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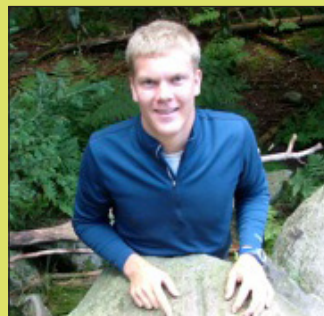


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EXPANDING

New undergraduate psychology degree offered at Southern



PHOTO BY SARAH CROWE

Qwynn Marcelle, junior psychobiology major, dissects a sheep brain in Physiological Psychology. This is just one upper division psychology class offered to students in psychology programs at Southern.

The school of Education and Psychology added a new B.S. psychology major, which emphasizes a clinical concentration, in the 2010-2011 school year. This program is recommended for students who wish to pursue a career in counseling or clinical psychology. It offers several unique classes such as

Fundamentals of Counseling and Family Counseling.

Along with adding a new major, the School of Education and Psychology now requires students to apply for admission into the psychology program of their choice.

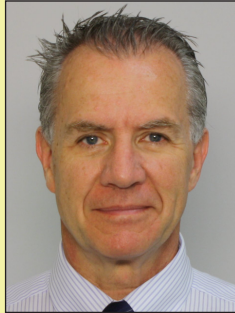


Power for Mind & Soul

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From the dean's desk

It may come as no surprise to many that the School of Education and Psychology is probably the most complex school at Southern Adventist University. In addition to degrees in education and psychology, we also offer programs in counseling and outdoor education and leadership. I have been “unraveling” this school since I arrived in June and have found some interesting “threads.” Some professors



John McCoy, Ed. D.

teach in more than one department, others at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and still others in just one department or strictly at one level. What this represents are threads that are woven throughout all departments in the School of Education and Psychology. What we actually have is a tapestry of educational programming that supports and focuses our students on a single purpose as described in our mission statement: “Preparing all students to be effective professionals who demonstrate a commitment to the pursuit of truth, wholeness, and a life of service in a pluralistic society.”

This is the Year of Seventh-day Adventist Education and what better way to spend this year than at the premier Adventist university. Southern’s School of Education and Psychology produces teachers, psychologists, counselors, and outdoor professionals that align with what we have come to know and appreciate as Adventist education. This is our year, and during this current school year we have received the highest recognition of our education program from a national accrediting organization, as well as full recognition of our certification programs in education from the state of Tennessee. Students who come through the School of Education and Psychology can rest assured they are getting top quality training and experiences to become who they have envisioned.

Professor of Education Awarded Doctorate

Freddy Fuentes, associate professor and coordinator of the Secondary Education Program in the School of Education and Psychology, was recently awarded his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Hartford. His dissertation was a case study of urban high school mathematics teachers’ perceptions on how their emotional intelligence facilitates instruction and learning in the classroom.



Freddy Fuentes, Ed. D.

Fuentes has been a professor at Southern for four years. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate education classes. He came to Southern in response to a call for a professor who had experience in math and science education as well in educational administration. Fortunately, his children had a desire to transfer from Southwestern to Southern, making both the position and the timing perfect. Fuentes feels God was definitely guiding.

Born in New York City and raised in Puerto Rico, Fuentes completed his Bachelor of Arts in math education and theology from Antillean Adventist University and then moved to Connecticut with his wife. He spent twenty-two years in public schools in Connecticut and Texas as a bilingual elementary teacher, as well as a middle and high school mathematics teacher. Additionally, he served as an administrator and chair for the Mathematics Department for district wide elementary, middle, and high schools. During this time, Fuentes received a master’s from the University of Hartford in math education.

From start to finish, it took Fuentes fourteen years to complete his doctorate. Although his journey was a long one, Fuentes completed the course work of the doctoral program in three semesters and two summers. It was his dissertation that held Fuentes back from receiving his degree after being appointed to principal and having to put it on hold for six years. Fuentes says, “Perseverance, along with encouragement from my wife and children, allowed me to get through the final stages of this process.”

Although Fuentes has completed his doctorate, he is looking forward to continuing his education by taking courses in psychology, counseling, and mathematics. He also has plans to study music and learn a new instrument.

In his spare time Fuentes enjoys working in youth ministries and church leadership, as well as gardening and landscaping.

Psychology students attend Southeastern Psychological Association Convention

February 15 - 17, 2012, Southern students, accompanied by Ruth WilliamsMorris, professor of psychology, attended the Southeastern Psychological Association's annual research convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

At the convention students were able to broaden their scope of knowledge in the field of psychology.

Karen Gordon, who graduated with a B.A. in psychology from Southern in December of 2011, says, "Being exposed to so many different types of research was a great opportunity because it ignited in me the desire to know more and heightened my curiosity about issues I had never thought about."

Gordon had the opportunity to present her undergraduate research, *Childhood Trauma and its Relationship to Substance Abuse*, in a poster presentation.

WilliamsMorris and four students, Olivia Hilchey, Edely Yopez, Sarah Crowe, and Qwynn Marcelle also presented a poster of their research



PHOTO COURTESY OF EDELY YEPEZ

Twelve students, accompanied by Dr. Ruth WilliamsMorris, enjoy a break from poster presentations at the annual SEPA research convention.

titled, *Knowledge about the Human Brain: A Tale of Two Semesters*.

After spending several days attending the research convention students reported having a very positive experience.

Tawanna Howard said of her experience, "Attending this convention

was a great opportunity for me to be immersed in the field of psychology on so many levels. I cannot see myself doing anything else. I want to learn all that I can about the processes that contribute to mental health so that the Lord can use me to help and heal individuals."

Expanding: New undergraduate degree offered

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Students must have already taken forty lower division classes before applying and registering for any upper division psychology courses.

Along with meeting a minimum

GPA, students must also complete a Statement of Intent essay explaining why they chose psychology as a major.

With the addition of this new degree, there are now four different psychology degree programs offered by the School of Education and Psychology. The Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology is recommended to those students who want to gain acceptance into a graduate program to pursue a career as a psychologist or those who wish to combine psychology with a second major.

There are also three Bachelor of Science degrees in psychology offered. The first is a concentration in

industrial/organizational psychology which is ideal for the student who is looking to enter the field of business or applied aspects of psychology such as human resource management. The second is a concentration in psychobiology, which allows students to focus on specific areas such as neuroscience, health psychology, or the medical field. This major is recommended to students who are looking to continue on to medical school or a doctoral program.

Last is the clinical concentration, which is the newest addition to the department.

School of Education and Psychology

2012 Graduates

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

— COLIN POWELL

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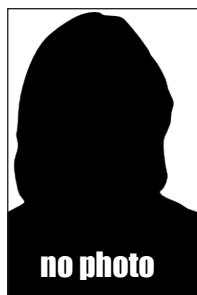
Name: Steven Arauz
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Ocala, FL
Future Plans: Continue teaching in the Florida Conference. My greatest aim after graduation is to live a life of service.



Name: Daphne Bastien
Major: Psychology, Journalism minor
Hometown: Leominster, MA
Future Plans: Graduate school for counseling psychology.



Name: Rich Clark
Major: Psychology



Name: Charity Espina
Major: M.S.Ed, Outdoor Education



Name: Nicholas Evenson
Major: M.S.Ed, Outdoor Education



Name: Timothy Feig
Major: Outdoor Ed
Hometown: Cedar Lake, MI
Future Plans: Work in practical ministry to people who are hurting; trying to encourage others, old and young.



Name: Kaley Greve
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Knoxville, TN
Future Plans: Teach K-2 at Knoxville Adventist School.

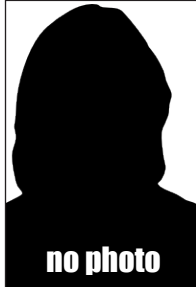


Name: TJ Griffith
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Nashville, NC
Future Plans: Attend graduate school.

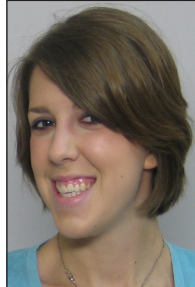


Name: Joshua Istueta
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Miami, FL

Congratulations 2012 Graduates!



Name: Craig Johnson
Major: M.S.Ed,
Education Admin
Hometown:
Hendersonville, NC
Future Plans: To become
an academy principal if
the Lord desires.



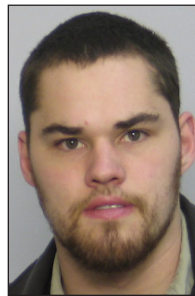
Name: Stefanie Kulik
Major: Psychology -
Clinical
Hometown: Chatta-
nooga, TN
Future Plans: Attend
Southern for M.S.
School Counseling.



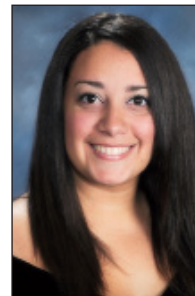
Name: Katelyn
MacNeill
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Mullica
Hill, NJ
Future Plans: Make
education fun for my
students and pursue a
master's in literacy.



Name: Kristin Macias
Major: Outdoor
Leadership



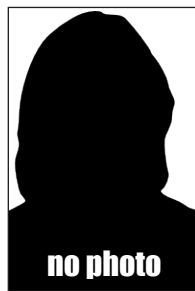
Name: Jared Miller
Major: Outdoor Ed
Hometown: Calhoun,
GA
Future Plans: Physical
therapy assistant or a
master's program in
outdoor education.



Name: Carlene
Miranda
Major: Psychology,
Family Studies minor
Hometown: West Palm
Beach, FL
Future Plans: Graduate
school; one day open a
practice.



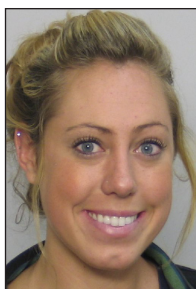
Name: Maleek Mitchell
Major: M.S.Ed,
Inclusive Education
Hometown: Bronx, NY
Future Plans: Teach
and reach students for
the kingdom of Christ.



Name: Brent Ruckle
Major: M.S.Ed,
Outdoor Education
Hometown: New
Albany, IN
Future Plans:
Incorporate outdoor
learning activities at
Louisville Academy.



Name: Dawnmarie
Simmons
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Anthony,
FL
Future Plans: I would
like to go to Amazing
Facts Center of Evange-
lism for training.



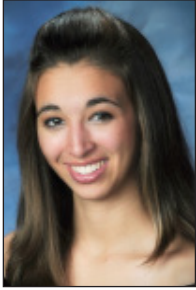
Name: Krisin Specht
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Pismo
Beach, CA
Future Plans:
Graduate school to
receive a master's in
counseling.



Name: Nathan
Stickland
Major: M.S.Ed,
Outdoor Education
Hometown: Watford,
UK
Future Plans: Continue
as British Union Youth
Ministries Director.



Name: Rachel Torres
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Orlando,
FL
Future Plans: I plan
to teach where God
leads me and pursue
a master's within the
next couple of years.



Name: Christina Verrill
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed



Name: Natasha Wilson
Major: M.S., School Counseling
Hometown: Sunrise, FL
Future Plans: Work as a school counselor in the next year, then pursue a Ed.S. in school counseling.



Name: Amanda Woodard
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
Future Plans: Teach elementary students, receive a master's and eventually a doctorate.

Oh! The places you'll go!
You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights.

-Dr. Seuss

Congratulations to our December 2011 Graduates!

B.S. Outdoor Leadership
Dustin Boyd

B.S. Psychology-Psychobiology
Hyein Yoo

B.S. Outdoor Education [Naturalist]
Sarah Holloway

B.A. Psychology
Shannon Corros
Karen Gordon
Ryan Lilly
Ludine Pierre
Kevin Poole
Francis Young

B.S. Outdoor Leadership [Counseling]
Russell Thorman

B.A. Liberal Arts Education
Heidi Bullock
Sarah Gilbert
Crystal James
Kimberly Lane
Nathalia Mendez
Lindsay Morton
Abigail Schuster
Elizabeth Segoria
Heather Tonsberg

M.S.Ed. Literacy Education
Theresa Bailey

M.S.Ed. Outdoor Teacher Education
Daniel Boyd
Laura Messerly
Steven Wantuck

B.S. Psychology [Clinical]
Nathan Ernst

M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Tammy McDonough
Bree Scott
Sharon Smith-Hensley

ALUMNI UPDATES

From the School of Education and Psychology



April Smith graduated from Southern in December 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a minor in chemistry. Since that time Smith has graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Life University in Atlanta, Georgia. Smith graduated Summa Cum Laude and became an honorary member of Pi Tau Delta, a chiropractic honor society. She is currently working at Family Healing Chiropractic, a Maximized Living Health Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Maximized Living is an organization dedicated to changing how people view and manage their health from the inside out.

As a teenager Smith adamantly told a friend, “I would never be a chiropractor.” Her plans changed, however, as she started experiencing lower back pain in college and was introduced to chiropractic practices. Her back pain went away and she learned more about how the body is supposed to work and heal naturally. It was after this experience that Smith finally realized God’s calling for her.

In her time at Family Healing Chiropractic, Smith has seen individual lives changed. She says, “Too often we underestimate the power that God created and put inside our bodies. Instead of looking for outside solutions, look inside first to see how your nervous system is functioning and healing. After all, your nervous system controls every single function in your body.”



Amanda Soapes graduated from Southern’s professional counseling master’s program in 2008. A month before graduation Soapes was hired at Youth Villages, a nationwide non-profit in home counseling program for children with behavioral issues. At Youth Villages, a counselor is assigned to a family and works intensively with them for four to six months. Most counselors work with five families at a time.

Since the age of ten Soapes knew she wanted to work with children. Although her vision was once private practice, she enjoys working in the environment fostered by Youth Villages and does not plan on changing career paths.

Soapes recently transferred back to Chattanooga from Cookeville, Tennessee where she spent the last three years at the Youth Villages’ Cookeville office. She has been promoted to a supervision position, where her responsibilities now include management of counselors and their families. Although she misses being directly connected with the families, Soapes still finds time to interact with them while fulfilling her supervision duties.



Trevor Stout graduated from Southern in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in outdoor leadership. He is currently enrolled in Southern’s school counseling master’s program and plans to graduate in May 2013.

When Stout is not in class (or preparing for class!), he works for the outdoor leadership department as a graduate assistant. He is the adventure programming coordinator, which entails scheduling and planning events for different groups within the outdoor education and leadership department. He recently got engaged to the love of his life, Wyntre Robinson, who is also an alumnus of Southern.

After graduation, Stout plans to stay in the Collegedale area for a few years to build his résumé. He would like to work in either a middle or high school as a school counselor but is willing to go where God directs.



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