

Western Psychology Association



WPA Newsletter- Winter Edition

January 2006

Welcome back WPA members!!!
Last term was packed full of exciting social, volunteer, and networking events- all of which were great successes. We started off with a trip to Fleetway for Cosmic Bowling. Next up was our annual Wine and Cheese Event in which Dr. Atkinson won his third Prof of the Year Award. The remainder of first term was dedicated to multiple fundraising events. Our annual Gift Wrapping Event at St. Joseph's Regional Mental Health Centre was rewarding and fun. Our semester ended with our Holiday Card Fundraiser at Western and King's campus. Wow! What a great semester. Read on to find out about upcoming events and come out and take part to make this semester even more enjoyable!

Information Update

NEWLY DISCOVERED CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR PSYCH GEEKS!!!

Schizophrenia – *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Multiple Personality Disorder – *We Three Kings Disoriented Are*

Paranoia – *Santa Claus is Coming to Get Me*

Autism – *Jingle Bell Rock Rock Rock Rock Rock Rock Rock Rock*

Senile Dementia – *Walking in a Winter Wonderland Miles from My House In My Slippers and Robe*

Social Anxiety Disorder – *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas While I Sit Here and Hyperventilate*

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder – *Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,*

Personality Disorder – *You Better Watch Out, I'm Going to Cry, I'm Going to Pout, Maybe I'll Tell You Why*

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NEWS FROM LAST TERM...



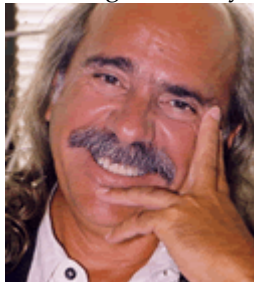
Our first social event this year was a bowling night at Fleetway! Some of us showed skill, while some of us surprised ourselves with streaks of spares and strikes. And of course, those less skilled just bowled for laughs, either Fred Flintstone-style or Granny-style! I would have to say the best part was meeting other members and the WPA exec that I didn't already know, catching up, and spending time with friends who are in the club. Going to WPA social events is a great chance to meet other people who are interested in Psych, and it's always fun and informative to swap stories with other Psych students about psychology courses and profs! All in all bowling was a lot of fun, and if you unfortunately missed the event, you can check out the WPA website to see what, and when our next social event is so you can be sure to join in on the fun!



~ Melissa Hanselman, Social Committee



Every year at the Wine and Cheese we present the Professor of the Year Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding teaching from the previous year. In October, WPA members in second year and above nominate professors and then vote on the nominees. This year we were proud to present the award to Dr. Mike Atkinson. This is the third time that Dr. Mike has won the award, demonstrating his ability to influence students and to make learning fun and interesting, even in a class of 800 students. Dr. Mike had his name added to the Professor of the Year plaque, which is displayed on the 7th floor of SSC, and received a gift certificate to Chapters.



~ Lauren McCarthy Nagler, VP Finance



The 3rd annual WPA gift-wrapping event at St. Joe's was a great time again this year! Six stoic volunteers braved the cold on December 3rd to wrap dozens of gifts for the patients at the psychiatric hospital who would not be returning home for Christmas. A great cause, and fun too! The volunteers got a hearty welcome by St. Joe's volunteer coordinator Dale (including hot chocolate, cookies and carols!) and the ever popular hospital museum tour. Looking forward to continuing the event next year with a bigger team!

~ Anne Wagner, Vice President

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I would like to give huge thanks to everyone who helped out on the Holiday Card Fundraiser.

Despite all of the mix-ups, our fundraiser was very successful and allowed us to donate approximately \$250 to the Child and Adolescent Psych Ward at the London Science Center. Special thanks to the PRC Volunteers giving up their time in the PRC and for helping out with the fundraiser on main campus and at King's College. I appreciate everyone's help from last term and look forward to working with all of you again. I have some big plans in the works for this term so look out for upcoming Volunteer Committee meetings. If you are interested in volunteering in the PRC please email me at ctetraul@uwo.ca

~Christine Tetrault, Volunteer Coordinator



**“WPA
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My experience as a first year rep for the WPA has been so GREAT! Being a part of the WPA provides so many opportunities to get involved, to meet other people, and to help others through volunteering. Also, I have learned a lot from upper year psych students on issues such as courses, programs, careers with a psych degree, etc. Beyond the academics, it was a lot of fun taking part in social events like Bowling Night, Wine and Cheese, and the Holiday Card sale.

~Michelle Fung, First Year Representative

First semester may be over, but there are many more WPA events on the way! In the next couple of months we will be having our grad forum and speaker series. These are great opportunities for everyone to come out, especially those considering joining the WPA. Brescia, Huron, and Kings: keep your eyes and ears open! Details about these great events are soon to follow. Watch for me in your psych class! Look forward to seeing you all there... did I mention there will be food?

~Chloe Hamza, VP Marketing (External)



2005-2006 WPA Exec

As VP Internal Marketing, I've worked a lot on the new WPA website, WesternPsych.Net. So far, the site and event promotion have been huge successes and enjoyable experiences to run. The WPA's Fall Term events had great turnouts, and we are aiming to get even more members out this term.

~Adam Guzzo, VP Marketing (Internal)

One of the events coming up is the **WPA Speaker Series**, and this year's proposed theme is *Psychology and the Media*. During this three part series, professors from Western will talk about some of the pop psychology issues that are currently plaguing televisions and magazines and providing a very poor application of everyone's favourite field.

Hey, WPA members! Are you wondering what you can do with an undergraduate Psychology degree? Since there are so many options (and this can often be pretty overwhelming!), the WPA exec and I have put together a Career and Graduate Forum to provide you with great information regarding possible careers for psych majors, as well as very important information about grad schools (like, when to start applying, what to look for in a grad school, etc.). We'll be inviting some professors and grad students in the Psych department to talk about what you can do once you've graduated with a psych degree, so you will

NOT want to miss out! We're going to be holding this annual Career and Grad Forum February 7th from 4:30PM to 6:30PM in SSC 3036. There will also be refreshments, so come with appetites for amazing food and awesome information regarding your future!!

~Alana Vernon, President

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Where is your
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Come to the WPA Career
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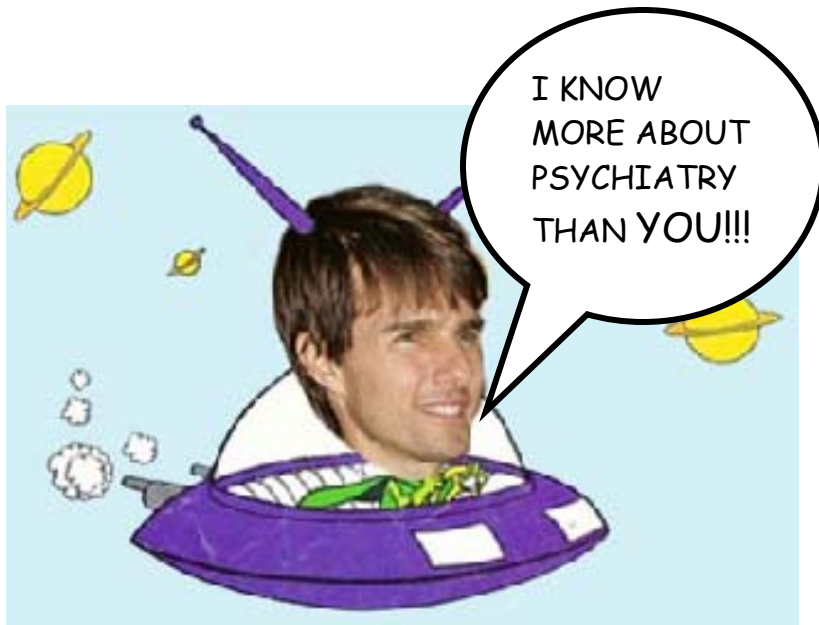
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