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**Mental Sciences**

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**1874**

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**1882**

**Psychology**

Classes were listed in Colorado College catalogs as “Psychology” beginning in 1882.

**CC First Graduating Class (1882)**

Parker Sedgwick Halleck & Fredrick Wells Tuckerman

Halleck and Tuckerman were the first graduates of Colorado College. There were no women in the first graduating class.

**1880**

**The Occident**

was started in February of 1880 and was the student newspaper for a short time before being replaced with The Pike’s Peak Echo. Throughout the years, Colorado College student newspapers have provided an invaluable window into the personalities and lives of the early students and graduates of the college.

**1938**

**Cont.**

Schiddel graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors under The School of Social Sciences. She completed a double major in Psychology and Sociology. She was recorded as being from Colorado Springs, CO.

The Colorado College 1938 Nugget recorded Schiddel as only a Sociology Major. However, it also included that she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. The Tiger (student newspaper) from Sept. 1937 to May 1938, confirmed her psychology major under the elected members for Phi Beta Kappa and the nominated Delta Epsilon science fraternity members to present scientific research and data.

Schiddel appeared throughout The Tiger between 1937 and 1938, specifically in regards to her musical and theatrical contributions to Colorado College. She played the cello in the orchestra at the Italian comic opera “The Elixir of Love” in 1938. She played the cello in the 1937 annual Music festival in a string trio, playing “Finale.” Later in the performances she was a part of the string ensemble that played “Lustige Feld-music.”

She also participated in acting and singing at CC. She was a supporting cast member in the opera “Cavalleria Rusticana” in 1937, and also sang contraltos during the performance. The opera was held at Perkins Hall, which was torn down in the 1960s to be replaced by new facilities.

After her graduation from CC, Schiddel worked at the Child Guidance Institute in New York City, New York, and on the Jewish Board of Guardians. She wrote in psychoanalysis and orthopsychiatry.

1885

The Pike’s Peak Echo

was started in 1885 and replaced The Occident as the student newspaper. It provided descriptions of the accomplishments of some of the earliest students and graduates of Colorado College including the first known woman to graduate from CC, Agnes Caldwell (1886).

1936

First Known Female Professor in Psychology

Mary Mae Roos,
in 1936, was the first known woman to become a Professor in Psychology at Colorado College. Her official title position, as stated in the 1936 Colorado College Nugget (yearbook), was as Research Associate Professor in Psychology.

According to her academic description, she graduated from Texas University with a Bachelor of Arts, and then later graduated from George Washington University with a doctoral degree (Ph.D.). She worked at Colorado College until 1937.

She co-authored the book “A Guide To Guidance” in 1941 with Charles Smith.

1886

CC First Female Graduate

Agnes Caldwell,
in 1886, was the first known woman to graduate from Colorado College. The only known recording of her presence at and graduation from CC is in The Pikes Peak Echo.

1888-1931

Psychology and Philosophy

Starting in 1888, courses were organized in departments. From 1888 to 1931, Psychology courses were listed under the Philosophy Department.
First Known Student to Graduate with an Emphasis in Psychology

Taizo Nakashima, in 1893, graduated from Colorado College and was the first known student to graduate with a degree emphasis in psychology.
Adelaide Frances Brown, in 1923, became the first woman to be documented in the Colorado College Nugget (yearbook) as a Graduate Assistant in Philosophy and Psychology. She graduated from CC the year prior, in 1922, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was also a member of the Delta Epsilon Honor Society (founded at CC in 1920).

Since she immediately became a graduate assistant following her graduation from CC, it is possible that this role operated similarly to how the current paraprofessional position operates.

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Nakashima received a Bachelor of Philosophy from Colorado College in 1893. (The "Ph. D." referenced in the Colorado Collegian excerpt to the left is believed to be a typographical error.) He received high praise from his fellow classmates when they wrote in The Colorado Collegian that he was one of the best students of philosophy and psychology that the college had ever seen. Following his graduation at CC, Nakashima went on to graduate with psychology degrees from Harvard University (M.A.), and Cornell University (Ph.D.).

Nakashima also returned to Japan where he became an eminent figure of psychology there and acquired more degrees in psychology, including a Ph.D. from Tokyo Imperial University.

1923 First Known Female Graduate Assistant in Philosophy and Psychology

Adelaide Frances Brown,

1927 Philosophy and Psychology Department

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Early CC Female Graduates

Elizabeth Abbott Rowell
& Nettie May Carey

Rowell and Carey were among the first known women to graduate from CC. There is also more available information on these women, since parts of their experiences were recorded in The Colorado Collegian. Both graduated with the degree Bachelor of Philosophy. They are also among the first women to have taken courses in Psychology at CC.

According to the CC course catalogs from 1895, students in their junior year were required to take this course in psychology: Logic and Psychology: including the course on James’ Principles of psychology; lectures, recitations, and experiments.

It is unknown what department each woman studied under. However, if either or both women studied under the Philosophy Department, then they would have been required as juniors or seniors to take courses in psychology including:

1. Psychology—James’ Principles of Psychology. Lectures, recitations and experiments. Three hours. President Slough and Miss Norris.
   - Introductory series—President Slough.
   - Psycho-physics—President Slough.
   - Fine Structure of the Brain and Nervous System—Dr. C.F. Gardner.
   - Localization of Brain Functions—Dr. J.T. Enosidge.
   - The Psychology of Association—Miss Norris.
   - Hypnotism—Dr. J.T. Enosidge.

2. Psychological Seminary: The leading subjects in modern psychology, themes and discussions. One hour—President Slough.
   - Psychological Seminary: Opportunity will be afforded for the conducting of experiments in special lines.

Excerpt from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1893 – June 1896 (page 10, listed in online Internal Archive as page 388)

Miss Nettie Carey, of ’95, is now teaching. The other day she asked one of her small boys, whom she had previously been instructing concerning the character of alcohol, what is alcohol? “Sour apple juice,” replied this young student.

Excerpt from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1893 – June 1896 (page 6, listed in online Internal Archive as page 356)

Miss Nettie Carey, ’95, is teaching school at Highland Lake, near Greeley, Colo. Miss Carey’s ability to control a body of mischievous boys and girls is well known, for she had plenty of experience in presiding over the frolicking class of ’95.

Excerpt taken from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1893 – June 1896 (page 11, listed in online Internal Archive as page 429)

Images from CC Catalogue 1895, pages 30-31

Pictures and description from The 1912 Colorado College Nugget (page 139)

Homer Stroud McMillin, A.B.
1212 N. Wahsatch Ave.
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.
Major, Psychology
Baker University (1), German Club (2) (3), French Club (2) (3), Glee Club (3) (4), Nugget Board (3), Assistant in Psychology (3) (4).

Picture and description from the 1912 Colorado College Nugget (page 141)
The Tiger was started in 1899 and replaced The Colorado Collegian as the student newspaper. It also provided descriptions of the later accomplishments of many of the following individuals in this Early History of the Diversity of the Psychology Department.

1912

Majors in the Pikes Peak Nugget (yearbook)
Individual students’ majors were first documented in 1912, in The Pikes Peak Nugget. This is the same year that the first documented Psychology Majors graduated.

First Known Graduates in the Psychology Major

Dorothy Ann Petersen & Homer Stroud McMillin

Petersen and McMillin are the first known Colorado College students to graduate in the Psychology Major. They both graduated in 1912, which was as the first year that students’ majors were reported in the CC Nugget.

Women and Phi Beta Kappa

Helen Winona Bailey,
in 1896, was the first woman to graduate with the degree Bachelor of Arts and be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 1904, which was the year that PBK was organized in CC and the first year students were inducted. Following her graduation, she became a teacher at Loveland.

In 1896, the degree Bachelor of Arts required psychology courses. These psychology requirements included:

- Miss Winona Bailey, of last year’s class, has joined the noble army of educators. She is teaching at Loveland. Many times her name is mentioned here, sometimes as those much more could be told than is told. The Collegian, however, has not been able to obtain very definite information concerning Miss Bailey’s brilliant career. We doubt not something startlingly brilliant will some day develop in our columns.

- Description of Miss Bailey from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1896 – June 1899 (page 12, listed in online Internal Archive as page 40).

- Image from the 1912 Colorado College Nugget (page 125).


Miss Rowell, the class prophet, was enabled to foretell the future by sending the handwriting and a picture of each member of the class to a fortune teller. As prophesied Miss C. will be a successful teacher and have many dollars passing through her hands. Mr. R. will lead a remarkable life, trying many things before deciding on any one vocation. He will spend some time at school, then go into law, then try politics, and even after all this will always remain a bachelor. Mr. K. will be a teacher. He will see the aesthetic side of nature and much of his time will be divided between a mouth-organ and poetry. There is a happy future in store for Mr. H., with plenty of friends, money, strawberries and champagne. It is also stated that he will be bald-headed and weigh two hundred. As for Miss R., the fortune-teller could see nothing but eggs and chickens, chickens and eggs.
**1898**

**Women and Honors**

**Delia Gandy,**

in 1898, was the first known woman to graduate with the degree Bachelor of Philosophy and with honors. She was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 1904.

In 1898, the degree Bachelor of Philosophy required psychology courses. These psychology requirements included:

- Neurology
- Animal Intelligence
- Experimental Psychology
- Psychological Laboratory
- Psychological Seminary
- Basic Psychology

Earliest reference of Professor Lancaster is in the Colorado Collegian on March 7, 1898.

**First Professional Psychologist Professor**

**Ellsworth Gage Lancaster**

was the first professionally trained psychologist professor at Colorado College. His arrival expanded the psychology curriculum to include:

- Neurology
- Animal Intelligence
- Experimental Psychology
- Psychological Laboratory
- Psychological Seminary
- Basic Psychology

Prof. Lancaster, holding a dried up sheep’s brain before the Psychology class: “This brain belonged to one of the members of last year’s class.”

Excerpt taken from The Tiger (student newspaper) Sept. 1899–June 1900 (page 5, listed in online Internal Archive as page 36)

Dr. Lancaster gave his Psychology class a very interesting talk last Friday morning on the subject: “When not to study.” We would like to practice his advice, but—

Excerpt taken from The Tiger (student newspaper) Sept. 1899–June 1900 (page 5, listed in online Internal Archive as page 527)

Prof. Lancaster proved very conclusively in psychology class that a horse is a cow, and not satisfied with that to convince the Juniors that a cow is a horse. Surely, this is something new under the sun.

Excerpt taken from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1896–June 1899 (page 10, listed in online Internal Archive as page 858)

**Image from The Tiger (student newspaper) Sept. 1899–June 1900 (page 1, listed in online Internal Archive as page 14)**

**Description of Delia Gandy from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1896–June 1899 (page 10, listed in online Internal Archive as page 104).**

**Humorous note about Gandy from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1896–June 1899 (page 11, listed in online Internal Archive as page 258).**

**Poem written about Gandy from The Colorado Collegian Oct. 1896–June 1899 (page 13, listed in online Internal Archive as page 621).**

**The Tiger reported in 1899 that Gandy joined the Alumni Association as the 2nd Vice-President after her graduation and went to teach Latin and Greek in the Canon City High School.**