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SUMMER CVR SEMINARS (2pm Fridays CSEB 3033) - (titles and abstracts to follow)

Friday July 18: Dr. Suryadeep Dash (host: Doug Crawford)
Friday August 8: Dr. Ian Howard
Friday August 15: Dr. Erich Graf (host: Laurie Wilcox)

** please note that Wendy and Erich are guests at CVR for the summer and can be found in the guest office in the CVR if you would like to chat with them informally.

UPDATES:

HEBB COMPUTER LABS CLOSED – The computer labs will be closed from 7 am to 10 am on Thursday and Friday, July 24-25 for lighting retrofit.

ORAL DEFENCE:


ASHLEY DIBATTISTA - “Age-Dependent changes in face geometry: A psychophysical assessment .” Aug 21, 2008, 10:00-12:00am, YL 278. Committee: Supervisor: Fran Wilkinson, Chair; Jennifer Steeves, Member: Fran Wilkinson, Outside Member: Maz Fallah, Dean's Rep: Lauren Sergio.
GRANTS/AWARDS/FUNDING/SCHOLARSHIPS/ FELLOWSHIPS:

CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH – The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research is providing funding for two Junior Fellows in their program on Neural Computation and Adaptive Perception. The Junior Fellows will already have a PhD in Computer Science, Computational Neuroscience or a related discipline and they will already have an exceptional track record of original research. The Junior Fellows will pursue their own research program which should be related to computational approaches to how visual systems can be learned, preferably with some relevance to biological visual systems. The Junior Fellows will have their own travel funds and a stipend of at least 60,000 Canadian dollars per year. They will interact extensively with other fellows and scholars of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, including members of other research programs. The fellowships will last for at least two years starting in late 2008 or early 2009. They can be held at any of the Canadian Universities that already have fellows or scholars of the Program in Neural Computation and Adaptive Perception. These Universities are:

University of British Columbia: David Lowe, Kevin Murphy
University of Montreal: Yoshua Bengio
University of Toronto: David Fleet, Brendan Frey, Aaron Hertzmann, Geoffrey Hinton, Sam Roweis, Richard Zemel
York University: Hugh Wilson

A description of the Neural Computation and Adaptive Perception program can be found under "research" at http://www.ciar.ca/web/home.nsf/pages/home Applications should be sent to hinton@cs.toronto.edu and must be received by July 31 2008. Applications must consist of emails in plain text with attachments that are pdf files. Attachments should include a CV, up to 3 recent papers, and a research plan of less than two pages that includes a clear statement of who the applicant plans to interact with, which university the fellowship will be held at, and a proposed starting date.

INTERNSHIPS:

ACCELERATE ONTARIO – Ontario’s Graduate Research Internship Program. ACCELERATE Ontario is a unique program which connects the province’s up-and-coming highly-skilled researchers – grad students and post-doctoral fellows – with Ontario companies through short-term applied research projects. The formula is simple; a 4-month research project is identified which is of interest to an Ontario company, a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow - the intern - and his/her supervising professor. Over the 4 months, the intern undertakes research on the identified business issue under the supervision of the professor, all the while remaining a student at his/her university.

Half of the intern’s time is spent on site with the partner company, researching the identified issue, collecting data and gaining an in-depth understanding of the challenge while the balance of his/her time is spent at the university, further advancing the research under the guidance of a professor and developing an innovative tool, technology or solution to the company’s challenge.

For each four month internship, the partner company contributes $7.5K, which is matched dollar-for-dollar by ACCELERATE Ontario, through the support of the Government of Ontario, the NCE Program and NSERC. The result is a $15K research grant to the intern’s supervising professor with the intern receiving a minimum of $10K for the 4-month period. The remaining $5K can support other costs associated with the internship, such as intern travel, computer equipment, laboratory materials etc. The program is managed by MITACS, a federally-funded research network connecting Canadian researchers with companies, government agencies and other organizations through collaborative research projects.

To facilitate research opportunities, MITACS has an Ontario-based team of business development personnel hosted by York University. With diverse backgrounds in information technology, business, biotechnology and chemistry, the team will work companies to clearly define their research
challenges and find the ideal research expertise to tackle the problem. They will also help university-based researchers identify companies which could be interested in their research.

Any faculty is eligible for an ACCELERATE Ontario internship – from nursing to computer science and engineering, to biology to anthropology to social work. For more information, visit www.acceleratecanada.ca and click on “Ontario” or contact Namrata Barai at nbarai@mitacs.ca.

CONFERENCES:

APA – 116th APA Annual Convention, August 14-17, 2008, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. For full program and registration information, please visit http://www.apa.org/convention08/.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON THE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY – 31st Annual NITOP. The conference program includes several morning workshops on the first day, general and concurrent sessions, three poster sessions, three participant idea exchanges, social hours, book and software displays, and about 40 featured speakers, well-known for their excellence in teaching psychology. January 3-6, 2009; The TradeWinds Island Grand Hotel, St. Pete Beach, Florida. For more information and how to register, please visit http://www.nitop.org/index.html.

WORKSHOPS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:


MISCELLANEOUS:

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE – Call for Papers. The psychology department at Farmingdale state college (a Campus of the State University of New York), presents a call for papers for the 23rd annual conference on undergraduate teaching of psychology: Ideas & Innovations, March 20 and 21, 2009. Theme for the 23rd conference: teaching the 21st century student.

Share your novel ideas, classroom tested methods, innovative courses, and research on teaching and learning. All proposals regarding the teaching of psychology are greatly encouraged and will be considered. Over the years, presentations have included such topics as assessment, multiculturalism, multidisciplinary courses, collaborative learning, distance learning, active learning, critical thinking, multimedia, online courses, technology in the classroom, and more. We welcome proposals for oral presentations, panel discussions, and hands-on workshops. Proposals on the current theme will receive primary consideration.

We are looking for all types of presentations by experienced and not so experienced teachers that fit this theme in the broadest sense. Let us know about ideas that will be useful for first time instructors, existing programs, what you as a new teacher would like to know, etc. For more information regarding submissions and deadlines, visit http://www.farmingdale.edu/CampusPages/ArtsSciences/AcademicDepartments/Psychology/call4pap.html.
VOLUNTEER AND PAID APPLIED OPPORTUNITIES:

APA OFFICE ON AIDS - The American Psychological Association’s (APA) Office on AIDS is currently recruiting volunteer consultants to support its Behavioral and Social Science Volunteer (BSSV) Program. The program’s purpose is to improve the capacity of community based organizations (CBOs), health departments (HDs), and community planning groups (CPGs) to design, adapt and/or evaluate effective HIV prevention interventions for communities of color. Prospective volunteers should possess the following criteria:

- master’s or doctoral level degree in behavioral or social science;
- representative of a minority ethnic/racial group;
- experience with/knowledge of HIV prevention science and its application among communities of color; and
- personal desire to give back to local communities to reduce the further spread of HIV.

While HIV prevention staff of CBOs and HDs are working diligently to end the epidemic, local psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, social workers and public health experts are needed to team up with these providers and share their expertise to ensure that programs are scientifically sound and culturally competent.

Volunteers of the BSSV Program will receive the following benefits:

- training in state of the art science and service delivery around HIV prevention for communities of color;
- opportunities to learn from and network with national experts;
- opportunities to help facilitate and apply knowledge in community settings that are practical, useful and time efficient; and
- be a part of an activist group of social scientists who are committed to improving the health of communities disproportionately affected by HIV.

For more information about this program, please contact Shauna Cooper at scooper@apa.org or 202-336-6176.

POSITIONS:

INTERLOCK - Make a difference in a fast-paced environment for a leading EAP provider as part of our national telephonic Client Care Team. This position will appeal to professionals with experience in Intake, crisis intervention, EAP, and telephone counselling. Applicants will possess a Master’s Degree, professional registration, strong computer literacy, outstanding customer service and organizational skills. Bilingual French speaking applications will be strongly considered. This position is based in downtown Toronto.

If you want to work with a dynamic and results-oriented team commencing this September, please forward your resume via email (subject Line: Toronto Crisis Intervention Counsellor) in confidence, by August 25th to: Interlock Employee and Family Assistance Corp. of Canada

Attention: Samantha Seagram, MA, RCC
Manager, Client Care Services
sseagram@interlockeap.com

To learn more about Interlock, please visit www.interlockeap.com and www.ppcworldwide.com.

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (NEW JERSEY) - Psychological Counselor (date posted: 7/14/2008) http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000565427-01&pg=e

POLICE FOUNDATION (D.C.) - Senior Research Scientist and Research Associate (date posted: 7/14/2008) http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000565580-01&pg=e

NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHER EDUCATION AND LEARNING TRUST (NEW YORK) – Psychometrist (date posted: 7/14/2008) http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000565630-01&pg=e

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY AT MORRISVILLE (NEW YORK) - Exercise Science Faculty (date posted: 7/14/2008) http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000565811-01&pg=e

MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE (MISSOURI) - Assistant/Associate Professor of Psychology (date posted: 7/15/2008) [http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000566375-01&pg=e]

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY (COLORADO) - Psychological Counselor (date posted: 7/15/2008) [http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000566487-01&pg=e]

TROY UNIVERSITY (ALABAMA) - Multiple Positions (date posted: 7/14/2008) [http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000565708-01&pg=e]

RUHR-UNIVERSITY BOCHUM (GERMANY) - Professorship Sport Psychology (date posted: 7/15/2008) [http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000566448-01&pg=e]

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