# We've Got Issues

### Willamette University Psychology Department Quarterly Newsletter

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Even though we're already well into the second month of classes, we want to welcome everyone back to another academic year here in the Psychology Department. We especially want to welcome back those students who were abroad last semester and our newly declared majors and minors. The psychology department has some new faces that you may not recognize if you have frequented 2nd floor Smullin of late. In this issue of the newsletter, you will be introduced to our new Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Martineau. The Psychology Department office has changed as well. It is now located in Smullin 220. Please stop by and say hi to Elizabeth when you're in the neighborhood.

We also have two new fulltime visiting instructors this year as well. Staci Simmelink-Johnson is teaching Introductory Psychology and Abnormal Psychology: Adult (formerly Clinical/ Abnormal Psychology), and Jill Yamashita is teaching Introductory Psychology and Cognitive Processes. They share an office in 260 Smullin; Staci teaches on a Tuesday-Thursday schedule, and Jill teaches on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule. You will learn more about each of them in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

In addition to the new faces in the department this year, there are some new events as well. The first of these is an upcoming advising session/ social gathering for juniors in psychology. This event will take place at 6pm in Smullin 222 on Tuesday October 19th and should hopefully provide our juniors with needed information both about the psychology program and planning for the senior experience in psychology as well as provide assistance in planning for "life after Willamette." It is also a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow classmates. As last year, the Psychology Department is again conducting a search this term for a full-time tenure-tracked Cognitive Psychologist. Therefore, you will be hearing about upcoming job talks/ presentations given by our finalists for this position. We encourage psychology students to attend these presentations and to provide input on the candidates you'd like to see join the department.

As always, feel free to stop by and talk with any members of the Psychology Department if you have questions or if you just want to chat. There is a listing of who we are, what we're teaching this term, and where you can find us on the back page of the newsletter. Jim Friedrich remains chair of the department, so please consult him if there are any departmental issues or concerns you wish to discuss. Again, welcome back, and happy fall semester!

Meredy Goldberg Edelson Editor

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### Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...

Tuesday, October 19th Jr. Advising/Social Gathering 6pm - 222 Smullin Friday, October 22nd Mid-Semester Day NO CLASSES

Sunday, October 31st Happy Halloween! Tuesday, November 2nd Election Day - Go Vote!

Thursday, November 25th Happy Thanksgiving!

### Why psychologists should care about chemicals, by Prof. Sue Koger

pretty good that this is an issue that will affect you, or that you could help to resolve. Certainly, each of us can make personal choices that reduce the toxicity of our environment: Buy or-

## Jobs, Internships & Opportunities...

Students, are you looking for a volunteer service placement? Interested in gaining experience with children in a non-profit setting? Volunteering at Liberty House, a Salem area non-profit Child Abuse Assessment Center, will give you valuable experience applicable to careers in a variety of fields: psychology, education, social work, etc.

Liberty House needs you; please call today for your volunteer application.

503-540-0288

Can you file? Are you an organized person? Do you want to make money for doing these tasks? Professor Meredy Goldberg Edelson is looking for a work/ study student who is interested in helping to organize some of her research articles in her newly cleaned and organized office!!

If you are interested in earning a few dollars by helping her out, please contact her <medelson>, x6133, or stop by her office (253 Smullin).

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Over-interpreting projective tests...

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Techniques of Counseling