



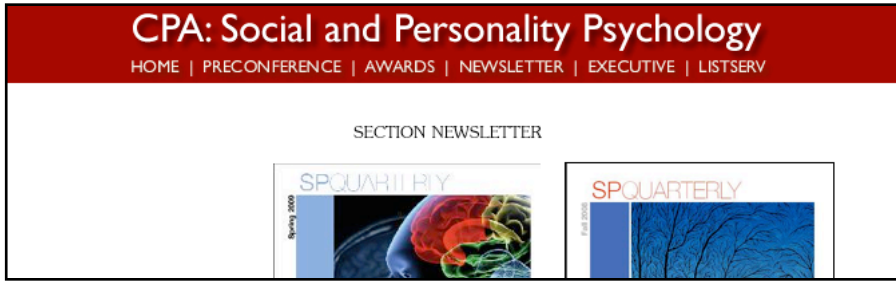
Canadian Psychological Association Social & Personality Section

Dear CPA Social-Personality Section members,

Greetings on behalf of the section Executive! In this Newsletter, I would like to provide our members with an update on various section activities and happenings from the summer and early fall months of 2009. In the following pages, you should find important information on section finances, a review of the 2009 preconference, information on student awards, the section website and listserv, updates on the section executive membership, along with some information about the upcoming 2009 section preconference.

Before I get to these items, I want to thank all of the individuals who contributed to the section's activities during the past year. This thank you is specifically directed to all the abstract reviewers for the annual conference, the adjudicators of our student awards, the volunteers who tirelessly serve on the executive committee, the presenters who took part in the 2009 preconference, and anyone else who helped make our section a success this past year. Thank you to all of you!

Sean Moore
Chair, CPA Social-Personality Section



A snapshot from the CPA SP website

Update on Section Website

Our section website (<http://www.cpasps.ca>) continues to receive many monthly hits and is the main portal for communicating with our membership. Information on section activities and other section news is available on the website. We're also still working towards having a completely bilingual section website. Although some sections are now bilingual watch for news on when the remaining sections will be ready in the coming months.

Section Finances

In the words of our section Treasurer, Jim Cameron, our section finances are "robust". Our membership roster is still strong with approximately 249 members (including 96 members, 120 student affiliates, 33 fellows & affiliates). We have approximately \$3200 balance going into the 2010 conference cycle, and expect similar costs as last year when we had about \$3500 in our bank account. The projected costs for this next cycle include \$300 on student awards, \$150 on website maintenance, and \$1000-2000 for the pre-conference.

Section Student Awards

Each year, the section awards prizes for the best student-authored submissions in Social-Personality psychology at the Annual Convention. The Brendan Gail Rule award is given to the best graduate student authored submission, while the Kenneth L. Dion award is given to the best undergraduate student authored submission. For the Montreal convention, we received several outstanding submissions from graduate student authors. The 2009 graduate student co-winners of the Brendan Gail Rule award and the undergraduate winner and finalist of the Kenneth L. Dion award are also listed below. Many thanks to Susan Boon for overseeing the awards process.

2009 Brendan Gail Rule Award Results

Co-winners:

- Karen O'Brian (with Edward Johnson), University of Manitoba
Submission Title: The Nature of Self-perception
- Katia Keefer (with Laura M. Wood, James D. A. Parker, Trent University) Queen's University
Submission Title: Assessing Emotional Intelligence in Children and Adolescents: Congruence Between Self-reports and Parent Ratings

Kenneth L. Dion Award Results

Winner:

- Leah Funk (with Dr. Cherie Werhun & Dr. Wendy L. Josephson), University of Winnipeg,
- Paper Title: COGNITIVE AND SELF-REGULATORY CONSEQUENCES OF THE SEXUAL

Finalist:

- Gavin Docherty (with Dr. Mark Holder), University of British Columbia
- Paper Title: THE EFFECTS OF ROMANTIC DISSOLUTION ON WELL-BEING.



Montreal - Site of the 2009
CPA conference

Section Pre-conference 2009

The Social-Personality Section held their annual pre-conference at McGill University on June 10, 2009, in Montreal. As per past years, this pre-conference was held the day prior to the beginning of the CPA Annual Convention at the local university of the host city. The smaller venue offered section students, faculty members, and other interested parties an opportunity to meet and share their research through oral and poster presentations.

Attendance was up nearly 30% over the previous year's pre-conference with 59 people attending and being treated to the 6 talks given by the following speakers:

- Thoughts Versus Deeds: Isolating Key Ingredients of Moral Judgement. Jason Plaks, University of Toronto
- Existential Group-Based Anxiety: Collective Angst as a Motivator for Ingroup Strengthening Behaviours. Michael Wohl, Carleton University
- Can Money Buy Happiness if You Spend it Right?
Liz Dunn, University of British Columbia
- Social Group Influences on Facial Expressivity in Conflict Situations.
Ursula Hess, Université du Québec à Montréal
- On Designing "Serious" Videogames to Boost Self-Esteem and Reduce Stress.
Mark Baldwin, McGill University
- Are You Happy for Me? Capitalizing on Positive Events in a Relationship Context.
Harry Reis, University of Rochester (Pre-conference Keynote Address)

In addition, there were 7 posters presented by students and faculty members during the pre-conference poster session. Although we can't list all the contributors, the research presented was well received and generated some lively and engaging discussions among the attendees. A special thanks to all the presenters who contributed to make this yet another successful event. And thank you to McGill for providing the wonderful site and services for this event.

2010 Annual Conference & Section Pre-conference

Next year's pre-conference and Annual Conference will be held June 3-5, 2010 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Although the call for submissions for the Annual Convention closed on November 15, 2009, please watch for updates on the section website about invited speakers and planned symposia as part of our section programming.

The Chair-elect, Dr. Jessica Cameron, from the University of Manitoba, will be organizing the speakers and events for the Social-Personality section's 2010 annual preconference. The pre-conference will be held on Wednesday June 2, 2010, in Winnipeg, the day prior to the Annual Convention. For this pre-conference we plan to have another stellar line-up of speakers and the following 6 speakers have been confirmed :

- Jeremy Biesanz (University of British Columbia)
- John Holmes (University of Waterloo)
- Takahiko Masuda (University of Alberta)
- Steven Smith (Saint Mary's University)
- Jacquie Vorauer (University of Manitoba)
- Joanne Wood (University of Waterloo)

We also expect to have a pre-conference poster session for researchers to share their recent findings. We encourage you to attend the pre-conference if possible and if not perhaps encourage your colleagues and students to attend. Because of the continued good standing of our section finances we are please to waive the pre-conference fees as we have in the past.

Please check in at the pre-conference web site for updates and further information as it becomes available: <http://www.cpassp.ca/precon.htm>



Winnipeg - Site of the 2010
CPA conference

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