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Dear Members of the CPA Social-Personality Section,

Greetings on behalf of the section Executive and welcome to another edition of the CPA Social-Personality (CPASP) Section Newsletter! In this edition of the Newsletter, we would like to provide our members with an update on various section activities and happenings from the summer and early fall months of 2010.

In the following pages, you should find important information on section finances, announcements about changes to the membership of the Section executive, a review of the 2010 preconference, information on student awards and the names of winning award applicants, updates on the section and main CPA website and listserv, along with some information about the upcoming 2011 section preconference.

Before getting to the Newsletter items, I want to give a big thank you to all of the individuals who contributed to the success of the section during the past year and who help keep this section a vital group within the larger CPA organization. This thank you is specifically directed to all the abstract reviewers for the annual conference, the adjudicators of our student awards, the volunteers who serve on the executive committee, the presenters who took part in the 2010 preconference, the social and personality researchers who submitted presentations to the 2010 Convention in Winnipeg and everyone else who helped make our section a success this past year. Thank you to all of you!

Dr. Jessica Cameron
Chair, CPA Social-Personality Section

Section Announcements

In the Spring 2010 Newsletter, it was mentioned that there would be some changes in store for S-P Section during the 2010-11 year. This theme of change seems especially true for the membership of the Section Executive. If you take one peak at the Section Executive listing on page 6, you'll see a number of new names occupying Executive positions. Jessica Cameron has assumed her role as Chair of the Section, while Geoff MacDonald has stepped forward to act as Chair-Elect. Geoff is also responsible for planning the 2011 Section preconference in Toronto (see p. 5 for preconference details). Stacey MacKinnon has taken over the role of Abstract Review Coordinator while Leanne Son Hing assumed the Student Awards Coordinator position. Both of these roles have been admirably filled by Susan Boon for the past several years and the Section Executive would like to give Susan a big thank you for all the hard work she did in these roles! Sean Moore has transitioned from his role as Chair and will be sitting as both the Past Chair and as the new Newsletter Coordinator. We also have a new webmaster, Irene Cheung, who takes over from Johanna Peetz. Last but not least, Crystal Tse has taken on the Student Rep position from our outgoing Rep, David Kille. Crystal will be helping plan invited symposia for the upcoming Toronto Convention. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and to all of the outgoing volunteers. These are the people that make this Section a vibrant part of the CPA experience!

Section Student Awards

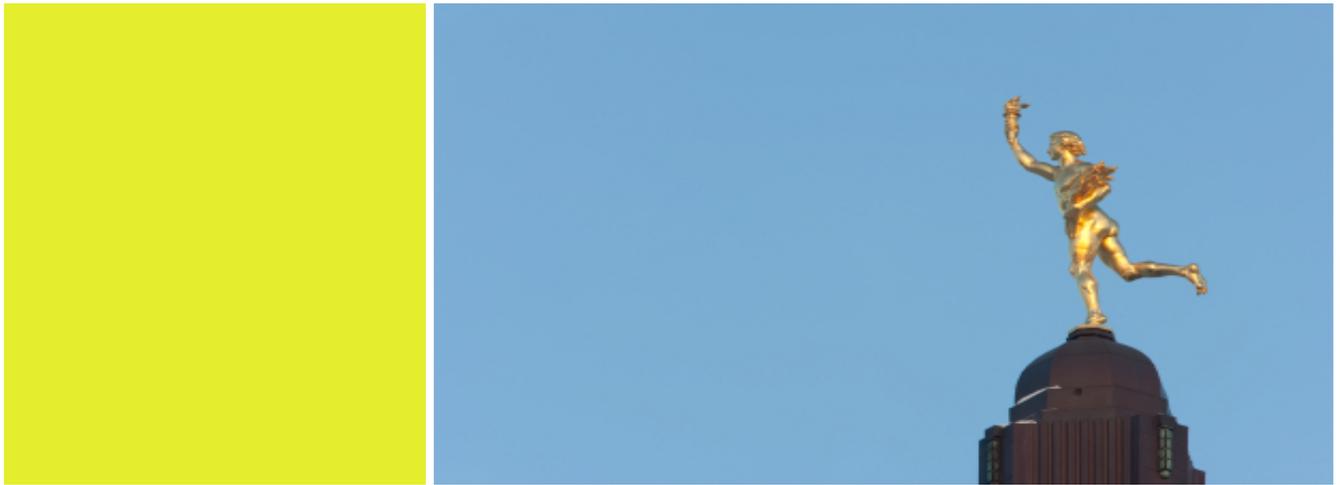
Each year, the S-P Section awards prizes for the best student-authored submissions in social and personality psychology presented at the Annual CPA Convention. The B.G. Rule Award recognizes the best graduate student submission, while the K.L. Dion Award recognizes the best undergraduate submission. For the 2010 Winnipeg Convention, we received a number of excellent submissions for K.L. Dion award. Below are the names of the winners and finalists for this award.

2010 Kenneth L. Dion Award Results

- **Winner:** Rachel Ross (University of Calgary)
Submission Title: The Experience of Unforgiveness
- **Finalist:** Cindy Ward (University of Waterloo)
Submission Title: Asian Modern Racism and the Motivation to Regulate Prejudice

Congratulations to these individuals and to all those who applied for the awards for submitting such high quality work! We encourage all students to apply for 2011 Section Awards. Please keep your eyes peeled on the Section website for information on the 2011 Awards application process.





Section Preconference 2010 Review

The Social-Personality section held the 2010 version of its annual preconference in Winnipeg at the University of Manitoba on June 2, 2010. Each year, as has become the tradition, the section preconference is held on the day immediately prior to the CPA Annual convention.

Typically, the section tries to hold the event at a university in the host city. By hosting the preconference at a university, it allows us to provide our members a small-group gathering at a reasonable rate. To date, we've been able to fully fund this event with annual fees paid to CPA by section members and charge no additional preconference registration fees! The smaller venue for the preconference also allows students and faculty members to meet and share their research in a smaller, more intimate setting.

Attendance at the preconference in Winnipeg was once again quite strong. Fifty people attended the event and were treated to a series of talks and poster presentations. Attendees were also treated to a yummy lunch catered by the university food services. The 6 invited talks were:

- Effects of Salient Intergroup Ideology in Threatening Intergroup Interactions , Jacquie Vorauer, University of Manitoba
- The Perils of Positive Self-Statements , Joanne Wood, University of Waterloo
- A Dual Systems Model of Risk Regulation in Relationships , John Holmes, University of Waterloo
- You Can't Always Get What You Want – But You Can Avoid, and Forget, Information you Don't Want , Steve Smith, Saint Mary's University
- East Asians' Context-Oriented Mode of Attention vs. North Americans' Object-Oriented Mode of Attention: Comparing Cultural Variations in the Ways of Seeing Things , Takahiko Masuda, University of Alberta
- The Social Accuracy Model of Interpersonal Perception: Assessing Individual Differences in Perceptive and Expressive Accuracy , Lauren Human & Jeremy Biesanz, University of British Columbia

In addition to the invited speakers, there were a series of posters presented by students and faculty members during the preconference poster session after lunch. Space limitations prevent us from listing all the authors but we can let you know that all the posters were well-received by attendees and lots of engaging discussion was generated. The section wishes to extend a special thank you to the presenters that helped make this event a success and to the University of Manitoba for hosting the event! We hope to continue this tradition in the future and encourage all of our members to attend the 2011 event in Toronto (see p. 4 for details).

Report on Section Finances

The financial situation of the S-P Section remains on solid ground thanks to the contributions of our members. Our membership roster for 2010 remains quite strong with approximately 230 members. This number includes approximately 100 members, 95 student affiliates, and 35 fellows or affiliate members. Thanks to our Section members fee contributions, we have approximately \$3000 in the Section bank account going into the 2011 Convention cycle. This good financial standing means we do not anticipate increasing the Section fees and that we can continue to offer the preconference event. Similar to past years, the projected costs for the next cycle include \$400 for Student Awards, \$300 for website maintenance, and \$1000-\$2000 for the preconference.

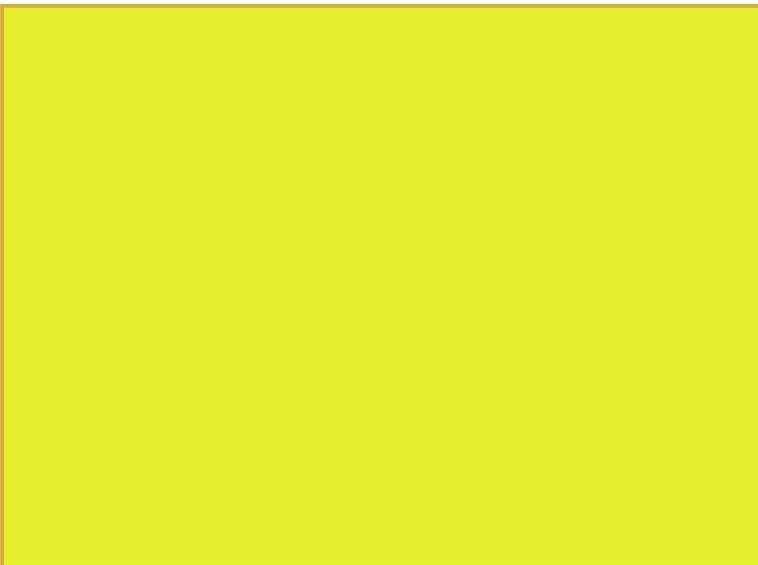
New CPA Efforts to Promote Psychological Science

In a continuing effort to promote psychological research in Canada, CPA is rolling out another innovation to assist its membership. In the Spring Newsletter, we briefly profiled the Recruit Research Recruit Research Participants Portal (**R²P²**) service that CPA members can use to find and recruit potential research participants over the web. More information on this service is available at the “Promoting Psychological Science” page of the CPA site <http://www.cpa.ca/science/promotingpsychologicalscience/> using your CPA member number.

Visitors to this page will also notice that CPA has opened up a service called the “**Research in Psychology HUB.**” Members are encouraged to register and create a profile in the HUB that describes their areas of research expertise. The underlying goal of the HUB is to connect people with similar research interests and to provide a central point for promoting psychological science in the in the public domain. For more details on the HUB, please visit the main CPA page.

Section Website and Listserv

The CPA Social-Personality website is still going strong and serves as the main point of communication between the Executive and our membership. For 2010-11 we have a brand new webmaster who will be in charge of updating and maintaining the site — Irene Cheung. Irene is grad student at the University of Western Ontario and has received tips on the job from our outgoing webmaster, Johanna Peetz. The section would like to extend a big thank you to both Irene for taking over this position and to Johanna for overseeing the site for the past two years!





2011 Annual Convention and Section Preconference

Planning for next year's preconference and CPA Annual Convention are well under way. The Annual convention will be held from June 2-4, 2011 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in the heart of downtown Toronto. If you wish to submit to the Annual Convention, the call for submissions is posted on the main CPA website at <http://www.cpa.ca/convention>. The deadline for submissions is at midnight on **November 15, 2010**. We encourage all social and personality psychologists in Canada to get involved in CPA and to submit their work to this year's Convention! Please watch for updates on the section website with information about invited speakers and symposia that are part of the section's planned programming.

In terms of preconference planning, the section Chair-Elect, Dr. Geoff Macdonald, from the University of Toronto, has already been hard at work organizing another great speaker lineup for the event. Next year's preconference will be held on June 1, 2011 in Toronto. To date, we have a lineup of 6 confirmed speakers for the event. They are:

- Maryanne Fisher, St. Mary's University
- Debbie Moskowitz, McGill University
- Bertram Gawronski, University of Western Ontario
- Elizabeth Page-Gould, University of Toronto
- Beverley Fehr, University of Winnipeg
- Delroy Paulhus, University of British Columbia

We also expect to have a preconference poster session to permit researchers to share their most recent findings. Details about the poster submission process and location of the event will be posted to the section website in the coming months. Please check the preconference page on the section website (<http://www.cpaspc.ca/precon.htm>) for regular updates. Information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

We encourage all of you to attend the preconference and also to encourage your colleagues to attend. Because of the good standing of our section finances, we once again plan on waiving the cost of registration for any and all attendees. Hope to see all of you in Toronto in June!

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