Courtney E. Ahrens  
I am broadly interested in community psychology and the psychology of women. My research focuses on violence against women (e.g., sexual assault, domestic violence) with an emphasis on the impact social reactions have on survivors’ physical and psychological health, the role of activism and community involvement on recovery, and the development and evaluation of prevention and intervention programs by community-based crisis centers.

James H. Amirkhan  
Attribution theory, stress and coping, health psychology. I am particularly interested in individual differences in the above domains -- e.g., the personality factors that lead one person to confront a stressor and another to avoid it.

Patricia A. Bachelor  
Theory and practice of statistics, measurement and research design including methodological issues and their applications to psychological issues.

Alexander L. Beckman  
General area of interest: Physiological psychology  
Active areas of research: Brain opioid and other neurotransmitter systems and their role in controlling behavioral and physiological responses; characteristics of brain function during natural states of depression in the hibernator model.

Dan Chiappe  
Areas of interest: Higher cognition, especially metaphor comprehension. My metaphor research examines the processes of comparison and categorization used to understand figurative language. I am currently looking into working memory functions that are involved in metaphor comprehension. I am also interested in evolutionary approaches to higher cognition, particularly in the issue of modularity.

Young-Hee Cho  
Empirical and theoretical studies of decision-making under risk: Testing the empirical validity of fundamental assumptions of decision theories using gambling simulations.
Chi-Ah Chun

My broad area of research interest is in Asian American mental health. More specifically, I am interested in psychiatric epidemiology, cultural expressions of psychological distress, and the role of culture in stress and coping. My current project examines the prevalence rates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Cambodian refugees and stress and coping as predictors of their psychological adjustment. I have recently developed an interest in the qualitative approaches to studying stress and coping in ethnic minority groups. I also run a Culture and Coping Study Group with undergraduate and graduate students.

Michael E. Connor

Two areas -- First, parenting issues with emphasis on fathers/fathering. The second area pertains to sports and athletic activities, particularly dealing with performance enhancement.

Martin S. Fiebert

Interracial dating.

Dennis G. Fisher

Areas of interest include the following: Drug Abuse, Substance Abuse and Infectious Disease, Reliability and Validity Studies, Cluster Analysis, Survival Analysis, Logistic Regression, and Clinical Trials. My publications have mostly been in the area of drug abuse, hepatitis and needle exchange, with a secondary interest in psychometrics.

Kenneth F. Green

Recent work has focused on the conditioned place preference paradigm in rats as a model of the learning processes that may be involved in the development of cravings, particularly in drug addicts, but also seen in people who have trouble giving up cigarettes, sweets and so on. There is a large literature on drugs that block the acquisition of cravings, but virtually no literature on drugs that block an established craving. It is the latter problem that I am addressing. Sidelights include individual differences defined according to taste preferences and other measures that may reflect differential activity in opioid and dopaminergic reward systems. I am developing an interest in examining the significance of taste reactivity in humans.

Joellen T. Hartley

Major area of research: Cognitive aging
Specific projects:
1. Aging and memory for prose
2. Age-changes in the reading processes that support reading skill
3. EEG correlates of cognitive aging
4. How cellular telephones affect attention in older adults
5. Older race car drivers

Scott L. Hershberger

Multivariate Statistics; measurement; latent variable modeling.
Ralph B. Hupka  Research on human emotions with an emphasis on jealousy.

John R. Jung  Alcohol use and abuse. Social support and health.

Robert W. Kapche  Illusory correlations are false memories of the strength of associations between two sets of stimuli (e.g., What percentage of the time did people from a particular group act in a certain way?). They have been shown to affect assessment of individuals and of groups. They are one cause of stereotypes. The research will investigate personality variables that may affect illusory correlations.

William Kelemen  I have interests in several areas of memory and cognition. Much of my research to date has focused on people’s ability to monitor and control their own cognitive processes (a process known as “metacognition,” which is sometimes described as “what you know about what you know”). Metacognition is important in many areas of psychology and I have worked on diverse projects recently, including (a) the relationship between metacognition and academic success, (b) the effects of caffeine on cognition and metacognition, and (c) drug expectancy effects (especially regarding caffeine and nicotine) and individuals’ beliefs about their memory. I am also developing interest in prospective memory.

Diane W. Lee  Primary areas of interest: Psychology of Learning, Biological Psychology, and Cognitive Ethology. Specifically, my research efforts address the role that the birth of new neurons (neurogenesis) plays in learning and memory using birds as the primary animal model. By integrating techniques, research can range from field and laboratory investigations of learning to the neurobiology mediating learning and memory formation. The research is currently directed along three basic lines of inquiry. First, when and where in the avian brain does adult neurogenesis occur? Second, what types of learning experiences and/or fluctuations in hormone levels influence the rate at which neurogenesis occurs and the direction new neurons take? And third, how does neurogenesis influence subsequent learning and memory?

Jennifer Lonergan  Individual-level focus: Applicant reactions to selection measures; impact of affirmative action perceptions on social identity; antecedents of employee procrastination.
Group-level focus: Team research -- impact of personality and task type on outcomes; identifying ideal team members; stereotype threat reduction in group settings.
Organization-level focus: Impact of employee diversity on organizational outcomes.
James I. Linden
1. All areas of police psychology
2. PTSD -- Treatments
3. Hypnotherapy

Kevin B. MacDonald
I am interested in developmental research with children in virtually any area of social and personality development. I am also interested in personality research on adults as well as any area of research related to evolutionary perspectives on psychology.

Lisa M. Maxfield
I am a cognitive psychologist with my primary interests in memory and language. I have conducted research investigating many aspects of human memory, including false memories (memories for events which did not occur). One current focus of my memory research is in retrieval induced inhibition (RII). RII is a phenomenon whereby some information is forgotten because we study some other related information.

Another line of my scholarship, now in development, is based upon one of my primary teaching assignments, Critical Thinking. I am working to create training materials for teachers who want to incorporate critical thinking skill development into their courses, based on identifiable critical thinking principles.

Susan G. Nummedal

William C. Pedersen
I have 2 general interest areas: (1) the factors that impact aggressive behavior (specifically displaced aggression), and (2) an evolutionary perspective on gender differences in mating preferences and strategies. More detailed information on each of these topics is available on my website: (http://www.csulb.edu/~wpederse).

Wendy Quinton
My research interests center on social psychology and social issues. The research I have conducted thus far has touched on aspects of a number of topics, including the psychology of self, prejudice and discrimination, social identity and social groups, psychology and law/public policy, and personal and social predictors of mental health. Some of my more specific current interests include investigating the antecedents and consequences of attributions to discrimination and collective action as a response to discrimination.
I. Social Psychology
   a. Applied Social Psychology
   b. Community Psychology
II. Psychology of Gender
   a. Violence against Women
   b. Gender and Culture
   c. Ethnicity and Trauma
III. Gay & Lesbian Issues

Sara W. Smith
Cognition and Psycholinguistics: Shared knowledge and its effects on the production and comprehension of language; the psychology of conversations.

Sherry A. Span
My research to date has focused on the relation among the following:
1. Risk factors associated with alcohol/substance abuse
2. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
3. Clinical Neuropsychology

Thomas Z. Strybel
Auditory/Visual Space Perception
Auditory/Visual Displays

Robert E. Thayer
Interests: Biopsychology of mood and arousal. Particular interests include antecedents of mood such as biological cycles, exercise, sleep and nutrition. Also of interest are manifestations or consequences of mood including self-esteem and other kinds of self-perception. Self-regulation of mood through drugs, food and exercise is also of interest.
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Cher Thomas
Managing organizational change; strategic planning; managing virtual workteams.

David J. Whitney
I. Personnel selection/Employment testing.
   Race/sex/cultural and other individual differences in employment testing.
   Applicant reactions to personnel selection procedures.
II. Organizational adoption of Natural Hazards Risk Mitigation measures.
   Examination of factors influencing the organization’s adoption of hazard mitigation measures, especially emphasizing earthquakes.
   Individual decisions to adopt mitigation measures, as well as factors affecting hazard-planning effectiveness are also of interest.