



Greetings!

The *Psychlone* is now being written by psychology students. This edition was created by Brett Conrad, a psychology and theatre double-major. Given the changes in the department and the need to have more help from the department assistants, this Fall edition is a little late. So, expect another newsletter very soon reporting the future plans of our seniors.

Departmental News:

This year has ushered in many changes in the department. Due to the institutional restructuring, Christine Noria, Ph.D. was not offered a full-time position and we were sad to see her go. She is currently completing a one-year teaching term at IUSB's psychology department. Also this fall, Jenny Beer, a masters-level therapist and former Goshen College employee, taught the Counseling and Psychotherapy class. Further, we are excited to welcome Amanda Sensenig, Ph.D. to the staff this spring as an ongoing, half-time professor. She is teaching General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and Psychological Assessment. Dr. Sensenig, a GC psychology alum ('03), has her doctoral degree in cognitive psychology and comes from Bluffton University where she taught for 4 years in the psychology department.

An exciting addition this year is the psychology forum, an extra-curricular meeting where different psychology-related speakers present to the students and faculty. These speakers included: Jennifer Johnson, a Goshen Middle School counselor; John Horsley, a member of the Oaklawn psychiatric facility; Scott Dueker, a behavioral analyst at The Behavioral Analysis Center for Autism (B.A.C.A., for short); and Dr. Kathleen Harder, a medical accident prevention specialist from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Harder, an alum from Goshen's psych department, assesses accident rates in the operating room and works with surgeons and other doctors to improve the quality and thoroughness of their work and the procedures and protocols in place to protect the patient. These events were widely attended, very interesting, and will continue to show students the importance of psychology in many jobs.

News of Grads:

Greg Koop, Ph.D. ('06) is an assistant professor of psychology at Eastern Mennonite University.

Several graduates are in the process of applying to graduate school. Look for updates on where they will be studying.

In the research:

This past July researchers performed an interesting (and very culturally relevant) experiment involving a person's interaction with the social media platform, Facebook. In short, the researchers created a fake profile where a group of participants, all young women, assessed and ultimately rated the profile owner on her perceived ability to perform in various ways. These scales include occupational tasks, her social attractiveness (i.e. "Would you be her friend?" or "Do you think that you could trust her to keep a secret?") and her actual physical attractiveness.

The catch? Half of the participants viewed a profile with only "sexually charged" photos, where the woman in the profile is wearing low-cut shirts and other, more promiscuous attire, while the other half only saw photos of the profile owner in more modest outfits. The more sexualized profile received lower scores on all three measures than the non-sexualized profile. It is unknown if these results are widespread, nor if they would change with male participants, but the results are fairly clear: sexualized images do come at a cost.

Daniels, E. A., & Zurbruggen, E. L. (2014). The Price of Sexy: Viewers' Perceptions of a Sexualized Versus Nonsexualized Facebook Profile Photograph.