

**Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students**  
**2011 Annual Report**

**Section Executive**

Philip Jai Johnson: Past Chair  
Rana Pishva: Chair  
Brenden Sommerhalder: Chair Elect / Student Representative on the CPA Board of Directors  
Diane Gibson: Secretary/Treasurer  
Missy Teatero: Campus Representative Coordinator  
Justin Feeney: Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator  
Meredith Rocchi: Communications officer

**Membership**

As of April 2, 1316 section members.

**Annual Convention Activities**

**Student section business meeting (Chair: Rana Pishva) (Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm – 2:55pm)**

Students in Psychology Should I ...Could I... Will I?: A Student's Guide to Gaining Admission to Graduate School in Psychology and Succeeding in Graduate School. (Rana Pishva, Missy Teatero)

Market Research, Behavioural Marketing, Behavioural Economics ... The Other Studies of Human Behaviour, and How Psychology Fits (Sommerhalder, Feeney)  
(10:30 AM - 11:25 AM)

The Whole Nine Yards: The Ins and Outs of Research Success in Psychology  
Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos

Reception for Student Campus Representatives (Rana Pishva, Missy Teatero)

Counselling or Clinical Psychology: Which Graduate Program is for Me? (Lara Cross, Anne Wagner)

Tips for Students and Early Career Psychologists on Obtaining Initial Registration and Promoting their Professional Mobility (Stephen DeMers, Catherine Yarrow, Joseph Rallo,)

Students in Psychology Assumptions of Multiple Regression: Tests, Consequences and Correction  
(Claire Baxter, Jennifer Dobson, Ava Thomas-Austin)

Students in Psychology Using psychology to save the PsyD program: A student perspective. (Heather Patterson, Krystle O'Leary, Kathy Keating, Sarah Chaulk, Pamela Button)

**Past-Year Projects**

- 1) Mindpad
- 2) Presentation of campus representative profiles on the CPA website

- The CPA website now offers a brief description of a campus representative. The profiles are available at: <http://www.cpa.ca/students/studentrepresentatives/>
- 3) Elections
- The section held its election for the following positions: Chair-Elect, Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator, Secretary/Treasurer, Communications Officer
  - The results are as follows:
    - Justin Feeney as Chair-Elect
    - Meredith Rocchi as Undergraduate affairs coordinator
    - Diane Gibson as the Secretary/Treasurer
    - The Communication Officer position is vacant at this time. We hope to fill the position within the next few weeks.

### **Next-Year Projects**

- 1) Publication of Mindpad
  - We are finalizing the publication criteria for the sections' own publication. The next steps involve, developing a logo, recruiting an editorial board, as well as articles. We hope to publish our first edition by next spring.
- 2) Additional recruitment of Faculty representative and Campus representatives (see below)
- 3) Campaign to recruit student representatives
  - We've begun a campaign, to recruit new faculty and student representatives. There is a cash prize for the two student representatives who bring in the most number of referrals.

It was my pleasure and privilege to serve as the Chair for the student section. I could not have done it without the current members of the Executive committee. Their hard work and commitment was the driving force behind our achievements and have made our section a vivacious and exciting one! I have no doubts that the Section will continue to serve as a valuable platform for our members to express their values and opinions, enhance their personal growth, and to carve out their professional identities.

**Rana Pishva, Chair**