Noelle Hurd is a new assistant professor in the University of Virginia’s Department of Psychology. She earned both her doctorate in clinical psychology and MPH from the University of Michigan while receiving funding from a Ford Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship. She completed her graduate studies in 2010 and then completed a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan’s Center for the Study of Black Youth in Context. Her research focuses on factors that promote more positive psychosocial outcomes among marginalized adolescents. She is particularly interested in identifying opportunities to build on pre-existing strengths in youths’ lives, such as supportive relationships with non-parental adults. In addition to exploring the role of supportive relationships in contributing to youth development, she also investigates the role of broader contextual factors (e.g., neighborhood characteristics) in shaping youth outcomes. Her work has been published in a variety of outlets including the American Journal of Community Psychology, the Journal of Research on Adolescence, Child Development, The Journal of Early Adolescence, the Journal of Youth and Adolescence, and Developmental Psychology. Noelle has moved to Charlottesville with her husband (Duke) and daughter (Laila). Duke is a recently retired professional basketball player who is looking for opportunities to coach basketball in the area high schools. Laila is a fifth-grader at Hollymead Elementary. In addition to being an avid reader, Laila is a talented athlete and animal lover. She is also the proud owner of two rescue dogs (Apple and Jack).

New Staff Member

Susan Lane joined the staff in August of 2012. She is the new Clinic Coordinator for the Mary D. Ainsworth Psychological Clinic. Susan graduated from Loyola College in 2000 with a M. S. Degree in Counseling Psychology. She was previously employed by Region Ten and State Farm Insurance. She spent the last 7 years as a stay at home mom to her son Parker, who is now in 2nd grade at Hollymead Elementary. She is really enjoying her new position at Gilmer Hall and feels very welcome here.
In the Spotlight: The Kids and Pets of Gilmer Hall

Lee Llewellyn’s daughters Marguerite and Becca, . . .

her granddaughter, Elise, . . .

Bethany Teachman with her husband Brian, and . . .

her daughters Joni, age 3, and Haven, age 5.

Shari Steinman’s cat Jasmine

and, her cat Pumpkin.
In the Spotlight: The Kids and Pets of Gilmer Hall

Megan Schad’s Dog Snickers, . . .

her cat Leeroy Jenkins, . . .

and, her dog Phoebe.

Susan Lane’s son Parker and dog Murphy

Noelle Hurd’s Daughter Laila with her two dogs Apple & Jack

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Recent Awards Received by Students

- Shari Steinman: Beck Institute Scholarship, Beck Institute for Cognitive Behavior Therapy (2012); Honorable Mention for Basic Psychological Science Research Grant, American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (2012)
- Lucy Guarnera & Erin Maresh both won the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship last Spring (awarded April 2012). This is a nationally competitive 3 year fellowship for graduate students in the sciences.

Recent Awards Received by Faculty

- Eric Turkheimer: President Elect, Behavior Genetics Association (2011); President, Behavior Genetics Association (2012)
- Bethany Teachman: American Psychological Association 2012 Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology (in the area of psychopathology); Programmatic Distinguished Visitor, University of Western Australia, 2011-2014;

Media Mentions

- Findings from Joe Allen’s recent study on teen assertiveness and resisting peer pressure were published in the journal Child Development. The article was recently mentioned by The Atlantic, Time, USA Today, the BBC, and NPR just to name a few.
- Nature highlighted research in the Coan lab on why some people seem to be more resilient to stress than others.
Alumni News - Update from Shannan Smith-Janik, PhD

Shannan is currently a licensed psychologist in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and works at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at Pennsylvania State University. She has been at CAPS since August 2007, first as a doctoral intern and for the past four plus years as a staff psychologist. At CAPS, she provides individual and group therapy to undergraduate, graduate, and returning adult students. Shannan is an individual and group psychotherapy supervisor for students in counseling and clinical psychology doctoral programs. She teaches an Evidence Based Practice Seminar for the doctoral interns at CAPS and also co-teaches a Supervision of Supervision Seminar for the interns. Finally, she coordinates the Practicum Program at CAPS and also the Professional Staff Development. Shannan has a 10 month position at CAPS, which allows her to have two months off during the summer to spend more time with her husband and two children. She enjoys the mix of clinical work, supervision, and teaching in her position as a psychologist in a college counseling center.

Let me know about your recent awards and media mentions so that I may include you in our next newsletter! (send updates to Susan Lane, sfl3f@virginia.edu)