



## Director of the DCT

Vicky with alums Demy Kamboukos, Dee Dee Falkenbach and future alum Natasha Burke

terrific and professional looking newsletter. Thanks Robin and Michelle!

In addition to the articles that I have written (yes, still in WordPerfect), we also have another guest journalist on staff. Our own Dr. Tom Brandon wrote a great article on our new PCSAS accreditation. Thanks Tom (even if you did write the article in Word)!

And while we're talking about thanks...**Thank you** to all of the clinical alumni who donated their hard earned cash to help our students travel to conferences. Just this fall, we received over \$3700 in donations, which is enough to partially

the exciting work that you are helping support.

Please know that we are grateful for **you**—our dear alumni—and your generous support. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter, with some new updates about our program and some new updates from old friends. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and joyous new year.

Vicky Phares, Director of Clinical Training

Grateful current students

Our clinic has continued to thrive over the years. Here are two recent improvements that may be of interest:



## Hot Topics: The DSM

So, where were you when the first **DSM** came out in 1952? Okay, I know that most of you weren't even born yet, but it's fun to think about how the **DSM** has changed over the years and how we've changed along the way as well.

Our program accepted its first cohort of students in 1971 when **DSM-II** had been in play for three years—so I know that at least some of you used that edition! I won't mention what I was doing in 1968, but let's just say that Davy Jones of the Monkees was my imaginary boyfriend. **DSM-III** came out in 1980, when I was an undergraduate at UCLA, and I remember being really excited to get a behind-the-scenes view of a draft copy of **DSM-III** (even if it was printed on those old mimeograph machines that used purple ink and smelled so good hot-off-the-press). By the time **DSM-IV** came out in 1994, I was already happily house-sitting in a happy house.

## PCSAS – What's Up With That?

by Tom Brandon, Ph.D.

You've probably heard that the USF Clinical Psychology Program received PCSAS accreditation last year, but you may have wondered what exactly that means. Here are some FAQ's about it.

### What does PCSAS stand for?

Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System.

### Aren't we already accredited by APA? Why do we need another accreditation?

Yes, we are an APA-accredited program. In fact, we recently were re-accredited by APA for another 7-year term. But many research-oriented programs have complained about APA accreditation for the following reasons: (1) Some of these programs perceive a bias against research-oriented programs; (2) APA dictates the training content (e.g., course requirements) in a manner that limits flexibility and creativity by individual programs and individual students.

### What's different about PCSAS?

The main difference is that it is geared specifically for "clinical science" oriented programs. Functionally, accreditation is based less on training **content** compared to APA, and more on training **outcomes**. For example, in our application we had to describe every graduate of our program over the past 10 years, including their current position, activities, and perspective. To meet criteria, at least half of our students had to be functioning as clinical scientists. We far exceeded that threshold, by the way.

### What does it mean to be functioning as a clinical scientist?

The clearest cases were those graduates who in fact had continued to engage in research. But those who were involved in education or practice also qualified if their work was based upon the foundation of clinical science (e.g., using empirically supported treatments).

### Is that why I completed that long questionnaire a couple of years ago?

Yes, if you had received your doctorate within the past 10 years, we asked you to complete a survey about your experiences at USF and your current activities. We thank you so much for completing it and sending us your CVs!!! You all really earned us this accreditation.

### So, will the program be giving up its APA accreditation now that we are PCSAS accredited?

Not anytime soon. We wouldn't do anything that limits our graduates' employment options. The VA system has indicated that it plans to accept interns and staff with degrees from PCSAS-accredited programs. And PCSAS itself is now beginning to work with each state to ensure that their licensing laws and regulations allow for PCSAS as well as APA accreditation.

### How many other programs are accredited by PCSAS?

We were the eighth program to gain accreditation. There are now 14 accredited programs, with another 12 programs in the process of applying. The other 13 accredited programs are listed in the side-bar.

### Those are really elite programs. USF is in that tier?

Yup, we're in really good company.

### How does this accreditation benefit alumni and future alumni?

We think it adds value to your degree when your program has been awarded such elite status. In particular, it should give a leg up to our graduates when they apply for the best internships, postdoctoral positions, and faculty positions.

**Go Bulls!**

#### Other PCSAS Accredited Clinical Programs

University of Illinois--UC  
 University of Arizona  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 McGill University  
 Stony Brook University  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Southern California  
 Northwestern University  
 University of Missouri  
 Arizona State University  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Iowa  
 Harvard University

## Bulls Hiring Bulls

We've heard of lots of great examples of clinical alumni hiring our own (e.g., see Jack Leggett's newsletter entry about hiring USF alumni over the years). One of the most recent examples is Dr. Stevan Hobfoll's hiring of Dr. April Taylor-Clift.

As you likely know, Dr. Hobfoll (USF Clinical; entry year of 1973) has had an extremely productive career as Distinguished Professor and Director of the Applied Psychology Center and the Center for Study and Treatment of Traumatic Stress at Kent State University and more recently as the Judd and Marjorie Weinberg Presidential Professor and Chair of Behavioral Sciences at Rush University Medical Center. He has published over 180 journal articles, numerous book chapters and books, including **Stress, Social Support, and Women, Traumatic Stress, The Ecology of Stress, and Stress, Culture, and Community**, and has secured over \$18 million in research grants on stress and health. Dr. Hobfoll received special commendation for his empirical work on AIDS prevention programs in ethnic minority communities and for his work on the psychology of women. Dr. Hobfoll co-chaired the APA Commission on Stress and War during Operation Desert Storm, with a focus on preventing prolonged distress in military members and their families. He has also

**Dr. April Taylor-Clift and  
Dr. Stevan Hobfoll**

been involved in a national task force on bioterrorism and is a member of the APA Task Force on Resilience in Response to Terrorism.

When Dr. Hobfoll is not busy with his own research, he has been able to serve as a strong mentor to junior colleagues in the field—and that's where Dr. April Taylor-Clift comes in. Dr. Taylor-Clift (USF Clinical; entry year of 2004) worked with Dr. Jon Rottenberg while she was at USF and she completed her APA-accredited internship at the Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Taylor-Clift graduated from USF in August of 2012 with a very strong CV (including publications in such prestigious journals as **Health Psychology** and **Journal of Abnormal Psychology**).

After reviewing gads of applications for his post-doctoral position, Dr. Hobfoll made the brilliant decision to hire one of our own—Dr. April Taylor-Clift! Dr. Hobfoll stated, "Interviewing April, it was clear how talented and motivated she is. Having kept up with the USF training, I had no doubt about the top shelf quality of her training on both the science and clinical dimensions."

Dr. Taylor-Clift has been a post-doctoral fellow at Rush University Medical Center since May, 2012 where she focuses on developing and implementing interventions for pregnant women with a history of interpersonal trauma, and she helps with the development of the Center for Women's Behavior and Mental Health—all under the superb mentorship of Dr. Hobfoll. Dr. Taylor-Clift commented that "Dr. Hobfoll's work exemplifies USF's clinical-scientist training and serves as a model for my own career development."

So, next time you're looking for a great new clinical psychologist to join your team—you may need to look no further than USF. Our graduates continue to improve the field routinely and our alumni all do us so proud. Let's hear it for Bulls Hiring Bulls!











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I am currently Associate Professor at Duke University Social Science Research Institute, having recently transferred my appointment from the Department of Psychiatry at Duke Medical Center where I served as the Associate Director of the Duke ADHD Program. I am looking forward to having more colleagues to collaborate with in my research on implementation of evidence based practices for children with disruptive behavior difficulties at school and in the community. I have greatly enjoyed becoming a mentor in the Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management Program.

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I'm currently working as a Vet Center psychologist, in St. George, Utah. I provide treatment and readjustment counseling to combat veterans of any war the US fought, and care/counseling to their families. Additionally I provide treatment to victims of sexual trauma experienced anytime during a person's active duty service in the US Armed Forces.

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Recently accepted a tenure-



## Update on Faculty Members

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So anyway, almost no one responded to my query for faculty and supervisor updates, so I will just post e-mail addresses and a few pictures. Sorry to anyone who wasn't around for my photo-shoot. I'll try to stalk you, I mean find you, next time.

But since you asked....my update is that we have new identical twin granddaughters! Three year-old granddaughter, Callie, is now a big sister to Charlie Kate and Brooke (born on November 19, 2012). Uncle Carson still isn't too impressed with babies, but thankfully he finally thinks that Callie is pretty cool. Life is good. --Vicky

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**Drs. Jon Rottenberg, Tom Brandon, Vicky Phares, Toru Shimizu (Associate Chair), and Bill Sacco at the 2012 holiday party**

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**Dr. Ellis Gesten enjoying future alum  
Heather Smith-Schrandt's family**

**Dr. Marc Karver, Dr. Marina Bornovalova,  
and Dr. Mark Goldman**

## Families

Dr. Tricia Martin and Dr. Staci Martin Peron have kept it all in the family! Tricia graduated with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from USF in 1989 (and then served as Interim Clinic Director for a while) and Staci graduated with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from USF in 1999. To our knowledge, they are the only parent-adult child team to graduate from our program. May we politely suggest that they send their next generation to our program (well, that is after the kiddos finish potty training and Kindergarten!).

**Dr. Vicky Phares with twin granddaughters**

**Dr. Cindy Cimino and Dr. Judy (Becker) Bryant**

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## Seak Peak

We plan to cover treatments that work in an upcoming newsletter, but you can check out this

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