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## Welcome to our new intern class!

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### Good Bye and Good Luck to Our 6th Intern Class!

- \* Cindy Anderson, Fellow, will be practicing in a Child Pediatric Clinic at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN.
- \* David Janicke, Intern, will be a fellow at the Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH.
- \* Gia Washington, Intern, will be a fellow at the University of California, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA.

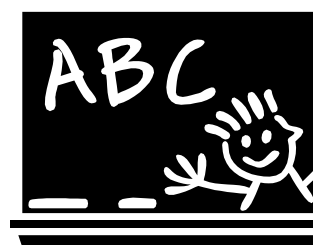
Welcome to our new intern class! On August 1st, our 7th class of interns will begin an exciting year of professional growth! Our interns this year are:

### Caroline Danda

Caroline is a doctoral candidate from the University of Florida, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, in Gainesville, Florida. Her dissertation work involves a study of adolescents' attitudes toward peers with emotional and behavioral disorders, and peers who participate in therapy. Caroline and her husband grew up in the Kansas City area and will be close to family this year.

### Kelly McGraw

Kelly is a doctoral candidate from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. She is participating in the Health Psychology track of her graduate school program. Kelly's dissertation work is studying what types of mental health problems, internalizing or externalizing, are predictors of referrals to consultation-liaison programs. Kelly has had many experiences with families of various cultural backgrounds. We look forward to learning from her expertise in the area of cultural diversity.



### Jennifer Schurman

Jennifer will be joining our internship program from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her dissertation research examines the impact of a child's age on parent-child concordance for internalizing symptomatology. Jennifer is looking forward to learning more about pain management, and how children adjust to illness.

## Dawn Koontz, Ph.D. Returns As Our Fellow

Dawn Koontz, Ph.D., former intern and practicum student at CMH is our Fellow for the 2001-2002 class year. Dawn received her Ph.D. in Child Clinical Psychology from the University of Kansas. During her fellowship year, Dawn

hopes to gain further experience with the Consultation and Liaison Team, working with children who are hospitalized with acute or chronic illness. She volunteered at diabetes camp sponsored by the American Diabetes Association this

fall. She also plans to continue working with children with developmental delays, and has a special interest in learning more about Autism spectrum disorders. We all look forward to spending another year with Dr. Koontz!



## Where Are They Now? Former Intern Update

We have been fortunate to have the best and the brightest in our internship classes throughout the years. Here is an update on what some of our former interns are doing now!

### Becky Blakeman (Intern '98)

Becky and her husband, Scott, live in Pontiac, MI. They are expecting their first child this fall. Becky is currently working in private practice with a pediatric neuropsychologist at Neurobehavioral Consultants, P.C. in Bingham Farms, MI.

### Christi Bostwick (Intern '95; Fellow '96)

Christi, husband Cory, and two children Nash, 4 and Allie, 3, live in Olathe, Kansas. Christi will be a part-time faculty member at Rockhurst University this fall. She will be teaching an Introduction to Psychology course.

### Vicki Bunke (Intern '97)

Vicki and her husband, Brian, live in Smyrna, GA. Vicki is a school psychologist for the Cobb County School District. She is involved in assess-

ment as well as innovative interventions in the school setting.

### Angela Dedmon (Intern '98; Fellow '99)

Angela, her husband Brian, and their daughter, Caeli, 17 months, live in Edmond, Oklahoma. Angela is building a busy private practice and spending time with her daughter.

### Matt Hoag (Intern '96)

Matt, his wife Stephanie, and their 4 daughters, live in Utah. Matt is the Assistant Clinical Director and Director of Research at Aspen Achievement Academy. Aspen is a 7 week wilderness program in Loa, Utah for teens with substance abuse issues, behavioral problems, family issues, and mood disturbances. Matt has been mastering his art collecting skills on Ebay, and swimming with his girls.

### Sarah Kirk (Intern '97; Fellow '98)

Sarah lives in Lawrence, KS. She is in the process of renovating an old home. Sarah is on staff at Children's Mercy Hospital. She serves the Section of Der-

matology and the CARE team, and also with many other subspecialists in the hospital. Sarah and the CARE team are submitting a publication this fall related to sexual abuse and depression.

### Susan Lieberman (Intern '97)

Susan and her family live in the Kansas City area. Susan is currently busy with a private practice in two locations in the greater KC area. She is a member of the Pollock Group, LLC. Her son, Michael graduated from high school this fall. Her daughter, Whitney will be entering high school this fall.

### Sara Swansen (Intern '97)

Sara and her husband, Scott live in Des Moines, Iowa with their one-year old son, Jacob. Sara is working part-time at the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. She and her colleagues have been developing a child and adolescent program called COOL, which stands for "Children Overcoming the Obstacles of Life."

## Play Therapy Seminar Now Offered to Other Professionals

The Section of Developmental and Behavioral Sciences has been offering a Play Therapy Seminar to the psychology interns, fellows, and staff for the past several years. In August, 2001, the seminar will also open up to mental health professionals in the community.

The topics that will be covered in the initial six month period include Play Therapy theory, game play, art expression, bibliotherapy and storytelling. A more advanced seminar will be offered in the Spring covering the ar-

reas of sand tray, anger, bereavement and loss issues, post traumatic stress, and sexual abuse.

The seminar will meet once a month on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00, and will be conducted by Vicki Little, Ph.D. and Ellen Gray, LPC. There will be a fee charged to cover costs and a certificate of attendance will be awarded at the end of the seminar. The number of professionals will be limited to ensure that the seminar remains interactive. If you have any questions,

please contact Ellen Gray, LPC at (816) 234-3674.



## The Evolution of Our Internship Program: Status 2001

### New Experiences

The class of 2000-2001 interns were the first to embark on a new training experience for our internship. They each spent one day a week at schools in the Leavenworth area and served a variety of functions. Each intern was responsible for providing functional behavioral assessments and behavioral interventions for children demonstrating behavior problems in the classroom. They were also able to provide training to school personnel. Joann Hinton, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist provided on-site direction and supervision in coordination with Vincent Barone, Ph.D. of our staff. This training experience will also be a part of the training program for the current intern class of 2001-2002.

### New Staff

**Vincent Barone, Ph.D.** joined our staff full-time. Dr. Barone completed his doctorate at the University of Kansas in Developmental and Child Psychology. Before joining our staff full time, Dr. Barone worked for CMH part-time in school-based clinics in the Kansas City area. Now he and Dr. Christophersen provide training experiences to our interns during the Behavioral Pediatrics rotation. Dr. Barone sees a variety of presenting problems and children of all ages. His interests include school-based consultation, ADHD, and the relationship between ADHD and injuries.

**Sarah Soden, M.D.** is our Developmental Pediatric Fellow this year. Sarah completed her medical school training at the University of Missouri in Columbia. She was a resident and chief resident at CMH, and will be a fellow for three years in our department. She will assist the other developmental pediatricians in assessing children for developmental delays and disorders such as autism. Sarah will be taking her boards in pediatrics this October. We wish her best of luck and are happy she is a part of our department!

### New Opportunities

Our staff is becoming increasingly involved with other medical staff in clinical and research endeavors for our patients. This year, **Dr. Mortweet, Dr. Pieper**, and our previous fellow, **Dr. Anderson** began working with other hospital staff to develop a team designed to serve the needs of patients born with ambiguous genitalia. This team is planning their involvement in a nationwide study of the quality of life for these patients. A clinical protocol to address parental needs at the time of diagnosis, and the patient's physical and mental health needs throughout childhood is also being developed.

**Dr. Covitz** and **Dr. Kirk** are also working with other specialists to develop a Palliative Care team to assist patients with life-threatening illnesses and their families in receiving the most appropriate and individualized care possible to meet their needs. Many of our staff are also involved in research projects with other departments. Look for more information on our research involvement in our next newsletter!

### Going the Extra Mile

Some of our staff members are going the extra mile for their patients, and for the community in general. Each year, Dr. Covitz participates in the Relay for Life. She and team members from the hospital walk 12 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Her team raised \$1300.00 this year. Dr. Mortweet ran the Disney Marathon in January with Team Diabetes. She raised over \$2000.00 for the American Diabetes Association.

Many other of our staff members and interns, such as Bob Batterson, Dave Bennett, and Sarah Kirk also participate in local and regional fundraising efforts such as the Trolley Run and Race for the Cure that benefit the public.



### CMH-S to Move

The Developmental and Behavioral Science Clinic at CMH-South is moving to a new location this fall. The new location will be on the first floor of 5520 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS. For those of you who remember, our clinic has been in this building in the past. The move will provide more adequate space for our staff and patients, as well as for the other subspecialty clinics that will remain in the current location.

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