



# Gray Matters

Undergraduate Psychology Newsletter

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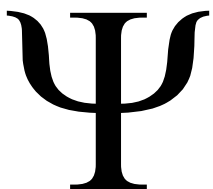
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## Name the Newsletter Winner

Tiffany Miller  
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As you may have already noticed, the name of the newsletter has changed to the more creative and pun-inspired "Gray Matters." Last semester, we held a contest to urge students to create a new name for the newsletter. Sarah McArthur won this contest with her witty idea for the new title.

Sarah was occupying herself on her MARTA ride home one day by reading the Fall 2004 newsletter, in which she learned about the contest. She was determined to keep the name from being boring, and thought that "Gray Matters" was a good play on words to express the importance of psychology.

Sarah is a sophomore majoring in journalism, with a minor in psychology. She has a personal interest in psychology because she finds it intriguing, but she also thinks that it plays an important role in her chosen field of study. She believes that psychology, specifically knowing how the brain receives, interprets, and responds to information, is an essential part of effective communication.

This newsletter is definitely at the crux of her passions: communication and psychology. Hence, it's quite fitting that she won our "Name the Newsletter" contest. Ψ

## Research Job Opportunity

### Project Healthy Grandparents is currently recruiting Psycho- Social Data Collectors

- ✓ Looking for graduate students or other individuals capable of successfully being trained to complete various psychometric and demographic forms
- ✓ Must be able to study for and pass the Human Subjects Education Program as required by GSU and Emory University
- ✓ Must be willing to consent to fingerprinting and a federal background investigation
- ✓ Primary duty is the timely collection of research data
- ✓ Data collection is done in the research participant's home. Travel is required as all participants live within a 10-mile radius of GSU
- ✓ Work hours are Flexible
- ✓ Compensation is between \$10 and \$15 per hour depending on experience

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## 2005 Summer Student Employment Program

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) are agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The mission of CDC is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. The mission of ATSDR is to prevent adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment.

The Summer Student Employment Program is a temporary hiring program that is designed to give students valuable and challenging work experience, and to encourage them to explore career opportunities in the public health arena.

**The goals of the Program are:**

To attract and hire students to CDC and ATSDR and provide opportunities that will encourage them to pursue careers in Science and Public Health and to attract and hire students of diverse backgrounds and heritages, including persons with disabilities.

Students are paid based upon the duties of the position and the individual's education and experience. Students hired are responsible for making their own housing arrangements.

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## Attention All Psychology & Biology Students

*4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Psychology Undergraduate  
Research Conference at Georgia  
State University*

**When:** Friday, April 1, 2005 from  
9:00am - 5:00p.m.

**Where:** Georgia State University

**Who:** Psychology students from  
any college or university  
in the southeast

**What:** Presentations based on  
laboratory/field research,  
class projects, or  
research/ applied practical  
experiences that are  
**completed or in progress**  
*Both individual and group  
projects will be accepted*

**All submissions Must include:**

\*\*Abstract (250 word maximum)

\*\*Title of the Research  
Project

\*\*E-mail address for each  
author

\*\*Author name(s)

\*\*Institution Name(s)

\*\*Mailing address for each  
author

**To submit:**

Send you submission  
information via E-mail to  
[purc@gsu.edu](mailto:purc@gsu.edu). Please include  
the phrase "Presentation  
Proposal" in the subject line.

**Deadline for submissions:**

Friday, 2-18-05

**Notification of Acceptance:**

Friday, 2-25-05

Questions related to PURC 2005  
should be directed to [purc@gsu.edu](mailto:purc@gsu.edu) ψ

## Wanted:

**Who:** Male Undergraduate

**What:** To assist with a  
masters thesis project  
in Community Psychology

**When:** Summer-Fall 2005

**Why:** Offers the student  
the opportunity to  
collect and manage  
data, familiarize  
himself with the  
research process and to  
study various attitudes  
and behaviors of men. I  
am willing to offer  
mentorship around  
graduate school issues.

**How:** Contact Doyanne  
Horst at:  
[dhorst1@student.gsu.edu](mailto:dhorst1@student.gsu.edu)  
to schedule an  
interview for the  
position and/or learn  
more about the study.

**Course Credit can be  
negotiated. ψ**

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Also, for all expenses related to travel, housing, and other expenses.

The positions are in Atlanta, Georgia; Cincinnati, Ohio; Fort Collins, Colorado; Hyattsville, Maryland; Morgantown, West Virginia; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Summer Student Employment Program is limited to students (i.e. those that are currently enrolled in a degree or certificate seeking program). Students that are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in May or June 2005 will also be eligible to participate in the program. Students who have worked in the summer program in 2003 and/or 2004 have rehire eligibility but they must re-apply to be considered.

Applicants who are selected for employment must substantiate their educational status by providing an official transcript or official documentation of grades. Veterans Preference does apply to the summer program, however the veteran must also have student status of at least part-time.

**How to apply:** Students may apply during the opening period of the announcement, January 18, 2005 through February 25, 2005 (midnight). The application will be available online, 24 hours a day, at:  
<https://www2a.cdc.gov/careers/summerstart.asp> ψ

## Student Assistants Needed: G.S.U. Child Development Center



- Hours of Availability are 7:30am - 6:00pm.
- Child Care Experience is preferred.
- WORK STUDY AWARD IS NOT REQUIRED.

### Job Description:

- Assist teachers in all aspects of classroom duties.
- Assist children in developing skills to demonstrate appropriate behavior.

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