



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 2008. In the following pages, you should find important information on section finances, a review of the 2008 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 2008 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

Update on Section Website

In November 2007, Past Chair Katherine Starzyk, launched a section website (<http://www.cpaspc.ca>) in order to help raise the profile of our section, provide members a forum for accessing up-to-date information on section activities, and establish a more permanent home for the CPA Social-Personality section than we have had in prior years. In order to facilitate a smooth functioning site, we also appointed a webmaster at the section business meeting in Halifax. Johanna Peetz, from Wilfrid Laurier University, has graciously offered to serve as the manager of the website for the following year.

From my standpoint, this new website has been a great success. In the 10 months it has been up and running, there have been well over 4000 visits to the site. We also received lots of positive feedback from our membership suggesting that this new website is achieving its intended goals. As a result, we plan on continuing to host the site at its present location for up to three more years. We intend to continually update the site with new content and will periodically review website functionality to make sure it properly serves our membership.

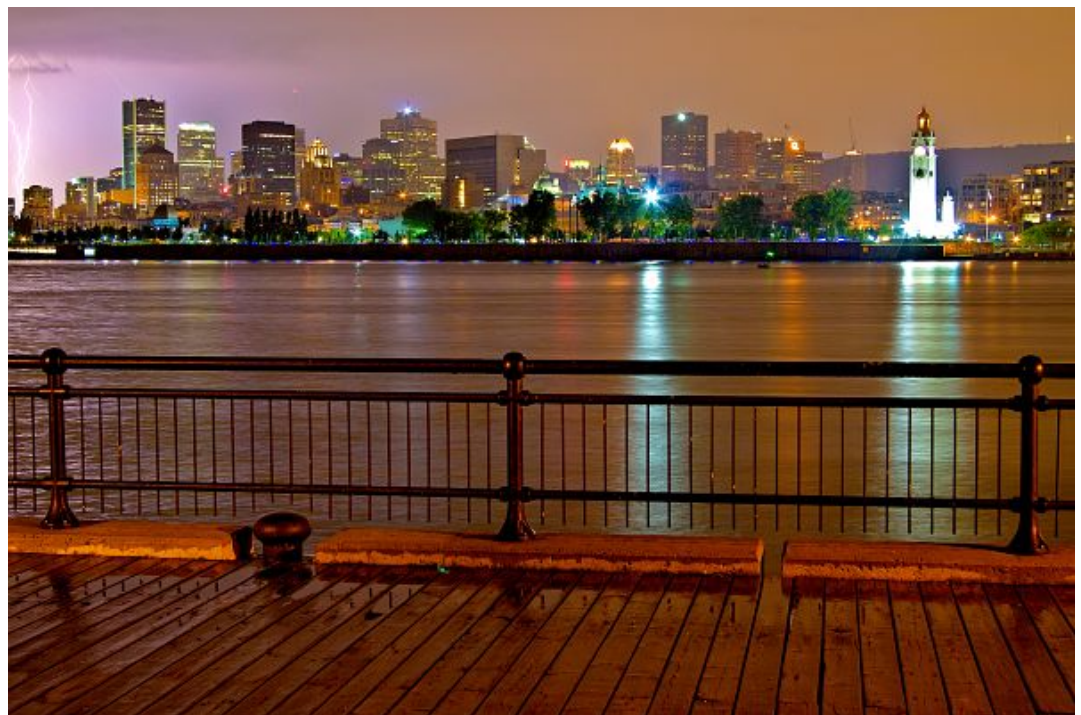
In the coming months, look for more information about the 2009 preconference, updates on student awards process, and some exciting news about the speakers lined up for the Annual Convention in Montreal.

Section Finances

Thanks to our membership roster, the section finances remain quite strong. The Social-Personality section currently has 233 members (134 members & 99 student members). At the 2008 section business meeting, Treasurer Jim Cameron, reported that we have approximately \$5800 in our section bank account. This amount does not include deductions for expenditures stemming from the 2008 preconference which are approximately \$2000. Going into the 2009 conference cycle, our section has around \$3500 in our bank account.

Given the strong membership roster, our section plans to keep the \$15.00 section membership fee intact. Based on the current membership count, we estimate membership fees will generate approximately \$2500 in revenues. In the 2008-09, we plan on spending \$250 on website hosting expenses (for a 3 year renewal), \$300 provided for an honorarium for our website administrator, \$300 on student awards, and \$800-2000 for the 2009 section preconference (depending on the size of the event). Thus, projected costs for the coming year are in the range of \$1650 to \$2850.

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Section Pre-conference 2008

On June 11 2008, the Social-Personality Section was pleased to hold their annual section preconference at Saint Mary's University in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia. The preconference is an annual event that takes place on the day prior to the start of the CPA Annual Convention, typically at a local university in the host city. The purpose of the preconference is to provide a smaller venue for students, faculty members, and other interested parties to meet and present their research.

Nearly 45 people (20 faculty & 25 students) attended the Halifax event and were treated to some engaging talks and poster presentations. For those members who were unable to make it out to the event, the following faculty members presented talks:

- Ian McGregor & Kyle Nash (*York University*) - "Religious Extremism: Causes and Goal-Regulation Mechanisms"
- Jeff Schimel (*University of Alberta*) - "Raising the Dead: Evidence that Threats to the Cultural Worldview and Self-Esteem Increase Death-Thought Accessibility"
- W. Q. Elaine Perunovic (*University of New Brunswick*) - "Being Canadian and Being Chinese: Shifting of Self-concept and Emotional Experience in Bicultural Individuals"
- Ian Newby Clark (*University of Guelph*) "My Friend is Embarrassing Me: Exploring the Guilty by Association Effect"
- Stacey Mackinnon (*University of Prince Edward Island*) "The Ins and Outs of Studying Revenge"
- Leanne Son Hing (*University of Guelph*) "Meritocracy: Justice Belief or System Justification"

There were also 6 eye-catching posters presented by students and faculty members during the poster session. Space limits prevent me from listing the poster presenter names and titles, but your contributions were equally well-received. Again, I would like to thank all of the presenters who agreed to take part in the preconference. I also want take time to thank Saint Mary's for providing us a beautiful site and services during throughout the day. We're looking forward to another successful event in June 2009!

2009 Annual Conference & Section Pre-conference

Preparations are well under way for the upcoming Annual Convention and Section Preconference taking place in Montreal, QC in June of 2009. The call for submissions to the Annual Convention is available on the CPA website(<http://www.cpa.ca/convention/callforsubmissions>) and authors have until November 15, 2008 to prepare a submission. We all of our membership to make submissions to the Convention. Plans are also being made for the section programming in the Convention and you should look for updates on the website in the coming months about invited speakers and planned symposia.

Dr. Aaron Kay has graciously agreed to organize the speakers and events to take place at the Social-Personality section's annual preconference. This event will be held the day prior to the start of the Annual Convention in Montreal on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. More specific details about the event will be posted on the section website in the coming months, as it is made available. For up to date information, keep your eyes peeled on the preconference website at <http://www.cpasps.ca/precon.htm>

A great lineup of speakers is being planned and we once again expect to have the preconference poster session for researchers to present their most recent research findings. We encourage you to attend the preconference and we hope to see you there. Also, for those who cannot attend, please encourage your colleagues and students to attend this event by directing them to our section website.



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Section Listserv

We would like to remind our members that the section maintains a listserv (monitored by John Ellard) to facilitate communication amongst members and post important announcements. Please be sure to use this tool and advertise it to your colleagues. The listserv address is cpasp-1@mailman.ucalgary.ca.

Information on how to subscribe to the listserv and search the archives is available on the section website.

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 Halifax convention, we received several outstanding submissions from graduate student authors. The 2008 winners are listed below. There were no submissions for the Kenneth L. Dion award, so the prize was not awarded. Many thanks to Susan Boon for overseeing the awards process.

2008 Brendan Gail Rule Award Results

Winner: Johanna Peetz (with Anne Wilson), Wilfrid Laurier University

Submission Title: Feeling Close to Future Goals Makes Things Happen: Motivational and Behavioral Implications of Subjective Temporal Distance

Runner Up: Paula Brochu (with Victoria Esses & Bertram Gawronski), University of Western Ontario

Submission Title: Understanding the Relations between Different Forms of Weight Prejudice: The Interplay of Implicit Evaluations, Nonprejudicial Goals, and Perceived Discrimination

Information on 2009 Student Awards

At the section business meeting in Halifax, there was some time devoted to a discussion of how to encourage a greater number of applications for our section's student awards. Susan Boon, Awards Co-ordinator is currently in the process of revising the guidelines to incorporate some of the suggestions our members provided. Look for important changes to the student awards policy to be posted on the section website in the coming weeks at <http://www.cpass.ca/awards.htm>.

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