Honors College Colloquium

Speaker: Gregory Feist (San Jose State University)

Wednesday, March 30th, 4-5 PM in AD 206

Title: Creativity and mental illness

Bio: Dr. Feist is Associate Professor of Psychology in Personality and Adult Development and Director of the Experimental Graduate Program in Psychology at San Jose State University. He has also taught at the College of William & Mary and the University of California at Davis. He received his PhD in 1991 from the University of California at Berkeley and his undergraduate degree in 1985 from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Feist is widely published in the psychology of creativity, the psychology of science, and the development of scientific talent. One major focus of his work is to establish the psychology of science as a healthy and independent study of science, along the lines of the history, philosophy, and sociology of science. His *Psychology of Science and the Origins of the Scientific Mind* (2006, Yale University Press) was awarded the 2007 William James Book Prize by the American Psychological Association (APA).

A second major focus of Feist’s research program is the identification and development of scientific talent, as seen in finalists of the Westinghouse and Intel Science Talent Search. His paper “Predicting creativity from early to late adulthood: Intellect, potential, and personality” won Article of Year for 2003 in *Journal of Research in Personality*.

Feist’s is Past-President of APA’s Division 10, and serves on the Editorial Boards of *Review of General Psychology* and *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts*. He has received outstanding teaching awards at both UC Berkeley and UC Davis, and has offered an online Introduction to Psychology course to nearly 60,000 students ([http://bit.ly/GregMOOC](http://bit.ly/GregMOOC)). Feist is co-author of the textbook *Theories of Personality* (McGraw-Hill) as well as *Psychology: Making Connections* (McGraw-Hill).