

PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY SUPERVISED INTERNSHIPS AND INDEPENDENT READING AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

**1. Dr. Carrie Andreoletti – Internships in Gerontology (Adult Development and Aging)**

Dr. Andreoletti is happy to supervise students in internships related to gerontology. She has connections to both public and private agencies and institutions that serve and work with older adults. Possible internship sites include the **Newington Senior and Disabled Center**, the **Farmington Senior Center**, and the **Jerome Home**, among others. For more information about internships in gerontology please go to:

<http://www.psychology.ccsu.edu/gerontology/Internships.htm>.

**2. Dr. Carol Austad – Internships and Independent Reading and Research**

If you are interested in applying, please see Dr. Carol Shaw Austad, Marcus White 210, 832 3101.

Dr. Carol Shaw Austad offers internships in several areas:

**Internship in Biofeedback** focuses on learning stress management techniques through biofeedback and conducting outreach programs to the community to teach stress management techniques. The specific projects vary as a function of the needs of the organizations with which we are working and the experience and skill level of the student. Projects range from researching the effectiveness of various stress management methods to presenting workshops.

**Internship placements at community/clinical settings.** A variety of internships with varying focuses. For example, one internship with New Britain Youth and Family Services provides opportunities to work with at-risk individuals in groups or one-on-one. Also, there are opportunities to work with persons in need of rehabilitation services.

**Internship in Peace Psychology** (Hartford and CCSU) focuses on projects related to peace, conflict management, and peace education. The intern works in a nonprofit organization, **Pax Educare**. The specific projects vary as a function of the organization's needs and the interest and experience of the student. Projects have ranged from working with students to learn conflict management skills to coordinating a conference in peace education.

**Independent Reading and Research** – Dr. Austad works with students to design and carry out research projects, particularly in the area of stress management, biofeedback, and health psychology. Such work can provide opportunities for students to be co-authors on a conference presentations or publication if the student makes a substantial intellectual contribution to the project. Sometimes paid positions are also available. Work study students are welcome.

**3. Dr. Laura Bowman – Independent Reading and Research**

Dr. Bowman is currently conducting research in human cognitive processes such as attention, memory, and the effects of instant/text messaging on reading comprehension. Students

interested in human cognition may contact me to be considered as a research assistant in these projects or to pursue their own project in the area of cognitive psychology.

#### **4. Dr. Joanne DiPlacido – Internships**

Dr. DiPlacido supervises both undergraduate and graduate students at internships in the area of prevention and wellness at the **Wheeler Clinic**. If you are interested, please contact Dr. DiPlacido by e-mail.

#### **5. Dr. Frank Donis - Independent Reading and Research**

Students enrolled in this course work in The Laboratory for the Study of Comparative Psychophysics (Barnard Hall 017), assisting Dr. Donis in his research on basic mechanisms of visual pattern recognition in pigeons and humans. High levels of motivation are required to join this course, as students are generally expected to work on some weekends. This course may be instrumental in gaining acceptance to graduate school, and is especially useful for students planning to study either General or Experimental Psychology. Some students have presented papers at undergraduate science conferences. For more information, please see his website at: [www.psychology.ccsu.edu/donis](http://www.psychology.ccsu.edu/donis)

#### **6. Dr. Carolyn Fallahi - Internships and Independent Reading and Research**

Dr. Fallahi supervises students in a variety of internship sites which include educational and direct services sites. She also frequently involves students in her research and includes them on her published papers and conference presentations if they have meaningfully contributed to the project. For more information on her research, please see her website at: [www.psychology.ccsu.edu/fallahic](http://www.psychology.ccsu.edu/fallahic)

#### **7. Dr. Carol Ford - Internships**

Students interning at **Prudence Crandall** in New Britain may either work on their telephone hotline, assist in supervising residents, and may occasionally conduct duties such as helping the residents find apartments.

Students interning at **Mercy Halfway House** would be working mostly with patients from Connecticut Valley Hospital. Duties include keeping track of the residents, making sure the residents are taking their medications, and helping the residents to find a more permanent place to live.

Dr. Ford also supervises Psyc 499, Independent Reading and Research in Psychology, Eating Disorders and Alcoholism.

#### **8. Dr. Marc Goldstein – Internships in the Community Psychology Area (areas other than direct service) and Independent Reading and Research.**

Dr. Goldstein offers internships in the community psychology area, primarily in areas other than direct service.

**Governor's Prevention Partnership (GPP in Hartford).** This internship focuses on prevention services. The exact project that a student works on depends upon the organization's need, the student's interest and skills.

**The Consultation Center (Yale campus), Connecticut Junior Republic (Torrington area) and other sites.** The specifics of the internship are negotiated like with the GPP.

**Independent Reading and Research –** Dr. Goldstein frequently has students with him on outside consulting projects. Whenever possible, he tries to pay the student for his/her work. In addition, he has several projects pending (awaiting funding or other details). For example, he is working on an evaluation of an after-school program in Middletown; an evaluation of a substance abuse prevention grant to a community group in Bristol; working with the CT Association of Directors of Health on health inequity issues and research. He often has students as co-authors on conference presentations and publications depending on how substantial the role is of the student in helping with the project.

#### **9. Dr. Stephen Horowitz – Internships and Independent Reading and Research.**

**YWCA Sexual Assault Hotline:** This internship trains and supervises students as they staff the sexual assault hotline. Other duties may include accompanying victims to the hospital, and occasionally becoming involved in prevention education projects. This internship involves a six-week training session that the student must pay for (cheaper than a book).

**State of Connecticut: Judicial Branch: Court Support Services:** There are a wide variety of placements available such as working with a probation officer, public defender, or in a detention center. The placements are also located all around the state. You can serve your internship near CCSU or near where you live. The Connecticut Judicial Branch internship has a complete description of their offerings and a downloadable application is available at <http://www.jud.state.ct.us/intern>, but the student should meet with Dr. Horowitz before they apply.

Dr. Horowitz also supervises internships set up by students (they select and contact the outside agency).

Dr. Horowitz also welcomes students to assist in his research for independent study credit. He is currently working on a study on voter apathy. It is an archival project.

#### **10. Dr. Laura Levine – Internships and Independent Reading and Research**

**Internship with the Parent Aide Program of CREC:** Student will work with families referred by DCF, including home visits under staff supervision, activities with the families at the program office and some data entry. Some knowledge of Spanish is helpful.

**Internship with the Creative Child Program at the University of Connecticut Health Center.** This will involve working with children from 6 weeks to 7 years of age. Students will learn about development across the period of infancy and early childhood. They will learn how to deal with difficult behaviors and how to foster cognitive, social and emotional growth of children in this age group.

**Internship at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center Child Life Program.** The student will provide activities to children in the hospital.

Dr. Levine does include students in her research on **media and attention** as well as on a current book project in Child Development.

#### **11. Dr. Jason Sikorski – Internships and Independent Reading and Research**

Dr. Sikorski has worked with students at **Giant Steps Developmental Center** and a local outpatient clinic in the area. He also supervises students who are working on independent research projects as well as working with him on his own research. He does include students on his published research papers when they have contributed meaningfully to the paper.

#### **12. Dr. Bradley Waite – Research Assistant in Media Psychology (for credit/paid position)**

Dr. Bradley Waite is looking for one or two hard working students interested in learning about the research process to fill the positions of Research Assistant that I anticipate having open in the Spring 09 semester. I invite applications for research assistant positions for the Spring 2009 semester. I plan to conduct research examining the role of video games in our daily lives. Positions are available beginning in late January. Applications are accepted starting now and will continue to be reviewed until the positions are filled.

#### **Required qualifications:**

- Completion of at least 1 Research Methods course with a grade of B or higher.
- Familiarity with SPSS and basic computer skills.
- Familiarity and some degree of experience with video games.
- Ability to work well with others.
- Reliability and punctuality.

#### **Duties may include:**

- Data collection, computer work, data entry, video game identification, literature reviews, writing and other research related activities.

#### **To apply:**

Send an e-mail ([waite@ccsu.edu](mailto:waite@ccsu.edu)) to Dr. Waite (or drop off in person, Marcus White 209) the following:

- A statement of interest; why are you interested in being a research assistant?
- Tell me about any experience you have with research (including that which you have gained in a research methods class).
- Tell me about your knowledge of video/computer games.
- Please ask your course instructor for Psy 221, 222, 596, or 597 (or other faculty member familiar with your research skills) to send a brief e-mail to me in support of your application.

**Considerations:** Assistant position may be volunteer, for course credit (Psy 499 or Psy 591), or paid depending on amount of involvement and preference. For more information on his research, please see his website at: [www.psychology.ccsu.edu/waite](http://www.psychology.ccsu.edu/waite).