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Congratulations to

Roy Baumeister who was named recipient of the 2013 William James Award, which is the highest honor given by the Association for Psychological Science across all fields of psychology. It recognizes lifetime achievement and contributions to basic scientific research in psychology. In other news, **Roy** and three collaborators received word that the Templeton Foundation will award them a \$7 million grant for the study of future-oriented thinking, and there is a possibility of increasing it to \$11 million if they add a project on imagination.

Wally Boot and Neil Charness who were awarded a new contract from the Florida Department of Transportation to investigate issues of aging and crosswalk and intersection safety. The two year contract (\$350,000 in total costs) will utilize FSU's Driving Simulator, eyetracking, and field studies to evaluate and enhance countermeasures to support safe mobility across the lifespan.

Neil Charness and **Wally Boot** on receiving a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase 2 grant from NIH/NIA on Aging Surveys II. The 2-year grant (~\$380,000 in total costs) is with partner AFrame Digital and will test their e-health monitoring system in Tallahassee homes of normal older adults and those with congestive heart failure. Dr. Ken Brummel-Smith, Chair of the Department of Geriatrics at the FSU College of Medicine, is a consultant on this project.

Anders Ericsson who was awarded a one year contract with CDC Software, based in the UK, to study "Industrial Effectiveness and Deliberate Practice." The total project amount is \$67,977.

Christie Fowler, a graduate of the Neuroscience program (major professor: **Zuoxin Wang**), on receiving a NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00). The award is entitled "The habenulo-Interpeduncular Pathway and Nicotine" and is up to five years. Dr. Fowler has also been promoted to Staff Scientist at the Scripps Research Institute Florida, Jupiter.

Brandon Aragona, an Assistant Professor in Psychology at University of Michigan and graduate of the Neuroscience program (major professor: **Zuoxin Wang**), on receiving a NIMH R21 grant entitled "Real-time dopamine transmission during prairie vole social behavior".

Sam Eckrich, a doctoral student in neuroscience (major professor: **Josh Rodefer**), on being awarded a research grant from the Bryan W. Robinson Endowment (\$1250) for his proposal entitled, "Cholinergic contributions to risky decision making in rats".

Briana Carroll, a doctoral student in neuroscience (major professor: **Rick Hyson**) received an honorable mention award from the Bryan W. Robinson Endowment for her proposal "Cannabinoid receptor expression in chick nucleus magnocellularis and the role in deafferentation induced apoptosis."

Lauren Drislane, a doctoral student in the clinical program (major professor: **Chris Patrick**) who was a recipient of an Outstanding Student Poster Award from the American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) for her poster entitled "Indexing constructs of the Triarchic Model of psychopathy using items from the Psychopathic Personality Inventory," presented at the Annual AP-LS meeting held in Puerto Rico in March 2012.

Adam Smith, a doctoral student in Neuroscience (major professor: **Zuoxin Wang**), who received the Outstanding Student Paper Award at the 21st annual meeting of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, 2012. He presented his research project entitled "Paraventricular oxytocin regulates social-mediation of the stress response in female prairie voles".

Casey Strickland, a doctoral student in the clinical program (major professor: **Chris Patrick**) who received an Honorable Mention from the Student Research Award Committee of the American Psychological Society (APS) for her poster entitled "Preliminary validation of a Personality Inventory for DSM-5: Relations with DSM-IV personality, psychopathology, and self-report traits," presented at the Annual APS meeting held in Chicago in May 2012.

New Publications (including in press) & Invited Talks

Ericsson, K. A. (2012). Deliberate practice and improvability of performance: Prospects and limits. Invited keynote at the *2012 Cricket Australia Science, Medicine & Coaching Conference*, Canberra, Australia (June 7-8)

Moxley, J. H., Ericsson, K. A., Charness, N., & Krampe, R. T. (2012). The role of intuition and deliberative thinking in experts' superior tactical decision making. *Cognition*, *124*, 72-78.

Venables, N.C., & Patrick, C.J. (2012). Validity of the Externalizing Spectrum Inventory in a criminal offender sample: Relations with disinhibitory psychopathology, personality, and psychopathic features. *Psychological Assessment*, *24*, 88-100.

On the Horizon

Roy Baumeister and John Tierney (coauthors on a recent *New York Times* bestseller) have been offered a contract for a major new book.

Chris Patrick will deliver his address as President of the Society for Psychophysiological Research at the Society's upcoming annual meeting, to be held in New Orleans in mid-September. His address is entitled: "Psychoneurometrics: A Research Paradigm for Grounding Psychological Assessment in Neurophysiology"

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