David Boder's Work Part of New Illinois Holocaust Museum

The historic artifacts of David P. Boder, Ph.D., former Chairman and Professor of Psychology at Illinois Institute of Technology, were presented at a reception jointly hosted by IIT’s Institute of Psychology, Galvin Library, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in October.

The partnership between the two organizations has been in the works for nearly two years. Institute of Psychology Senior Director of Development, Olivia K. Anderson, learned of the new museum scheduled to open in Skokie, Illinois in 2008 and contacted them to inquire about a possible interest in Dr. Boder’s 1946 interviews of Holocaust survivors. They enthusiastically responded and thus the collaboration began.

Previously tucked away in the archives of Galvin Library, the sixteen-volume set of transcripts was rediscovered by M. Ellen Mitchell in 1998. Galvin Library took the lead to make them available over the Web (voices.iit.edu). Library staff generously donated their time to input the stories, sometimes painfully affected by the content.

The artifacts on permanent loan to the new museum will include a signed copy of David Boder’s book, *I Did Not Interview the Dead* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1949), a wire recorder, wire spool, and a photograph of Dr. Boder. The 1946 audio tapes of displaced persons will also be available in the museum’s Education Center for scholars, members and guests.

David Boder made a trip to war-ravaged Europe in 1946 carrying a wire recorder (developed at IIT by Marvin Camras), 200 spools of carbon steel wire, and an assortment of converters and transformers. His project was supported by editors from the Chicago Tribune, IIT, and Chicago’s Psychological Museum.

With this equipment Dr. Boder conducted 109 interviews of survivors while they were still in displaced persons camps around Europe – only one year after their liberation from the death camps. Obtained in France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy, Boder recorded 120 hours of testimony from surviving victims of all ages in their native languages (Yiddish, German, Russian, Polish, Latvian, Dutch, Flemish, Mongolian, and Lithuanian). These are the only known recorded accounts from the time.

Now, through the collaboration of Psychology, Galvin Library, and the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, this exceptional material will be incorporated into the core exhibition of the new museum, making Boder’s work accessible to thousands who would not otherwise encounter this incredible story. For more information about this project, please contact Olivia Anderson at 312.567.6750 or andersono@iit.edu.
During September’s Board of Overseers meeting we paused to recognize and celebrate the unflagging support of charter members serving on the board since its inception ten years ago. **M. Ellen Mitchell** expressed her appreciation to charter members Bruce Bonecutter, Linda Jeleniewski Liang, Jael Masztal, David Vitale, and me, by presenting a book individually selected for each person. Newer Board Members also received a gift. We welcomed two new members this year, Dan Lezotte and Arch Pounian and bade farewell to outgoing members, Diane Krause-Stetson, Sandy Marcus, and John Scott. We wish to thank Diane, Sandy and John for their great work and support. Relationships with these types of outstanding leaders continue to add integrity to the Institute and contribute to enhancing our stature and recognition as a widely respected, nationally ranked Institute.

You may have heard we will soon say good-bye to one of Psychology’s greatest advocates at IIT. President **Lew Collens** announced his retirement after 16 years of service in this capacity. In a letter to the IIT family he shared his personal sentiments, which are poignant:

“There have been many dramatic advances during the time that I have been president. These have been the result of the creative and dedicated work of the entire IIT community - faculty, trustees, staff, alumni, and students. Together we have rebuilt this institution and laid the groundwork for IIT’s move into the ranks of the most academically distinguished institutions in the United States.”

We appreciate all Lew has done for the Institute. Under his leadership, Psychology received the opportunity to grow and achieve much-deserved prominence at IIT and for that we will always be grateful. Lew’s departure will be a transition for the IIT Community, as a new leader will have big shoes to fill however; we look forward with positive anticipation.

I am pleased to report that two psychology faculty have been selected to participate in the Presidential search process - **Tammy Sher** is a member of the search committee and **Michael Young** is a member of the faculty advisory group. In addition, **David Vitale** is serving as a Trustee member. We are fortunate to have key representation in this process. **John Rowe**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is leading the search committee.

I think it would be fair for me to say that 10 years have gone by quickly. It was wonderful to see many of you at our 80/10 Anniversary Event at Sox Park. In closing, I would like to thank the event committee, sponsors, volunteers and donors for making the celebration festive and fun. On to our 11th year.

**From the Director – Dr. M. Ellen Mitchell**

Every fall is hectic: new students, new faculty, lots of hub-bub and excitement and this year is no exception. We had two fabulous events about which I am so pleased. The 80/10 anniversary celebration of Psychology at Sox Park was a delight. The weather was perfect, the room was awesome, and it was just wonderful to see everyone. In addition to 100% of the psychology Board, many students, alumni, and friends, and Lew Collens joined us to celebrate and kick back. The fundraising aspect was also successful and will allow us to support even more faculty and student research and attendance at professional conferences.

Our second event was smaller and marks the public announcement of a formal agreement between Psychology, Galvin Library, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. It is an extraordinary project that will make David Boder’s work known to the world and perhaps allow generations of family members to hear the stories from their ancestors, first hand. Boder epitomizes a scientific psychologist in his approach to this important work. You can read about this in our cover story.

**Tammy Sher** has assumed the responsibility for Directing the Clinical Program and she is off and running helping to oversee our new contract with the Chicago Public Schools. In the next four months we will screen 5,000 children between the ages of 4 and 9 for eligibility for entrance into the CPS gifted school programs. This project will provide superlative assessment training for first-year clinical students and allow us to support the entire class for the very first time.

Please join me in thanking former Clinical Director, **Mike Young** for his dedicated leadership of the program. He is enjoying the freedom to pursue his research more vigorously and will remain a key member of the clinical program.

We also remember **Nam Raju** whose death was just one year ago and send our warm thoughts to his family. We welcome new faculty members **Frank Lane** and **Jon Larson**, a tenure track assistant professor, and clinical assistant professor (respectively) in the rehabilitation program.

I can’t tell you how much I enjoy the notes and news that some of you send. It is heartwarming to hear about careers, babies, moves, and hobbies - please keep the news coming and help us reach other alumni.

I challenge each of you to send me a note and to find at least one classmate to add to our list. We wish you the very best for the holiday season which, it is hard to believe, is almost upon us.
Clinical Psychology

Select Papers and Presentations


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* = Psychology Student

Rehab in China

This summer Dr. Lam taught a two-week intensive course on “Psychosocial Aspects of Disability” to a group of Chinese physicians at the Tong Chi Medical University in Wuhan, China. This marks the 2nd time that Dr. Lam has been invited to teach this course. Four IIT Ph.D. Clinical-Rehabilitation Psychology students, Jennifer Zinke, Carolina Garcia, Jessica Walton, and Julie Hahtamaki, met up with him in Hong Kong and started their week-long educational tour. They presented their research project on “Attribution and acceptance of disability among people with spinal cord injuries: A cross-cultural study” to faculty members at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University’s Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. They also visited various community-based rehabilitation facilities and the famous Victoria Peak in Hong Kong.

They continued their tour in Beijing. The team received warm receptions from faculty and students from Beijing Normal University and the Institute of Psychology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, who are collaborators on an NIMH research grant. The IIT group also visited the renowned China Rehabilitation Research Center (CRRC) and discussed collaboration on the attribution study. Along with business, the students visited the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace, and the Forbidden City.

Overall, the students have had a great experience in learning about China and the cross-cultural aspects of rehabilitation and research and hope this unique opportunity can continue and be a part of their education experience. Drs. Lam & Corrigan and their colleagues will visit Beijing again in May 2007 to discuss progress of their NIMH grant.
Psychology Has Many Reasons to Celebrate

As Psychology celebrates 80 years as a discipline at IIT, 40 years of the Rehabilitation program, and 10 years as an Institute we also recognize key milestones in more recent years:

Psychology is dynamic. We continually transform and work to solidify our position and rankings (Rehabilitation Counseling ranked 5th by U.S. News & World Report and I/O Psychology ranked 13th by Princeton Review’s Gourman Report of Graduate Programs). To support this we are updating our image. We have revised our website (www.iit.edu/~psych) to make it more informative and easier to navigate and have increased communication with applicants to ensure they meet the deadlines, especially qualified students. Please send us your ideas.

Psychology is reaching out. We regularly contact high school psychology teachers and guidance counselors and explain our programs in a way that makes it easier for them to tell students about us. Now, they are recommending the Institute of Psychology to students in record numbers. We want to reach our alumni better and put them in touch with our students. If you have ideas or want to be a part of this, let us know.

Psychology is growing. This is particularly apparent in the number of new undergraduate students with a 600% increase in freshmen, due in part to our new message and recruiting techniques. The graduate population also saw an increase, both in the number and the quality of applicants; indeed, our faculty admissions committees had an especially challenging time deciding whom to admit.

Psychology has terrific people. These changes have occurred because of the hard work and dedication of the Institute faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We can’t continue to expand without your help. We need you to tell your friends and colleagues about our programs, to reach out in your community and to go back to your high school and college and tell them about us. We also ask that you to consider donating to our various funds. With your help, we can broaden and expand the family that is The Institute of Psychology.

We look forward to continued success and achieving our goals together. If you would be willing to help, or if you have any ideas for improving our recruiting efforts, please contact Jack Spani at 312.567.8945 or spanj@iit.edu.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Select Papers and Presentations (cont.)


Rehabilitation Psychology

Faculty News

Pat Corrigan, Chow Lam, and Jon Larson continue their research on employer attitudes in Beijing, Hong Kong, and Chicago. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the Fogarty International Center, this study combines Chinese and American researchers to examine attitudes towards health conditions including HIV-AIDS, mental illness and alcoholism. Corrigan, the principal investigator, says the study is on track to complete both the qualitative and quantitative components of the study.

Chicago Consortium for Stigma Research (CCSR)

CCSR enters its seventh year of activity. Originally funded as a Research Infrastructure Support Program by the NIMH, CCSR represents a collaboration of researchers from seven area academic institutions: IIT, University of Chicago, University of Illinois Chicago, Illinois State University, Northwestern University, Northern Illinois University, and Loyola University. IIT researchers in the Institute of Psychology (Pat Corrigan, P.I.) are leaders of the group. A recent audit conducted by the Consortium identified more than 80 research projects in which CCSR faculty participated. Research interests of the group include the role of stigma in the criminal justice system; landlord and employer biases that impede life opportunities; and the kind of self-stigma that undermines a person’s sense of self-esteem and self-efficacy.

It Plays in Boston, Chicago, and Oregon...

In Boston during June 2006, Jon Larson provided a half day seminar on the U.S. Department of Labor Supported Employment Project for the Association of Persons in Supported Employment. Jon will be presenting 3 seminars on this project for practitioners and clients from Illinois Department of Vocational Services and Illinois Division of Mental Health. Sessions will describe research findings and provide skills training on implementing supported employment merged with motivational interviewing. He has also been invited by the Oregon Department of Vocational Services to provide a full day seminar on this project.

World Traveler

In the current year, Corrigan has visiting professorships or plenary speeches across four continents. In addition to more than a dozen such activities in the States, his travels has taken him to Australia, the Netherlands, China, Ireland, and Canada.

American Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation

AJPR has just finished its seventh volume and, in the process, moved to quarterly production. Editor-in-Chief Pat Corrigan and Managing Editor Jon Larson reported that manuscripts are now coming in from around the world. In like manner, the editorial board includes some of the international leaders in psychiatric rehabilitation. Recent special issues examined cognitive rehabilitation, phenomenological perspective, and dissemination strategies.

Rehabilitation Papers and Presentations


Larson, J. E. (2006, November). Evidence-based supported employment and Motivational Interview for individuals with mental illness. Symposium presented for the State of Oregon Division of Mental Health, Grants Pass & Bend, OR.


Dr. Lam and students during recent tour of China. See page 3 excerpt for story.
Although the Chicago White Sox didn’t make it to the play offs this year, Psychology at IIT enjoyed a beautiful evening at US Cellular on September 7th. One hundred fifty alumni, donors, Board members, students, and faculty cheered the 2005 World Champions during an evening of baseball, reminiscing, and fun to celebrate Psychology’s 80/10 Anniversary year. Formerly known as PsychNite, the event returned after a three-year hiatus, marking several milestones in psychology history. Degrees in psychology have been a part of IIT for 80 years; the Institute has been in existence for 10 years, Rehabilitation Psychology program commemorates 40 years and Psi Chi notes 50 years at IIT.

If you haven’t attended an event hosted by Psychology in the past, they are known for their relaxed atmosphere, fun venues, and plenty of good food and drink.

Ron Kittle and William “Moose” Skowron stopped by to visit with guests and sign autographs. Great raffle prizes were given away, including a one-week timeshare in Sedona or the world, Drury Lane and Steppenwolf theater tickets, Daytona 500 seats with pit passes, and prizes for faculty and students such as free photocopies, a one-hour computer session with the administrative assistant, and a famous Allen Wolach clock.

Thank you to all who supported the event. Special accolades to event chair, Terry Koller and the committee including Jennifer Cohn, Carol McDonough, Laura Rode, and John O’Shaughnessy. Please join us in acknowledging our very generous event sponsors, raffle donors, and contributors: Harris Private Bank, Bruce E. Bonecutter, Ph.D. Clinical Director Timberline Knolls, LLC, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, A. Eicoff & Company, Bank Financial, and Organizational Strategies, Inc.

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• A sample of original 1946 recordings of displaced persons of the death camps will be featured and discussed.

• **Richard S. Hirschhaut**, Project and Executive Director of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center will join the conversation and highlight the collaboration between the two organizations.