

# ***F*rom The Chair...**

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# Introducing Karen Solomon...

Last January, Karen Solomon began working as an Assistant Professor in the Psychology department at Willamette. She received her doctoral degree in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Chicago and has taught at both the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. In her doctoral work, Karen investigated how people use categories to recognize objects that they encounter in the world.

From the University of Chicago, Karen moved to Northwestern University

where she worked as both a post-doctoral research fellow and as an instructor. At Northwestern, Karen extended her work on object categories to social categories, such as race and gender. At Willamette, Karen plans to continue this work on social categories.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Karen received a BA from St. Olaf College, where she majored in Mathematics and Religious Studies. When she's not at work, Karen is spending time with her two daughters, Beatrice (2-1/2 years old) and Eleanor (1 year old), reading

mysteries and chatting with her husband Jeremy.

So far, Karen loves the temperate Oregon climate and has been impressed by both the quality of student and instructors at Willamette

It was at Clemson that he met his wife of 23 years, Linda/ Early in their marriage, he and Linda traveled extensively, living in a number of exotic places such as Majorca and the Big Island of Hawaii. In 1985, Professor Palmer began graduate work at the University of Georgia, specializing in primate studies and comparative cognition. He received his doctorate in Psychology in 1989. Over the last decade, he has been a faculty member with the Psychology department at the University of Louisiana.

Professor Palmer, his wife, Linda, their 20 year old son, Adam, and their 19 year old daughter, Nani, have now relocated to Oregon. They are all extremely

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# Internship Opportunity

Salem Outreach Shelter has a Family Support Worker Internship position available. This position will provide case-management and monitoring of homeless families living in transitional housing facilities. Duties will include

assessing client strengths and barriers to goal achievement, developing of a case management plan and assisting families with follow through, and participation as a member of the case management team. This is a non-paid position, but

academic credit is welcome. Please contact Chris Mack, Volunteer Coordinator at 588-8898 if interested in this opportunity.

psychological topics. Also, please let me know if you have ideas for how you would like to use the newsletter to best meet the needs of the students. Eventually we'd like to send the newsletter out to our alumni so that they can keep up with what is happening in the Psych department even after they graduate.

Finally, I'd like to let all Psych majors know that I'm available to meet with anyone to address any issues or concerns within the department. My office is 253 Smullin Hall, and I'm on campus every day but Thursdays (when I do forensic child abuse assessments at Lib-

erty House). I can be reached via email (medelson@willamette.edu) or phone (x6133) as well. Feel free to stop by if you need to or if you just want to say hello. For those who don't know me, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm a child clinical psychologist with clinical and research interests in sexual abuse, autism, and domestic violence. I teach a variety of

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