Greetings from the Director of Clinical Training, Heather Hadjistavropoulos (PhD, RD Psych).

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and are feeling rested, rejuvenated and ready for another academic year. This year, more than others, is particularly exciting for the Clinical Program as the Sunlife Financial Psychology Training Clinic will be ready for use. The clinic is located below the bookstore in College West and consists of a beautifully renovated space including a private waiting area for clients, two large family therapy rooms, two group rooms, two testing rooms and two individual therapy rooms along with plenty of storage and office space for students. All treatment space is set up with very advanced recording systems. We will be having an official opening with the fall reception, to be held on November 7th. I personally want to thank everyone who made the renovation possible. This includes the multiple donors, as well as support from the University administration and facilities management.

The other big news is that we will be undergoing our accreditation site visit in the 2014-2015 academic year. We are currently in the midst of preparing our application materials. The site visit will be scheduled later in 2014 or early 2015.

In terms of the current newsletter, I hope you enjoy reading about all the great things that have happened this past year. Students, faculty, community supervisors and support staff have all been extremely busy! In this newsletter, you will read about our incoming MA students, our most recent graduates, the extensive clinical training students are receiving both within and outside of the province, and the numerous prestigious awards and faculty accomplishments.

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the Clinical Program. As always, I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the annual fall reception.

Best wishes for another productive year!

~Heather

P.S. Feedback on the program is always welcome! While I prefer to hear feedback directly, you can also provide anonymous feedback by leaving a typed message in my departmental mail box.

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All clinical students who have not yet completed comprehensive exams are required to attend, and community members and faculty are also invited to attend. All seminars will be held from **4:00 to 5:00 pm in Classroom Building Room 417**. The seminars are designed to contribute to the clinical training of students and provide a forum for the discussion of important clinical issues among the MA and PhD students. The schedule is as follows:

**Fall 2014**
- September 11 – Bethany Gelinas (Am I becoming a serial killer? A case of mental health anxiety)
- October 9 – Michelle Gagnon (A case of trichotillomiania)
- November 13 – Dr. Karen Todd (Working with Forensic Populations)
- November 27 – Lindsay Friesen (A Clinical Case Study of Social Anxiety Comorbid with Depression)
- December 11 – Dr. Bruce Gordon (Collaborative Work Between Psychologists and Elders in the Community)

**Winter 2015**
- January 22 – Dr. Nick Carleton (Military/paramilitary case presentation)
- February 12 – Angela Snowshoe (The Role of Culture for First Nations People’s Mental Health)
- April 2 – Joanne Frederick (The Role of the Saskatchewan Professional Conduct Committee in Dealing with Public Complaints)

If you have an interest in presenting, or have any questions, please email Sophie Duranceau, the clinical seminar coordinator at sophie.duranceau@hotmail.com.

**Updates to the Clinical Program Manual & Brochure**

The Clinical Program manual and the Clinical Program brochure have been updated. You can find these materials at the following web address: [http://www.arts.uregina.ca/psychology](http://www.arts.uregina.ca/psychology)

**Please help me welcome the following new MA students to our program**

- **DELAINE AMMATURO**
  Supervisor: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos

- **NATASHA GALLANT**
  Supervisor: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos

- **SEINT KOKOKYI**
  Supervisor: Dr. B. Klest

- **SABINE SOLTANI**
  Supervisor: Dr. N. Carleton

- **JOELLE SOUCY**
  Supervisor: Dr. H. Hadjistavropoulos

- **Audur Thorisdottir**
  Supervisor: Dr. G. Asmundson
Please congratulate the following students who have defended their MA theses

DALE DIRKSE
Title: Linguistic Analysis of Communication in a Therapist-Assisted Internet-based Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Program for Individuals with Generalized Anxiety Disorder
Supervisor: Dr. H. Hadjistavropoulos

SOPHIE DURANCEAU
Title: An Examination of Attentional Bias for Threat in Motor Vehicle Accident Survivors with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
Supervisor/Co-Supervisor: Dr. N. Carleton/ Dr. G. Asmundson

DANIEL LEBOUTHILLIER
Title: Can a Single Bout of Exercise Reduce Anxiety Sensitivity? A Randomized Controlled Trial
Supervisor Dr. G. Asmundson

AMY HAMPTON
Title: The Effect of Emotion Regulation Strategies on the Pain Experience
Supervisor: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos

SOPHIE DURANCEAU
Title: The Effect of Emotion Regulation Strategies on the Pain Experience
Supervisor: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos

KIRSTIE WALKER
Title: SNAP® for Schools: Impact on Internalizing Symptoms
Supervisor: Dr. K. Wright

Please join me in congratulating students who recently completed the PhD program

NATHALIE BERARD
Supervisor/Co-Supervisor: Dr. L. Loutzenhiser/ Dr. D. Alfano
Current position: Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, Children’s Program

NICOLE PUGH
Dissertation title: A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Therapist-Assisted Internet Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Program for Women with Postpartum Depression
Supervisor: Dr. H. Hadjistavropoulos
Current position: Brief Intervention Unit, Vancouver Coastal Health (starting in September 2014).

SARAH CHAN
Dissertation title: Evidence-Based Development and Initial Validation of the Pain Assessment Checklist for Seniors with Limited Ability to Communicate-II (PACSLAC-II).
Supervisor: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos
Current position: Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre (Temporary Part-time)

LUKE SCHNEIDER
Title: Initial Perceptions of Internet-Based Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy for Chronic Pain Among Potential Users: Examining Interest, Perceived Barriers, and Strengths
Supervisor: Dr. H. Hadjistavropoulos

SHANNON JONES
Dissertation title: An Efficacy Trial of Therapist-Assisted Internet-Delivered Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy for Older Adults with Generalized Anxiety
Supervisor: Dr. H. Hadjistavropoulos
Current position: Southport Psychology, Calgary, AB (private practice)

MURRAY ABRAMS
Dissertation title: Clarifying the Nature of Pain-Related Anxiety: Implications for Assessment and Treatment of Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain.
Supervisor: Dr. G. Asmundson
Current Position: Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, Functional Rehabilitation Program
As you will see below, students have been very busy with clinical training this year. We are very grateful to all of the supervisors that have worked with the students and invested in the future of clinical psychology!

FOUR MONTH INTERNSHIP
The following students completed the four month internship in 2013-2014:

- Dale Dirkse – Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Regina Mental Health Clinic, Rehabilitation Services Program – Supervisors: Ms. Heather Elliott and Ms. Katherine Storey
- Sophie Duranceau – Parkland Health Region – Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Berg-Kolody
- Amy Hampton – Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Functional Rehabilitation Program – Supervisor: Dr. David West-Johnson
- Daniel LeBouthillier – Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Functional Rehabilitation Program – Supervisor: Dr. David West-Johnson
- Kirstie Walker – Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Regina Child & Youth Services – Supervisor: Ms. Pamela Olson

DOCTORAL CLINICAL PLACEMENTS
The following students completed a PhD practicum in 2013-2014:

- Samantha Horswill – RCMP Health Services – Supervisor: Dr. Jason Peebles
- Holly Parkerson – University of Regina Psychology Training Clinic – Supervisor: Dr. Heath Hadjistavropoulos; – U of R Counselling Services, – Supervisor: Dr. Brian Sveinson
- Sarah Reiser – Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Functional Rehabilitation Program – Supervisor: Dr. David West-Johnson
- Kim Zorn – University of Regina Counselling Services, – Supervisor: Dr. Brian Sveinson
- Clair Barefoot – Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation, – Supervisors: Dr. Rebecca Mills, Dr. Joanne Savoie
- Lindsay Friesen – U of R Counselling Services, – Supervisor: Dr. Brian Sveinson
- Bethany Gelinias – University of Regina Psychology Training Clinic – Supervisor: Dr. Heather Hadjistavropoulos
- Michelle Gagnon – University of Regina Psychology Training Clinic – Supervisor: Dr. Lynn Loutzenhiser; Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Regina Child & Youth Services – Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Gordon
- Omeed Ghandehari – Private Practice, CBI Physical Rehabilitation Centre – Supervisor: Dr. Katherine Owens
- Patrick Welch – Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Regina Mental Health Clinic – Supervisor: Dr. Jenny Keller
- Jasmin Dhillon – University of Regina Psychology Training Clinic – Supervisor: Dr. Lynn Loutzenhiser; Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Regina Mental Health Clinic – Supervisor: Drs. Megan Woods and Katherine Owens
- Michel Thibodeau – Centre for Mental Health and Addictions, Toronto – Supervisor: Dr. Lena Quilty

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Congratulations to all students who held external funding this year

- Vanier CIHR – Michelle Gagnon & Mathew Fetzner
- CIHR – Michelle Teale Sapach, Samantha Horswill, Holly Parkerson, Bethany Gelinias, Lindsay Friesen, Katherine McMillan, Chelsea Delparte, Nicole Alberts, Mike Thibodeau, Shannon Jones
- SSHRC – Daniel LeBouthillier, Jasmin Dhillon, Chet Hembroff, Melissa Wuerch
- P.E.O Scholar Award – Katherine McMillan

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
We are thrilled that several students in our program received special recognition this year.

Mike Thibodeau - CIHR-Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction 2013 Brain Star Award
Nicky Pugh - Canadian Psychological Association, Clinical Section Ken Bowers Award for Student Research
Predoctoral Residency Completion

I am pleased to report that the following students have completed the predoctoral residency this year:

- Sarah Chan, Ottawa Hospital Health & Rehabilitation Psychology
- Heather Eritz, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region
- Nicole Pugh, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Christina Drost, Royal Ottawa Healthcare Group
- Shahlo Mustafaeva, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region
- Nicole Alberts, Washington University
- Chelsea Delparte, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region
- Jasmin Dhillon, Center for Addiction, Medicine Hat
- Mathew Fetzner, Royal Ottawa Healthcare Organization
- Michel Thibodeau, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Katherine McMillan, Saskatoon Health Regina

Please wish the following students well as they move on to complete the predoctoral residency in 2014-2015:

- Nicole Alberts, Washington University
- Chelsea Delparte, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region
- Jasmin Dhillon, Center for Addiction, Medicine Hat
- Mathew Fetzner, Royal Ottawa Healthcare Organization
- Michel Thibodeau, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Katherine McMillan, Saskatoon Health Regina

Message from the PGSA

The PGSA would like to extend our warmest welcome to all new incoming Clinical and Experimental students to the psychology department in the Fall 2014 semester. As the PGSA represents all psychology graduate students at the University of Regina in the Clinical and Experimental Psychology Programs, our primary objective is to provide a means for students to contribute to and maximize their educational experience from their program, Department, and University. Broadly, our goals for the upcoming year will be to continue to provide information and support for psychology graduate students, promote psychology within our community, encourage collaboration between graduate and undergraduate students, support the Clinical Seminar Series, be an active component of the larger UofR Graduate Student Association, and foster communication between our members, the University, and outside organizations. We look forward to continuing to work towards these goals in the upcoming year.

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The PGSA Mandate was updated this year after committee review. The revised mandate has been uploaded to the website, http://uregina.ca/psychgsa/mandate.html. Important changes have been made to many of our procedures and executive positions, so please read through the mandate when it is convenient.

The PGSA has taken pleasure in being involved in the community and on campus. A number of PGSA members volunteered to sit on committees that contribute to the running of the University of Regina through the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and volunteered for events around campus. We had an active presence with the Graduate Students' Association, including membership on the GSA Executive. We were able to host a week-long Psychology Awareness Week in February, which included a mental health awareness table in Riddell, a documentary on prostitution in Canada, a series of TED Talks at the Owl, and a documentary on the Not Criminally Responsible charge. Many different faces in the PGSA were organizers, volunteers, and attendants of these events. In April, the PGSA hosted the first annual Defeat Depression 8k Walk/Run. As a group, we raised over $4,000 for the national Defeat Depression cause!

The PGSA is already planning a number of exciting events in the upcoming academic year in addition to our usual involvement around campus. Look forward to a Psychology Awareness Week and Defeat Depression run, as well as our many social events throughout the year. Information on these events as well as other community and campus activities can be found on our website (http://uregina.ca/psychgsa/), facebook page, and graduate student board outside the Department office.

In April, the 2014-2015 PGSA executive was elected. We are pleased to welcome many incoming executive members:

President: Samantha Horswill  
Vice President: Daniel LeBouthillier  
Department Rep: Dale Dirkse  
EAP Rep: Brittany Whiting  
Clinical Committee Rep: Sophie Duranceau  
Secretary/Treasurer: Michelle Teale Sapach  
GSA Rep: Christina D’Ambrosio  
Social Rep: Amy Hampton  
Faculty Liaison: Jeff Loucks  
CPA Rep: Sarah Ivens  
Union Steward: Omeed Ghandehari  
External Relations: Holly Parkerson  
Webmaster Rep: Patrick Welch

The PGSA would also like to congratulate our graduating members, Matthew Fetzner, Mike Thibodeau, Kat McMillan, Nicole Alberts, Chelsea Delparte, and Jasmin Dhillon, who will be attending their year of residency in 2014-2015. On behalf of the entire PGSA, thank you for your dedication to our organization and good luck in your future endeavours. We would like to thank the Department and University for a wonderful year and look forward to seeing everybody at our first Fall meeting and social event.
Dr. Dennis Alfano will be on sabbatical during the 2013-2014 year. During his sabbatical, he will continue his research program out of the Concussion Research and Sport Health (CRASH) Centre® at the Aspen Medical Centre at the University of Regina. The CRASH Centre is a clinical and research Centre that focuses principally on the assessment and treatment of concussion.

Dr. Gordon Asmundson is the President's Research Chair in Adult Mental Health (2011-2016) and continues to lead the Traumatic Stress Group and Anxiety and Illness Behaviours Lab. Recent research efforts of his team have helped to better understand the association between posttraumatic stress disorder and chronic pain as well as treating people who experience these conditions together. Current research efforts, supported by an operating grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2013-2017), focused the evaluating the efficacy of and understanding mechanisms underlying aerobic exercise as an adjuvant and stand alone treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder. In June 2014 Dr. Asmundson received the coveted Canadian Psychological Association Donald. O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Science.

Dr. Nicholas Carleton recently won a 5-year CIHR New Investigator Award to support his research into transdiagnostic elements of psychopathology. He is continuing his 5-year CIHR-funded research project exploring attentional biases and chronic pain, particularly fibromyalgia. He is actively working with the University of Regina on the development of a new Collaborative Centre for Justice and Safety, a centre that will include a significant focus on post traumatic stress disorder in RCMP, police, fire, EMS, and corrections officers, among others. In addition, he is continuing to publish on intolerance of uncertainty as a key transdiagnostic risk factor.

Dr. Heather Hadjistavropoulos has been making progress on her Partnership for Health Systems Improvement grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research), the Rx&D Health Research Foundation (Fostering Innovation in Healthcare Initiative) and the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (~$708,000 value June 2013-2017). This grant is being used to support the Online Therapy Unit for Service, Education and Research. During this past year, we developed a video to improve patient and provider understanding of Online Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (Online-CBT; please check out our video by visiting www.onlinetherapyuser.ca). We also developed an online screening process to facilitate patient access to Online-CBT. Finally, we began to offer an 8 week Wellbeing Course for the treatment of anxiety and or depression. During a six month period, we were able to screen over 150 clients for treatment and offer Online-CBT to 100 clients. In total, we have over 25 therapists delivering treatment to residents of Saskatchewan. Preliminary analysis shows that our outcomes are excellent with over 94% of clients indicating that they feel the course is worth their time and they would refer a friend to the course. In recognition of her contributions to the profession of psychology this year, Heather was appointed Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association.

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Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, ABPP, FCAHS, Research Chair in Aging and Health, was awarded this year (as Principal Investigator) a new 3-year grant valued at $717,000 from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation to investigate quality of life issues in older adults. Another member of our department (Dr. D. Alfano) was a co-investigator on the grant. More recently, Dr. Hadjistavropoulos was also awarded, as Principal Investigator, a grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for $318,000 (over 3 years). Finally, his laboratory underwent a renovation and acquired new major research equipment with funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the government of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Mary Hampton continues to work on the SSHRC/CURA five-year, multi-region project entitled, “Rural and Northern Community Response to Intimate Partner Violence”. She is the Saskatchewan academic coordinator of RESOLVE and focuses her community based research on intimate partner violence.

Dr. Bridget Klest was recently awarded a 3-year establishment grant from Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, for her project entitled “History of Exposure to Traumatic Stress and Healthcare Experiences.” In addition, over the past year she has completed data collection for a project in partnership with Angioma Alliance (a research, advocacy, and patient support organization) exploring psychosocial variables in a sample of adults diagnosed with a rare neurovascular condition. She has also continued collaborations with SEARCH, a student-run after-hours health clinic in Regina’s North Central neighborhood, and is now a faculty advisor to their board.

Dr. Lynn Loutzenhiser continues her research on issues affecting the parents of young children, with a current focus on fathering and fatigue, through the Child and Family Research Group. She is collaborating with researchers from Melbourne, Australia, and Dearborn, Michigan, in the area of fatigue in parents. Dr. Loutzenhiser has also recently partnered with Drs. Sevigny and Oriet to develop an intervention designed to help new fathers navigate the challenges of parenthood.

Dr. Phillip Sevigny has been appointed to a two-year term position with Luther College. He continues his research on the changing roles of men in families with a focus on the associations between parenting beliefs and positive father involvement. Dr. Sevigny has recently partnered with Drs. Loutzenhiser and Oriet to develop an intervention designed to help new fathers navigate the challenges of parenthood. Dr. Sevigny is also continuing his research with Dr. David Malloy exploring cross-cultural variance in understandings of existential courage.

Dr. Kristi Wright’s efforts continue to focus on exploring the many facets of preoperative anxiety in children and, in extension, seeking to improve intervention strategies for children receiving anesthesia services within the Canadian healthcare system. Drs. Wright, Heather Price and Katherine Robinson’s Canadian Innovation Foundation (CFI) funded state-of-the-art Child, Health, Learning and Development (CHLD) laboratory facility houses innovative research projects designed to understand and improve health and well-being of children. Dr. Wright is currently completing a research project funded by the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) New Investigator Establishment Grant focused on developing and evaluating an interactive, Internet-delivered preoperative preparation program (I-PPP) for parents/guardians and their children who are to undergo a surgical procedure.
Greetings from Regina Qu’Appelle Health

Greetings from the RQHR. Once again we have had a busy, successful, and exciting year! As a group we have been lucky enough to supervise many amazing students from the Clinical program. As usual, students have contributed greatly to Adult Therapy at the Mental Health Clinic (MHC), the Functional Rehabilitation Program, MHC DBT Group, Children’s Program, Child and Youth Services, the Bariatric Clinic, and the Outpatient Pediatric Clinic. Some new experiences have been added to our offerings recently including work with the MHC Alternatives to Violence Program, MHC Rehabilitation Services, and a brand-new MHC OCD mini-practicum. The interest, training, and time students bring to each of these placements always equates to a value-added client service and a great experience for supervisors.

At any given time we have U of R Clinical Psychology students serving along the continuum – interns, practicum students, and pre-docs. Reflecting their success, we have alumna at all levels from supervising MA and PhD students, to residents and provisionally registered colleagues, all the way through to the Director of Clinical Training role!

As the DCT for the RQHR (and a proud University of Regina grad), I have heard very positive feedback about our students at all levels of training and beyond —well done!

In addition to MA and practica placements, RQHR psychologists have supervised four pre-doctoral residents this year. Last year’s re-accreditation site visit went extremely well and we were very happy to be re-accredited by CPA for 5 years. We are often matched to University of Regina students in the APPIC pre-doc process, and we have been thrilled to have many of these students stay in Regina after graduation…becoming our next round of amazing supervisors and service providers.

My thanks to students, faculty, and supervisors alike!

Dr. Katherine Owens

Save the Date! November 7th, 2014

Renovations to the SunLife Financial Psychology Training Clinic were made possible because of generous donations to the clinic or programming from:

- Sun Life Financial
- Mr. John Smith
- Ms. Livia Castellanos
- Ms. Terry Allen

The renovations were also supported by contributions from:

- Faculty of Arts
- Department of Psychology
- Provost & V.P. Academic
New Clinical Faculty Member(s):

The Psychology department has received permission to conduct a faculty search this year for a tenure-track position in clinical psychology (specialization open). We also are in the process of receiving final approval to hire a 5-year and a 2-year term position, both in clinical psychology.

These new hires will directly involve the clinical graduate students. We usually invite 3 candidates for each position to participate in the interview process on campus. We hold a meet-&-greet with each candidate and available graduate students. Each candidate also presents a colloquium on their research to the department, and graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend. Input on the candidates is solicited from the graduate students through their representative (Sophie Duranceau in the case of the first search). All graduate students are encouraged to participate in the recruitment process, which will most likely begin in the new year.

Richard MacLennan, Ph.D.
Professor & Head, Psychology

Retirement of Brian Sveinson

As some of you are aware, Dr. Brian Sveinson, Director of Counselling Services at the University of Regina retired this summer. During his 24 years of service to the University, Brian helped thousands of students.

Some of you may not know that Dr. Sveinson was a former member of the Psychology department, until he gave up his faculty duties to take on a larger role with Counselling Services. Many of our current and former students had the good fortune to work with Brian when he supervised their clinical work in Counseling Services. Brian also taught a Personality course for us almost on an annual basis and several other courses for our clinical students over the years.

Professionally Brian was involved with the Saskatchewan College of Psychologists over the years, and at one time served as the College’s Registrar. He was also an active member of the Canadian Psychological Association’s Section 24 for Counselling Psychology, and in 1994-95 help organized their convention program.

Dr. Sveinson dealt with a wide-range of client problems in his counselling work, and freely shared his clinical expertise with the popular media. For instance, at various times he conducted interviews on stuttering, eating disorders, time management, and the role of pets in people’s emotional well-being. An example of one of his many significant contributions at the University was helping to set-up the peer-support program for UR Pride. In his personal life, Brian was a long-standing member of the UR Curling Club, even serving a stint as their president. According to “On the Broom” in 2002, one notorious moment in his curling career was when “Brian Sveinson prangs the stately Chrysler owned by Ernie Nicholls”.

Perhaps one of his proudest moments at the University of Regina was when Dr. Sveinson recently had the opportunity to hood his own daughter, Katie, as a graduate of the Faculty of KHS. Brian and his wife must have raised her as a proper Saskatchewan girl, because she is going on to do graduate research in KHS on female fans of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. We wish Brian the best in his retirement years enjoying two of his favorite pastimes, golfing and spoiling his grandchildren.

written by Dr. Richard MacLennan
The EAP program is excited to welcome five new students in the Fall. Kim Audette, currently with the F Division of the RCMP, completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Regina and her Master’s degree at the University of Texas at El Paso. She will be completing her Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Heather Price. Bindu Senthil-Kumar – who is fluent in four languages! – completed her Master’s degree in Applied Psychology at Women’s Christian College in Chennai, India. Bindu is the winner of an Award of Excellence at this year’s Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region Research Showcase recognizing the outstanding work she has done in the past year with RQHR. Bindu will complete her Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Jeff Loucks. Lynne Sheldon will begin her Master’s with us co-supervised by Drs. Mary Hampton and William Smythe. Lynne previously worked with Dr. Smythe, who supervised her Honours thesis on feminine body image and ideals in young girls. Tansi Summerfield also completed her Honours degree under the supervision of Dr. Smythe on the effect of the use of field notes by law enforcement offers on recall of details of a crime scene. She will continue to pursue research in policing under the supervision of Dr. Katherine Arbuthnott. Jamie Wallace will also complete his Master’s degree with Dr. Arbuthnott. Knowing Jamie, his Master’s work will surely extend the excellent work he did with Dr. Arbuthnott on psychological factors affecting food choices. We are excited to welcome our new students aboard and look forward to celebrating their future successes.

Dr. Heather Price was the successful recipient of a SSHRC grant in the amount of $194,410 to further her internationally-recognized work on children’s credibility in the legal system. Our department head, Dr. Richard MacLennan has also been successful in securing external funding for his work; he and his collaborator Dr. Heather Switzer will examine search and rescue services in Saskatchewan with the support of $37,000 awarded from the RCMP’s Canadian Centre for Public Safety and First Responders.

Two of our students were successful in securing SSHRC funding for their research this year. Congratulations to Kaila Bruer who is the winner of a three-year CGS-D award valued at $35,000 per year, and to Chet Hembroff, who has secured a one-year CGS-M award, valued at $17,500.

Ryan Fitzgerald, who will defend his doctoral dissertation later this year, has already secured a faculty position at Portsmouth University in Portsmouth, UK. Ryan will join their psychology department in January. Congratulations, Ryan!

Finally, we are pleased to learn that two of our alumni have secured employment in research positions. Mamata Pandey (Ph.D. 2013) has accepted a position as a Research Scientist in the Regina Qu’appelle Health Region and John Brand (M.A., 2010) will take up a post-doctoral fellowship in the Cornell Institute for Applied Behavioral Economics and Consumer Choice at Cornell University in the Fall. Congratulations to both!