UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 — lab get together at Thompson house
- May 31 — all annual reports are due
- June 1 — initial drafts of all completed MA theses are due
- June 30 — all portfolios are due

“Successful People are Simply Those with Successful Habits.” – Brian Tracy

ROLES AND NEEDS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

There are a variety of roles in the lab that need to be filled for the 2016-2017 academic year.

- Lab coordinator — managing and scheduling meeting times and rooms, communicating with lab members knowledge of all projects, organizing social events and get-togethers, managing lab space, and working with lab director to address problems.
- Website manager — providing new material and coordinating all information that appears website and social media sites.
- Project managers — we have a couple of projects that require leadership and management as the previous managers are moving onto internships or field placements

Let me know if you are interested in any of these positions.

CURRICULUM

A big change in the lab organization during the 2016 – 2017 academic year is that we will spend more time with explicit instruction of skills that are required for success in the lab. We will be spending some time in our lab meetings focusing on: basic writing skills, basic work habits, research ethics board proposals, conducting literature searches, grant proposals, rating presentation proposals, and making posters among other topics.
NEW PEOPLE

Welcome to our new lab members! Joseph D'Intino (PhD-School Psychology), Kim Abi Zeid Daou (MA-Human Development), and Maxime Cousineau-Pérusse (MA-School Psychology). They will be starting in the fall.

WEBSITES AND SOFTWARE

We tend to use a variety of websites and software to help organize our lab. The use of common tools allows us to communicate effectively.

We use slack.com to communicate about specific projects; share papers, links, data, and ideas with co-authors on the team. In addition, this is an accountability system that requires each member of the team to make some contribution to their study. Commenting on slack.com will serve as your lab diary and you will be held accountable for your contributions and progress.

Zotero is our system for storing papers and references. We find it to be superior to EndNote and at least as good as Mendalay. You will use this site to catalogue all papers that you have read for articles you are working on and use it to automatically format citations and references within text. I recommend that you each have a stand-alone version of Zotero and we will share a second version among lab members.

We use dropbox and Google docs frequently to share information and files.

There are also several websites that we use to provide information.

https://www.mcgill.ca/connectionslab/ our Lab website

https://www.facebook.com/ConnectionsLab/ lab Facebook page

https://twitter.com/shawpsych Steve’s Twitter page

https://researchtopracticeconnections.wordpress.com/lab blog