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Senior psychology major Alison Brown is one of 16 students enrolled in Caroline Mann's special topics "Animals and Psychology" class at Brevard College this semester.

'Do you ever wonder why animals do the things they do?' Class explores the psychology of animals

By Ce'Ara Cannon
Staff Writer

Doctor Caroline Mann, a 32-year-old Asheville native, has set out on a different path with her course load this year.

When posed with the option of a special topics course, Mann first thought to have a psychology course on prejudice, because of her extensive knowledge in that field. But with the recent adoption of a beautiful Great White Pyrenees,

Mann's interest in the behavior of animals increased. With the complementing opinions of the students that also had an interest in making a connection between psychology and animals, the Animals and Psychology course was born.

In a nutshell, Animals and Psychology is a fusion between comparative psychology and animal behavior. It is more than just bringing your dog to class. Students explore a variety of non-human animals, from the six senses of cats, to the grieving capabilities of elephants.

Students enrolled in this course are offered the opportunity to apply their newfound knowledge in the surrounding area. Throughout the course, students take several field trips to farms, dog parks, the state fair, and more. On these field trips the students observe the behaviors that they read about in books, which creates a deeper connection between the classroom and the real world.

When interviewing Mann, she talked about a flyer she made for the course. It had a cat with a mouse hanging out its' mouth with the quote, "Do you ever wonder why animals do the things they do?" This class answers that question.

BC welcomes new library director

By Kara Fohner
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Dr. Marie Jones has been working at libraries since she was 15 years old. Now a qualitative researcher with a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership, she is the new, much anticipated library director of J. A. Jones Library.

Jones arrived at Brevard in mid-September from East Tennessee State University, where she had worked for the past 14 years.

"Coming here is very much coming back to my heart, which is the small liberal arts college," Jones said. "I have this vision of the library being user friendly, flexible, and content rich ... as friendly a place as it can possibly be.

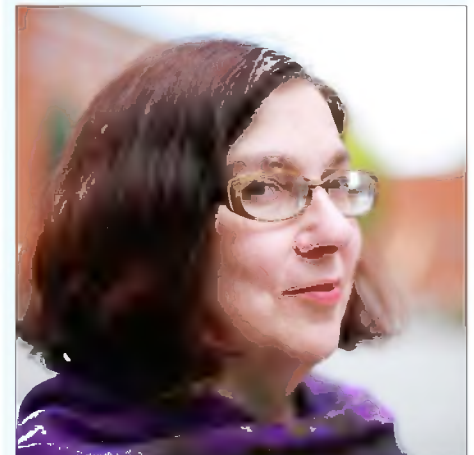
"I had not been to Brevard before my interview," she continued. "When I started finding out more about it before I interviewed, I was really excited about living here. It is such a beautiful place, and I like living in a small, interesting town."

Although she slid into this position with the ease of a specialist, Jones' interdisciplinary, student-centered approach to library work is the result of an eclectic educational background. As an undergraduate, she majored in English education. She had minors, or near minors, in theatre, psychology, and religion. "I was interested in a lot of different things," Jones said. "But my senior year of student teaching, I decided I didn't want to teach. I started applying to library jobs when I got out of college."

Now, Jones hopes to establish an interactive atmosphere, encouraging intellectual curiosities much like those that inspired her own education.

A self-described "techie geek," she'll pick up a software package and learn how to use it.

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Dr. Marie Jones

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