

# Gilmer Gazette: Clinical Corner



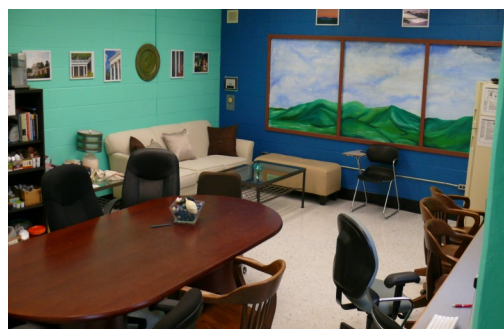
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## Introducing the new Social Interaction Lab (known as the SIL) in Gilmer Hall!

A place to meet, hang out, work, relax and, of course, eat. The SIL has become a great spot for celebrating dissertation defenses, holding journal club meetings, and holding coffee hours. The pictures on the right illustrate a sample of the wares from the Clinical Area coffee hour in January. Each lab was asked to bring a dessert to reflect their area of study. Among the array of treats, the Mikami lab brought gingerbread 'friends' to reflect the study of peer relationships, there were wedding cookies from the Emery lab, and spider cupcakes from the Teachman lab.



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## Annual Department Graduate Recruiting Party...



Each February, the psychology department holds a department-wide party on the prospective graduate student interview day—all graduate students, faculty, post docs, staff and prospective students are invited. At one point, there were at least 116 people in the Teachman/Nosek household! After a long day (and an open bar), Rock Band took over the party...

## Spotlight on New Psychology Faculty at UVa:

My name is Timo von Oertzen, and my main research interest is the twilight zone between computer science and psychology. My research winds around the information hidden in data, both after an experiment (i.e., what methods could we apply to mine information from large data sets) and before the experiment (i.e., which study designs are introducing as much information as possible into our data sets in the first place). In both questions, I try to combine techniques or viewpoints from modern computer science with classical psychological research questions.

I graduated in 2000 with a double major in Computer Science and Psychology at the University of Saarbrücken. At that time, I was so fascinated by

Computer Science and so frustrated by Psychology that I almost decided to drop my psy-



**Timo von Oertzen**  
Quantitative Faculty  
Started January, 2011

chological interests. Just at that time, Ulman Lindenberger became faculty at Saarbrücken, he is not only the most impressive

psychologist I ever met, but at the same time the most impressive scientist - which really made me reconsider my decision. After my PhD in computer science in 2003 and 2 years as post-doc assistant in the math department, I followed Ulman Lindenberger to his new position as director of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin and stayed there for five years as a project leader. In January, I joined the faculty at the University of Virginia. My new position is most enlightening - both in terms of research and teaching and in terms of sun, which I appreciate a lot compared to the dark winters in northern Germany. I'm looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities here at the

## Spotlight on our Wonderful Alumni: What are they doing now?

I am currently an Assistant Professor at John Jay College/City University of New York. I started this position in August, 2009, immediately after my clinical internship at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Since arriving in New York City, I have been fortunate to collaborate with prominent epidemiologists, criminologists and geographers. As a result, my

work has become even more interdisciplinary and I am constantly learning of new ways to approach the study of antisocial behavior and substance use. I have spent most of my time writing grants and manuscripts, as such I am not doing any clinical work. I do miss it and plan to take my licensing exam this summer and start a small private practice next year.



**Preeti Chauhan**  
Graduated with PhD in 2009

## Recent Awards Received by Current Students:

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### Christopher Beam:

- 2011 National Institutes of Aging NRSA Quantitative Training Grant  
 2010-12 Fellow. International Program on lifespan development, International Max Planck Research School

### Jennifer Green:

- 2011 National Institutes of Aging NRSA Quantitative Training Grant  
 2010-12 Fellow. International Program on lifespan development, International Max Planck Research School

### Matthew Lerner:

- 2011 Society for Research in Child Development Student Travel Award  
 2010-12 Fellow. International Program on lifespan development, International Max Planck Research School  
 2010 APS Student Grant Competition Award. Association for Psychological Science  
 2010 APA Dissertation Research Award. American Psychological Association Science Doctorate.  
 2010 APA Student Travel Award. American Psychological Association

### Jennifer O'Neil:

- 2010 Sage Student Research Award, Association of Black Psychologists.  
 2010 Graduate Student Diversity Programs Service Award, Office of Vice President, University of Virginia

### Shari Steinman:

- 2010 Leonard Krasner Dissertation Award, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

## Recent Awards Received by Alumni:

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### David Klonsky:

- 2011 David Shakow Early Career Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Clinical Psychology

### Peter Tuerk:

- 2010 Olin E. Teague Award from the Department of Veteran's Affairs

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