

“Celebrating Psychological Research at Metro State”

Fourth Annual Psychology Research Colloquium and Workshop

November 22, 2014, Library, Room 302 (EcoLab)

- **11:45 Registration Begins:** Sign in with the Psychology Club
- **12:00 Introduction to the Colloquium, Awards, and Lunch**
Lunch is on us! Join us for lunch and stay for the speakers and research posters
Award for Distinguished Service to Student Researchers: Nancy Walter
- **12:20 – 1:00 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kerry Kleyman**

“Blending Into the Background?: The Influence of Situation Cues on Perceptions of Racially Ambiguous Individuals”

The large and increasing number of biracial or multiracial individuals blurs racial boundaries and challenges longstanding racial classifications. Based on the notion that people have implicit expectations that certain situations are more likely to be characteristic for some racial groups rather than others, it is hypothesized that observers rely on situational cues to disambiguate the targets. Across two studies, an assimilation effect was found; ambiguous targets were perceived as darker when paired with a Black situational cue, and perceived as lighter when paired with a White situational cue. Further results suggest implications for individual differences and the cross-race effect. Overall, categorization of racially ambiguous faces appears to be influenced by the situation, as well as the level or symmetry of ambiguity, and belief and attitude structures of the perceiver. Implications for eyewitness testimony and other identification tasks are discussed.

- **1:00 – 1:20 Break/Poster Preview** – First opportunity to view/discuss posters (see reverse)
- **1:30 – 2:30 Student Research Presentations**
 - Valerie Wilwert -- “I Read it in a Magazine: The Socialization of a Changing Culture in the Millennial Generation”
 - Fanice Thomas – ““Becoming Beautiful: The Influence of Western Body Ideals on Kenyan American’s Body Image”
 - Katie Herzog – “A Nation of Sheep? Ingroups, Outgroups, and the Moderating Effects of Political Sophistication”
 - Laura Harder – “The Revolving Door Effect: Burnout and Learned Helplessness in Human Services”
- **2:30 -- 3:00 Student Groups and Campus Resources**
 - Psychology Club – Rico Lopez
 - Behavioral Science Student Association – Brandon Silbaugh
 - Psychology Lab – Kerry Kleyman
 - Center for Psychological Research – Mark Stasson
- **3:00 Poster Session, Networking, and Social Hour**

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Psychology Research Colloquium: Poster Session

The poster session is an opportunity to review a large number of research projects in a flexible format. The Posters will be placed around the room and will be staffed by the student researchers. Feel free to explore -- read the posters, listen to students briefly summarize their work, and/or engage in discussions about the projects and ideas for future work.

Student Poster Session (1:00-1:20 and 3:00-3:30)

Bao Her, Angela Lanik, & Sara Swanson: “Does Color Impact Creativity?”

Erin Leisen, Jamie Luttrell, & Glen Jaspers: “Smells Like Helping Behavior”

Mallory Johnson, Ruth Keicher, Sarah Kuntz, & Ben Lister: “Impact of social norms and watching eyes on recycling behavior”

Anna Rupp, Kailan Johnson, Cheng Xiong, & Rico Lopez: “Consumers’ perception of positive and negative ads”

Natasha Smith, Corinne Miles, Michael Matt, & Eliza Nicholson: “The advantages of note-taking: how to get an A!”

Stephen Doody, Rich Downs, & Shawn Veldey: “Build a Fruit Tree Orchard and They Will Come: Creating Eco-Identity via Community Gardening Activities”

Shane Wethers: “Influences of contextual information on standardized tests”

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