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Escobar, M. *Estrategias conductuales para reducir y prevenir las respuestas emocionales (behavioral strategies to reduce and prevent emotional responses).* Graduate Seminar Series, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, 2018.
OU graduate students travel to DC and enjoy a night out post-conference

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Escobar, M., Bhattacharya, S., & Suppiramaniam, V. La recuperación de memorias de miedo conlleva cambios en plasticidad neuronal (changes in neural plasticity resulting from retrieval of fear memories). Tercera Jornada de Psicología Experimental, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, 2018.


The PSI CHI office is located in Pryale Hall

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GOALS

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

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Sociosexuality of Romantic Couples: Part 1

Dr. Tara DeLecce, a postdoctoral researcher, is conducting a research study with Dr. Virgil Ziegler-Hill, Dr. Todd Shackelford, and Dr. Lisa Welling. Research is being conducted to examine heterosexual couples and their sexual behaviors in order to determine sperm competition, as compared to other species. The semen production from copulation and masturbation is what will be analyzed for this study. There are seven sessions that take place for participation in this study.

The study takes place on Oakland University’s campus, but participation is not limited to Oakland students. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

Must be between the ages of 18 and 35

Must currently be in a committed romantic relationship for at least 3 months

Couples must currently be using condoms during sexual intercourse

*Couples are asked to abstain from sex for 48 hours before providing semen samples, but no longer than 7 days

*Individuals are not eligible for this study if fertility treatments are being used or if birth control is/has been in use in the past 3 months

*Exclusionary criteria: couples who avoid sexual intercourse during periods of higher conception risk

The first session takes approximately 90-minutes in a laboratory setting, followed by six additional 10-minute sessions. These sessions will take place over the course of 45 days and both participants will attend all sessions. Session one consists of an orientation video, completing various questionnaires, recording measurements, privately reviewing the informed consent, and providing a saliva sample. At the end of the session, male participants will be provided with a take-home kit with research necessities and female participants will be provided with a reminder card for informing researchers about their menstrual cycle.

Before arriving to the rest of the sessions, participants are asked to complete an at-home questionnaire and male participants are asked to use their take-home kit to measure testicular volume. Couples are to
either masturbate or have sex and collect the semen produced. Semen samples can be brought to 109A Pryale Hall within 60 minutes of collecting.

For the remainder of the sessions, after providing the lab with semen samples, participants are required to complete some basic questions regarding sexual activity. For two of the sessions, female participants will be asked to provide another saliva sample for fertility verification.

**Compensation**

Session 1: $10 for completion
Session 2: $10 for completion
Session 3: $10 for completion
Session 4: $12.50 for completion
Session 5: $15 for completion
Session 6: $17.50 for completion
Session 7: $30 for completion
Total compensation: $105/each

For more information regarding questions about the study:

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For information regarding participant rights:

Oakland University Institutional Review Board at (248) 370-2762
Closing Remarks

PSI CHI attendance has seen a slight increase overall for events held this past fall semester, but we would like attendance to continue rising. I would like to take a moment and remind all of you that PSI CHI and the psychology department at Oakland University work together to host the Lunch Bunch series, which are helpful presentations/discussions for all students. President of PSI CHI, Emanuel Romero, would like to thank all of the speakers who have taken the time to share their knowledge and research with everyone who attends the series.

“It’s a great opportunity to hear and see what is being researched in the field” ~ Emanuel Romero

Another event that had been held this past semester included Careers in Psychology, with guest speakers from other institutions. These speakers provided information on the possibilities and opportunities to those who, or will, hold a psychology degree.

“We had Gongos, INC. come in and share what they look for in students and recruitment for internships. This was a great event where all students were able to ask questions and get a better understanding of what a marketing research company does on a daily basis.” ~ Emanuel Romero

As for volunteering through PSI CHI, members walked in the Annual Macomb County Santa Parade held in Mt. Clemens. PSI CHI helped raise food donations for the walk and Romero looks forward to participating in the event again next year.

Romero wanted to say a few words to give thanks and express his final thoughts on past and future events:

“I would like to thank all of the students and faculty that have come out and supported out speakers/presenters. I encourage students to continue their participation in our events and to share them with their friends. Next semester we will have some exciting speakers coming in and will be collaborating with other student organizations, as well [like the Flint Water Crisis event]. This will allow us to network with other Oakland University students to learn about different topics. PSI CHI is excited to present more interesting topics for students to come and listen to.” ~ Emanuel Romero
Romero also noted that in the upcoming semester, PSI CHI will be hosting more events during different times—late afternoons/evenings. As many students have expressed concern that PSI CHI events are scheduled during class times, causing a conflict and possible lower attendance, the team would like to accommodate for that as best as they can. PSI CHI is always open to hear constructive feedback and/or ideas from students, so please do not hesitate to provide us with suggestions!

“We have professional development and training for students to take advantage of and excel in, provide the ability for students to ask for advice from faculty, and to get an idea on how to build oneself outside of the classroom.” ~ Emanuel Romero

To end, we encourage more of you to apply for PSI CHI, as it is a good way to advance and increase knowledge in psychology.
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