

Psi Chi/UPO  
General meeting minutes: November 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1730 on 12 November 2008.

- Attendance: All officers were present, and there were approximately 30 regular members in attendance
- Today's topic: Various career paths for psychology graduates  
**Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) (presented by Mary Sullivan)**
- In the LRC, people work with adults who have severe persistent mental disorders
- There are teams of professionals and techs
  - Psychologists who have PhDs are part of the core team
  - With a bachelor's degree, you can be a psych tech or security specialist
- The LRC has a contract with UNL—grad students can observe the workings
- Volunteering for the LRC is very helpful... it is experience that is very useful for clinical aspirations
- As a psych tech or security specialist, you get a lot of contact with the patients
- Internships (unpaid) are only available for MSW candidates
- A big idea: Diagnoses in psychology don't imply that a certain procedure should be used. It's not medicine!

**Management science (presented by Marie Mitchell)**

- Management science asks how people do the things that they do in organizations
  - It's a way of applying what you have learned in psychology
- Mitchell studies "bad behavior" in organizations (e.g. retaliation, abusive management)
- The question: How do you act constructively in these situations?
- She works with the Leadership Institute
  - This is a paid internship and gives tuition remission for grad students working toward a Masters or PhD
  - Have to take the GMAT, have interest in research and teaching, and such
  - Psych majors are good candidates for something like this
- To be competitive, DOING RESEARCH is the key thing. Being an apt teacher is very important too
- You would evaluate data and make suggestions for improving business workings

**Psychology research (presented by Cal Garbin)**

- The "big-R" research is the big study... the knowledge passed on in textbooks
  - But, the basics behind it are what you learned in 350
- The "little-r" research is the idea: "Learn stuff or die!"
  - His example: As he started off in menial jobs, punching in data, it eventually led him to start analyzing data and getting more rewarding
- You can get noticed by participating in "little-r" research
  - In particular, there is a corridor between Des Moines and Oklahoma City that has a bevy of survey design and application jobs
- When you start in a lab, you don't get to start with the "cool \*\*\*\*"
- But, doing well with entry level work shows that you are capable and willing!
- ***Be able to use basic data analysis! This will help to put you above others.***

- It's not just the number crunching. Understanding behavior allows you to create the models that the statisticians (or the research assistants) then crunch!
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- Whatever you do, data analysis and good English skills will help immensely

The meeting adjourned at 1805.

Respectfully submitted,  
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