessons. "While I'm not very good yet," Mindy says, "I'm having a great time."

We all welcome Mindy to our department!

(And, if you still don't know who that other faculty member is who graduated from ASU, follow this link: http://psyc.umwchandler.net/faculty_detail.php?display=22)

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interested in the field of "parent coaching," and has recently become a PCI Certified Parent Coach. Holly would not only like to continue working in this field, but would also like to begin doing research in this area and in the related area of "positive parenting." She is also working on a web site related to these areas.

We all welcome Holly to our department!

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Kristi Martin ('05) has moved back to Virginia's Eastern Shore and is working for First Home Care as an in-home counselor. Kristi says she works with a variety of at-risk children and that her psychology major prepared her well for her work.



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