Announcements

Congratulations to Gui Lopes and Mitch Kirwan who successfully defended their dissertations! Gui will be taking a post-doctoral position at the Mayo Clinic. Mitch will be taking a post-doctoral position at Arizona State University. Good luck to you both!

Upcoming Events


**Nov 8:** RA Workshop (11:30-1:30PM). Hosted by Dr. Taku. OC, Lake Superior Rm.

**Nov 10:** Careers in Psychology (10-1PM). Drs. Lewis & Malatesta. OC, Rm 128-129.


**Nov 14:** Lunch Bunch (12-1PM). Dr. McGinnis. OC, Gold C.

**Nov 27:** Lunch Bunch (12-1PM). Students Whitney Dominick & Jessica Kopitz. OC, Gold C.

**Nov 28:** GRE Workshop (12-1PM). Hosted by Dr. McDonald. OC, Rm 129-130.

Recent Presentations

McDonald, M.M. (2018, October). God, sex, and money in the Ultra-Orthodox Community. Invited talk in the Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, Research Colloquium. East Lansing, MI.


Recent Publications


Reeve, S.D., Mogilski, J.K., & Welling, L.L.M. (in press). Environmental safety threat alters mate choice processes in humans: Further evidence for the environmental security hypothesis. *EPS.*

PSI CHI

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To provide academic recognition to its inductees. Augment and enhance the regular curriculum.

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Oakland University is one of the co-sponsors for the Sociology Club’s presentation on November 8, 2018. Central Michigan University professor, Dr. Cedric Taylor, conducted research on the Flint water crisis and will be presenting “Nor Any Drop to Drink”. This presentation will feature clips from Dr. Taylor’s documentary by the same title. The documentary was released in March of 2018 and focuses on the government’s failure along with economic policy and how it contributed to the Flint water crisis in Michigan.

Events

Events in November

RA Workshop with Dr. Kanako Taku—
Thursday, November 8, 12:00-1:00pm, Lake Superior Room

Flint Water Crisis Event with Dr. Cedric Taylor—Thursday, November 8, 12:00-1:00pm, Ballroom (upstairs in the OC)

Careers in Psychology with Dr. Rebecca Malatesta and Dr. Mary Lewis—Saturday, November 10, 10:00-1:00pm, Room 128-129

PSI CHI November Meeting—Tuesday, November 13, 1:00-2:00pm, Room 126

Lunch Bunch with Dr. Debra McGinnis—
Wednesday, November 14, 12:00-1:00pm, Gold Room C

Lunch Bunch with Dr. Kanako Taku—
Tuesday, November 27, 12:00-1:00, Room 126

GRE Workshop with Dr. Melissa McDonald—Wednesday, November 28, 12:00-1:00pm, Room 128-129
Male Sexuality Study

Guilherme Lopes, a graduate student, is conducting a research study under the supervision of Dr. Todd Shackelford, who is the research faculty advisor for the study. Research is being conducted in order to examine the sexual behavior of men, specifically heterosexual men, and to analyze sperm competition in human males, while comparing those manners to other species. This study will analyze semen production under different conditions of masturbation.

The study takes place on Oakland University’s campus, although participants do not have to be attending Oakland University, and consists of 3 separate sessions. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

Must be between the ages of 18 and 35

Must have been in a committed romantic relationship for at least 3 months with a female who is also between the ages of 18 and 35

The first session takes approximately 90 minutes and participants will start by watching an orientation video along with being provided a consent form to read carefully and sign. Multiple questionnaires about sexual behavior, relationship satisfaction, and personality will be given to complete during the first session. Physiological measures are taken, such as height, weight, and grip strength using a dynamometer, head circumference, along with hip and shoulder circumference. Additionally, participants will be asked to say each vowel aloud while being recorded, which is then rated through an online source and vocal pitch is measured, and a digital face photograph will be taken—participants may decline both of these aspects and still be included in the rest of the study.

Session 2 takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and there are steps that need to be taken before arriving at the session. Calipers are provided to participants in order to measure testicular volume at home before arriving to the second session. Participants are provided with different scenarios and are also asked to masturbate at home and bring the semen sample to the lab within 60 minutes of doing so. After delivering the sample, participants will complete a questionnaire.
Session 3 takes approximately 30 minutes and participants will measure testicular volume at home with calipers once more. Participants are asked to masturbate, given one of the scenarios, and bring the semen sample to the lab within 60 minutes of doing so. After delivering the sample, participants will complete a questionnaire.

Sessions 2 and 3 should be scheduled within 14 days of completing session 1. After delivering semen samples to the lab, researchers will then assess participants’ semen quality—sperm number and sperm concentration. There is a possibility that researchers will mix one participants semen with another to conclude the interaction between the two.

*Participants will be asked to abstain from any sexual activity for at least 48 hours prior to each session*

**Compensation**

Session 1: $25 for completion

Session 2: $25 for completion

Session 3: $25 for completion

Total compensation: $75
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