

Hi – SH, professor and Dept Head, Dept of Psychology here at UO

Here to celebrate the remarkable Univ Oregon career of Jennifer Joy Freyd

Or, JFest!

Holy Cow, there is SO much to say about Jennifer's career, and we have two fantastic scientists, both of them former PhD students of Jennifer, who will both give talks today.

So, JF in 10 easy pieces:

1. Jennifer never really had to go through the tenure process: She was hired away from Cornell (while still an asst prof) in 1987 to come the UO as associate prof with tenure). 5 years later, to retain her at the UO, she was promoted to full professor.

Yup, assistant to full in less than a decade!

2. She was mentored in grad school by Nat'l medal of science winner and the late cognitive psychologist Roger Shepard.

3. Her lab at the UO was called the Dynamics lab, because (I am not making this up!) she and her students studied humans' predictions about the dynamics of object motion.

4. Her 1996 book, Betrayal Trauma, is her most cited publication, according to Google scholar, cited nearly 1800 times – contributing to her overall citations of 20252 (last night...)

This book among other things, explained the troubling conundrum of why abuse survivors, particularly those whose abusers were close to them, often stayed with their abusers.

It also very generatively made (and found support) for a number of somewhat counterintuitive predictions abuse survivors' cognitive processing.

5. She originated acronym “DARVO” to describe how people accused or faced with evidence of abuse or betrayal first

DENY

Then Attack (the victim)

Then Reverse Victim and Offender

Just ask Ashley Judd, Hollywood actress, about it...

6. She led a change in UO’s response to students who had been sexually assaulted:

The policy originally had ALL faculty as **mandatory reporters**: If you heard about a student being assaulted, you HAD to report it to the Title IX office

Thanks to JJF’s (and others’) work, this was revised so that MOST faculty were “student directed” reporters: Instructed to support students who had been assaulted, but only to report the incidents to Title IX if directed by the students.

(To save students from being victimized twice: Once with the assault, and then again, by being unable to seek confidential support from faculty)

For this work, and other service, she was the 2017 recipient of the Wayne T. Westling Award for University Leadership and Service here at the University of Oregon.

7. She is being celebrated today for being an “Emerit” faculty member -- a term that unlike the traditional Latin honorifics is not gendered. Jennifer was highly involved in recently getting the UO Senate to adopt this as the official term we give to honored retired faculty.

8. She has mentored dozens of PhD students at the UO – students who would do just about anything for her, and many of whom are here today.

9. She is a fellow of APA, Association for Psychological Science, AND AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Sciences).

10. She has retired from the Univ of Oregon, but is still a scholar, mentor, mother to three brilliant next gen scholars (and foster mother to many more), and now has taken on the mantle of starting and directing the Center for Institutional Courage, a center dedicated to transformative research and education about institutional betrayal and how to counter it through institutional courage.

Damn!

To honor Jennifer, we've invited 2 speakers today, both UO PhD alums, who were mentored by Jennifer Freyd.

Before I very briefly introduce them, some thank you's:

Huge thank you to Prof. Dare Baldwin of the Psych Dept and Clark Honors College, who is largely responsible for organizing today's events.

To Lori Olsen, who despite the Hurricane known as "shared services" stepped out of her former role, and her current one, to make many aspects of today happen.

To Alison Helzer, also a survivor of Shared Services, who arranged the travel for our speakers today, as well as that of our guest of honor, who no longer lives in Oregon.

To DR. Pam Birrell, for hosting our guest of honor during her stay, and also will be hosting a gathering of Jennifer's former students as part of JJFest

To those of you here, and others, who provided tales, anecdotes, and appreciations of Jennifer at this morning's informal event – aka the Mush & Gush.

To all of you here now,

And to all of Jennifer's students who came from near and far to be here today.

... Which provides the perfect segue to thank today's speakers, both former students of Jennifer's.

First up to bat is Dr. Jennifer Gomez, assistant professor in the School of Social Work at Boston University, a clinical psychologist who received her PHD in 2017 from the UO. Dr. Gomez has held postdoctoral and faculty positions at Wayne State University, and recently finished a fellowship at Stanford's Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, where she was working on a book about Cultural Betrayal Trauma theory

Our second speaker will be Dr. Anne DePrince, who is on the Psychology faculty at the University of Denver, where she is Distinguished University Professor and the Associate Vice Provost for Public Good Strategy and Research.

Dr. DePrince is the author of an Oxford University Press book published earlier this year, [Every 90 Seconds: Our Common Cause Ending Violence Against Women](#)

And indulge me: Dr. DePrince was also one of two GEs who helped TA the first undergraduate class I taught at the UO. I'm sure I couldn't have done it without her!

We'll take a short 10-minute break between speakers – please don't go far, so we can start promptly with the second talk.

Without further ado – after a LOT of ado!,

Dr. Gomez....