

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The majority of Huntington's psychology courses are discussion-based classes that encourage students to talk about course content and make informed decisions about psychological issues.

Psychology majors have the opportunity to interact with the psychology professors who challenge the students to learn and grow. Practicums offering practical experience are an encouraged part of the psychology curriculum. Students can be placed in psychology-related fields where they gain actual practice in using the knowledge they have learned in the classroom. Past students have completed practicums in a variety of areas, including counseling, welfare, youth services, and industrial-organizational development.

Psychology majors are capable of pursuing many jobs that are people-related. The majority of psychology majors choose a vocation in social services where they work in counseling or with youth; however, options in teaching, management and other areas are also open to graduates with psychology degrees.

Few make the direct jump from undergraduate degree to doctoral studies. Erin Steury's Huntington University education gave her the ability to meet that challenge.

"I was prepared to approach research questions from a different perspective than others in my field," says Erin, a 2002 graduate. "This difference in perspective helped me to add new pieces to the way we address collaborative research questions."

Erin finished her Ph.D. in social psychology from Indiana University Bloomington in the spring of 2007. In the fall of 2007, she accepted a position teaching psychology at Gordon College in Massachusetts. Her Huntington University professors served as role models for her new job.

"Looking back I'm aware of how personally Dr. Wayne Priest and Dr. Steve Lee affected my life and my views of psychology," Erin says. "It was such a blessing to me to be surrounded by people who cared not just about academic content, but cared about each other."

Erin's faith and Dr. Lee's teaching directly influenced her doctoral dissertation topic.

"I remember Dr. Lee talking about the 'one-anothering' we should do as the church," she says. "So specifically, I looked at the ways in which we experience emotions differently when we are part of a group. The big question that my research explored is how we can create close groups. The decision to pursue this type of research was a direct result of my desire to relate what I do to what it means to be Christian."

Erin's off-campus experiences also had a major impact on her life's direction. Her freshman year, she traveled to Greece to walk in the Apostle Paul's footsteps. As a sophomore, she went to New Mexico with Dr. Priest and Dr. Todd Martin to build houses on a Native American reservation. She spent the fall of her junior year in England as part of the Oxford Honors Abroad program. Then in the spring, she traveled to Ecuador on a mission trip.

"All of these opportunities helped me to see people, the world, and God's role in everything more clearly," Erin says.

Erin is most appreciative of the way her Huntington



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education shaped her overall approach to psychology.

"I don't believe that science—much less the part I play in it—will unlock the keys to the human psyche. Instead, thinking about psychology from a Christian perspective helps me to recognize how amazing we are as God's creation. So when I learn something new about how we humans behave, I often laugh at how amazingly wise God is in the way He designed us."

Erin advises anyone interested in studying psychology through the eyes of faith to consider Huntington.

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FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Prof. Connie Updike**, assistant professor of recreation management, has been named the Recreation Professional/Leisure Educator of the Year for 2007 by the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation

and Dance. She has been employed by the university for 19 years. Through the award, IAHPERD recognizes the work of an individual who exhibits outstanding and creative leadership in the recreation profession or as an innovative leisure educator at the college/university level. The IAHPERD will acknowledge Updike and her accomplishments at the organization's award celebration in November.

• **Mrs. Kay Schwob**, director of the Enterprise Resource Center, will lead the 2007 Rotary Group Study Exchange Team traveling from Northern Indiana to Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia. The group will spend four weeks from mid-October to mid-November studying the institutions, economy and culture of Australia, while observing how various

professions are practiced abroad. The exchange will involve Northern Indiana district 6540 and Canberra district 9710.

• **Prof. James O'Donnell**, associate professor of business, served as speaker for the annual luncheon of the Whitley County Giving Circle for Women's Health on July 12. The group is comprised of more than 100 women who, through donations, fund health projects that improve the lives of women in Whitley County, Ind. In April, O'Donnell was a speaker at "Tapestry: A Day for Women" at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

• **Dr. Jeff Lehman**, associate professor of computer science, was one of approximately 170 university and high school computer science educators selected to participate in the reading and scoring of the College Board's Advanced Placement Computer Science Examination. The week-long grading session was held June 11-17 at the College of New Jersey.

• **Dr. Win Wetherbee**, professor of mathematical sciences, attended the biennial national meeting for the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences held at Messiah College May 29-June 1. There, he presented a paper

about ordering Pythagorean Triplets.

• **Prof. Ken Hopper**, assistant professor of art, won first place in "The Village Seen Paint Out" event, sponsored by the SullivanMunce Cultural Center of Zionsville, Ind. Hopper was awarded \$100 for his painting of a house along Zionsville's Main Street. He was one of 15 artists who participated in the event to demonstrate the practice of open-air painting.

• **Mr. Matthew Ruiz**, instructor in exercise science, attended two conferences in the summer of 2007: The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities New Faculty Conference and Workshop at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif., on June 5-8 and the Christian Society for Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Summer Conference at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill., on June 14-16.

• **Dr. William Bordeaux**, professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Ruth Nalliah**, associate professor of chemistry, attended a four-day training seminar given by Shimadzu Instruments in Columbia, Md., on May 21-24. The university owns a Shimadzu Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer purchased when the Science Hall opened in 2002.

NOTES ABOUT THE URBAN SCHOLARSHIP & MENTORING PROGRAM

• **Goal:** To increase campus diversity by working with organizational partners to identify and support up to six urban students annually in a scholarship, mentoring and urban leadership program.

• **Organizational partner:** Youth for Christ, a national organization with a presence in many urban areas.

• **Fall 2008:** The first participants are scheduled to enroll.

• **Program provisions:** A Christ-centered education and opportunities for leadership development and service at the Primetime Center, a central-city youth center in Fort Wayne.

• **Staff:** Huntington University and Youth for Christ have jointly hired a director for the program who will begin work in September.

HUNTINGTON WINS \$18,000 GRANT

Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program begins

Huntington University has been selected as a winner of the 2007 Ball Brothers Foundation Venture Fund competition, a grant established by the Ball Brothers Foundation of Muncie, Ind., and administered by the Independent Colleges of Indiana.

The fund provides seed money for campus start-up initiatives aimed at stimulating creativity and innovation and fostering competition and collaboration among the state's 31 independent colleges and universities.

Huntington University is using its \$18,000 award for the "Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program," a program geared toward increasing campus diversity by working with organizational partners to identify and support up to six urban students annually in a scholarship, mentoring and urban leadership program.

This already-launched program involves a partnership between Huntington University and Youth for Christ, a national organization with a presence in many urban areas, and is modeled on a highly successful urban partnership program operating in other states.

"The Urban Scholarship and Mentoring Program is an exciting opportunity for Huntington University to increase enrollment and retention from urban areas," said Jesse Brown, assistant dean of student development. "Working with Youth for Christ over

the years has been a great partnership, and I look forward to having some of their best student leaders on Huntington's campus."

With the first participants scheduled to enroll for fall 2008, this multimillion-dollar scholarship and mentoring program will provide a Christ-centered education and opportunities for leadership development and service at the Primetime Center, a central-city youth center in Fort Wayne.

"This grant is crucial to the start-up of this program," said Dr. Norris Friesen, vice president and dean of the university. "We have a good relationship with Youth for Christ, but didn't have the resources necessary to leverage the partnership. The Ball Venture Fund grant will help us launch this program and realize our commitment to diversity by recruiting qualified minority students. The grant also will provide the momentum necessary to help identify other funding sources to sustain the program."

Now in its ninth year of existence, the Ball Brothers Foundation Venture Fund has disbursed more than \$500,000 for 22 innovative start-up initiatives on Indiana's independent campuses. The 2007 recipients, which also include Butler University and the University of St. Francis, were chosen from a field of 24 proposals submitted by 18 ICI member colleges and universities.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Media Guide Awards: Two Forester media guides won best cover in the country with this year's honors going to both baseball and women's basketball. The women's basketball media guide also placed fifth for content in the women's basketball brochure division while the men's basketball media guide placed third for content in the men's basketball brochure division. **Julie Babb**, publications and advertising coordinator, designed the women's award-winning cover, and **Nate Vandlen** ('04) designed the baseball cover. **Lori Culler**, sports information director, and **Bridger Fetters**, public relations student assistant, along with Babb were responsible for the content, layout and design of both basketball teams' guides.



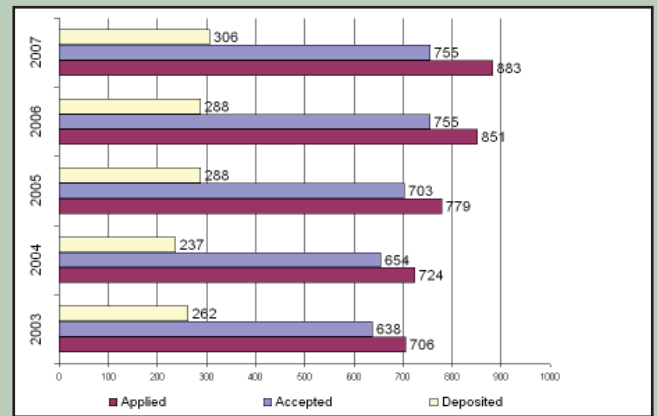
The award-winning cover of the women's basketball media guide

Basketball: The Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced its 2006-2007 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll. The Huntington University women's basketball team ranked fifteenth with its 3.367 GPA. It is the ninth time that the Foresters have appeared on the Honor Roll since its inception eleven years ago.

Baseball: Huntington University played host to the 2007 North-South high school baseball all-star games July 12-14. A total of 50 all-stars, eight coaches and two trainers were a part of the event. The event was organized by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association, and the university was assisted in the activities by Huntington North High School. This is the second time since 1992 that Huntington University has hosted the all-star games.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit www.huntington.edu/athletics.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2007 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

This summer, the Advancement Office continues planning activities for the university's next comprehensive capital campaign including assigning leadership positions, determining committee structures and conducting program studies. In addition, transitions have occurred in the Advancement support staff. Cindy Vezeau has moved into the role of administrative assistant to the vice president for advancement, and Melissa Cole, alumna and gifted musician, is the new part-time events coordinator.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Huntington University registered 190 freshmen during Registration Weekend. Held on June 22-23 on the university's campus, the event is an orientation to Huntington University for students and parents. Both attend seminars introducing them to faculty, staff and students. Students can take placement tests, sign up for housing, have their student identification photo taken and learn about the university's wireless computer network. A highlight of the weekend is the HU Olympics, hosted by current students.

- The traveling theatre troupe from Huntington University will present "Godspell" for the last time at 7 p.m. on Aug. 10 in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merrillat Centre for the Arts. The show is free and open to the public. This summer, 13 students and one future student presented "Godspell" at churches throughout the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. The group performed more than 40 shows between June 7 and Aug. 10. For more, log on to www.huntington.edu/godspell.

- Huntington University's Omega Psi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, has earned an Achieving Chapter Excellence Award. Members of the university chapter will accept the award at the society's Biennial Convocation in November in Louisville, Ky. The ACE Award is given every two years, and the Omega Psi chapter

previously won the honor in 2003 and in 2005. Huntington's Omega Psi was the youngest chapter ever to receive an ACE Award. The Omega Psi chapter was chartered in 2000. **Dr. Terrell Peace**, professor of education, serves as the chapter counselor. The ACE Awards program began in 1995 and recognizes only a few of the more than 600 chapters worldwide for outstanding service and programming.

- At its June meetings, the Commission on Accreditation for the National Association of Schools of Music voted to grant continued membership to the Huntington University Department of Music. Huntington University has been a member of NASM since the summer of 2000. Three degree programs offered by the university were approved including the Bachelor of Arts in music as well as the Bachelor of Music degrees in music education and performance.

- Five Huntington University students earned recognition from the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters through the organization's 2007 College State Awards. Senior digital media arts majors **Josh Watson** of Annapolis, Md., and **Tyler Welker** of Wooster, Ohio, took first place in the TV Entertainment Feature category. Senior film studies major **Jeremy Fredin** of Wichita, Kan., won first place in the TV Music Video category. Broadcasting alumnus **Todd**

Stapleton ('07) of Tipp City, Ohio, earned third place with HTV 22 News in the Newscast category, and broadcasting senior **Sean Giggly** of Andrews, Ind., took third place in the TV News Anchor category.

- Ryan Imel**, a sophomore Bible and religion major from Roanoke, Ind., earned both the \$500 student award and \$3,000 second place overall prize in Venture Works' inaugural Huntington County Business Plan Competition. His business, Aspiring Indie, seeks to become a full-service marketing/communication company by adding photography and audio recording to the services offered in the coming years. Aspiring Indie believes everyone has the right to quality, affordable, effective communication. The company offers a number of communication solutions in the interest of providing services to businesses, organizations and individuals in Northeast Indiana.



Ryan Imel receives his award from Lora Bulla, assistant director of the Enterprise Resource Center, and Remound Wright of the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center.

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26 New Student Orientation	27 Classes Begin	28	29 W Soccer/4 pm (A) W Tennis/4 pm (H) Lecture Series 7 pm	30	31 M Soccer/2 pm (A) Volleyball/TBA (A)	1 W Tennis/10 am (A) X Country/10:30 (A) M Soccer/2 pm (A) W Soccer/3 pm (H) Volleyball/TBA (A)
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9	10 Gallery Exhibit Begins M Golf/10:30 am (A)	11 M/W Tennis/4 pm (H) W Soccer/4 pm (A)	12 M Soccer/4 pm (A) W Tennis/5:30 pm (A) Volleyball/ 7 pm (H) Golf/TBA (A)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On July 12, we joyfully broke ground for a new residence hall at Huntington University. The brief ceremony was a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness. And it provided me the opportunity to fulfill a life-long dream of operating heavy earth-moving equipment! (Perhaps I can secure a construction job in retirement.)

The new residence hall is scheduled for completion in 2008. Planned with significant input from students, the facility has been carefully designed to foster community and nurture strong friendships.

The construction site is located near Miller Hall and Meadows Hall. When we broke ground for those two residences nine years ago, Huntington was a campus of 800 students with a plan to grow to 1,000. Today, we have exceeded that goal and are growing again. Our student body was nearly 1,100 last year, and we anticipate a large incoming class for 2007. We are well on our way to achieving our long-range enrollment goal of 2,000 students.

In the coming year, our attention will be pulled toward the dust and noise of construction. But the real story of this new residence hall is not about bricks and mortar, but about flesh and blood and spirit. Residence life is a vital part of the Huntington University experience—a key building

block in the blueprints of a life-shaping education. Our residence halls provide unique opportunities for students to work out the integration of faith and learning. Lives are molded as students participate in Bible studies, service projects, and late-night talks with friends about the issues discussed in class or chapel. Graduates say that some of their most meaningful memories of personal growth during their years at Huntington involve some aspect of residence life.

As we broke ground for the new student residence on July 12, I was reminded of a verse from the New Testament. The Apostle Paul writes in I Corinthians 3:9-11,

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are... God’s building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation ... which is Jesus Christ.”

Paul then encourages the believers to build carefully on this foundation with “gold, silver, and costly stones” and to avoid building with “wood, hay, and straw.”

Huntington University is in the life-building business. Upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ, the university builds. Brick upon brick, our faculty and staff help students to add knowledge,



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

wisdom, and experience to the architecture of their lives.

It is my prayer that our new residence hall will be a place for this sort of life-building. I pray that the students who live here will choose their bricks carefully. May they build with all that is precious and strong. May they build with wisdom and skill. I pray that they will build lives that honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and truly make a difference in our world.