

# SP QUARTERLY

Spring 2007



Ottawa, Canada's capitol, the host of this years CPA convention

## CPA - SP

As you already know, this years annual CPA conference is being hosted in the nations capital. As such it seems a fitting location to bring together the many Canadian SP researchers who belong to CPA. Although this is only the first newsletter of its sort to reach you this year, it is hopefully the beginning of something that will continue for some time. In the coming months you will likely see many variations on its present form, so please let us know if there is something you'd like to see appear in the newsletter or if not here, then on the website. If you have information or issues of interest to fellow Canadian SP'ers this is the place to let it be heard.

## Things to Share for future issues

If you're not sure what sorts of things to let us know about, consider the following as some suggestions of information to forward onto us to publish for your fellow CPA-SP'ers:

JOB POSTINGS - FACULTY POSITIONS, RESEARCH POSITIONS, POST-DOC OPPORTUNITIES

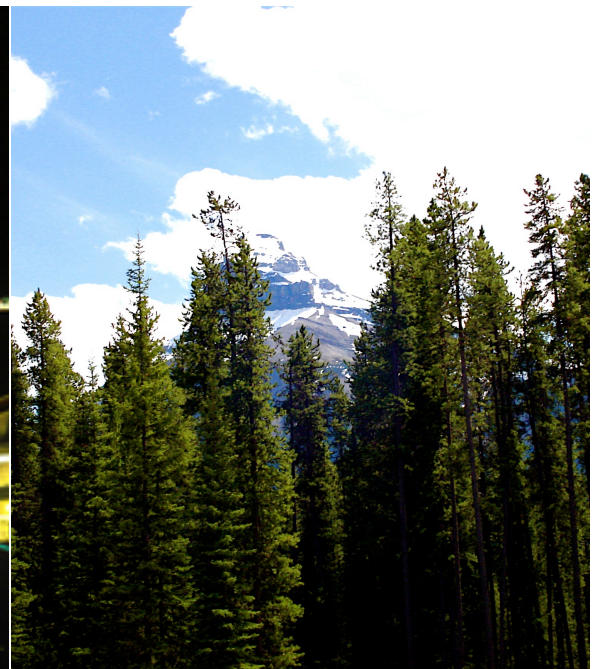
HONORS - LET OTHER PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE PRESTIGE OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, ITS STUDENTS AND FACULTY

AWARDS - LET YOUR COLLEAGUES KNOW ABOUT NEW SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCE PROJECTS - COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS AND SYMPOSIUM PAPER REQUESTS

These are just some ideas, once again, feel free to email suggestions or content you have for a future newsletter issue to [alitivack@yorku.ca](mailto:alitivack@yorku.ca)

**Calgary**  
The host of the 2006  
CPA conference



## Conference Talks at a glance...

### CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

FEATURING:

DR. JAMES CAMERON,  
*SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY*

DR. GORDON HODSON,  
*BROCK UNIVERSITY*

DR. RICHARD LALONDE,  
*YORK UNIVERSITY*

DR. LEANNE SON HING,  
*UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH*

EVENT DATE: 6/9/2007

EVENT TIME: 10:00 AM TO: 11:25 AM

ROOM: ONTARIO (WESTIN) 90 THEATRE

This symposium addresses a broad range of current and compelling topics within Canadian social psychology. Issues discussed include the nature of the Canadian national identity, moderators of immigrant rejection, interpersonal relationships of second generation immigrants, and the potential negative consequences of diversity initiatives. Dr. Cameron examines the nature of Canadian identification and patriotism and places these constructs within a global context. Dr. Hodson discusses the role of disgust sensitivity, ideology (e.g. social dominance orientation, right-wing authoritarianism), and dehumanization of immigrants as predictors of immigrant rejection. Dr. Lalonde explores cultural group differences for both preferred mate characteristics and views on premarital sex. Finally, Dr. Son Hing investigates the costs and benefits of diversity initiatives. Together, these researchers provides a rich sample of contemporary Canadian research in social psychology.

### DEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVES ON PREJUDICE, STEREOTYPING, AND INTERGROUP RELATIONS

FEATURING:

DR. FRANCES ABOUD,  
*MCGILL UNIVERSITY*

DR. BARRY CORENBLUM,  
*BRANDON UNIVERSITY*

DR. JENNIFER STEELE,  
*YORK UNIVERSITY*

EVENT DATE: 6/9/2007

EVENT TIME: 3:00 PM TO: 4:25 PM

ROOM: PROVINCES I (WESTIN) 175  
THEATRE

The consequences of stigma are perhaps nowhere more severe than during childhood, a time when core characteristics, values, and aspirations are taking shape. This symposium focuses on developmental perspectives on prejudice, stereotyping, and intergroup relations. The speakers will address a range of topics including children's peer relations from friends to bullies, methods for assessing children's implicit racial attitudes, and children's implicit and explicit endorsement of gender stereotypes in the academic domain. Dr. Aboud investigates children's responses to name-calling in a mixed-school and integrates this work into her past research on intergroup attitude development and contact among children aged 4-11 years. Dr. Corenblum discusses the development and utility of a children's version of the implicit association test, the CH-IAT. Finally, Dr. Steele examines the implicit and explicit math-gender stereotypes held by children ranging in age from 8-12 years old. In all, this symposium will explore research findings and implications garnered from developmental work on this important topic.

# Conference Talks at a glance...

## **OUR WORLD THEN AND NOW: POLITICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND INTERPERSONAL ORIENTATIONS**

FEATURING:

BECKY CHOMA

*BROCK UNIVERSITY*

JULIE DEVLIN

*UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK*

REESHMA HAJI

*YORK UNIVERSITY*

JOHANNA PEETZ

*WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY*

EVENT DATE: 6/7/2007

EVENT TIME: 4:00 PM TO: 5:25 PM

ROOM: PROVINCES I (WESTIN) 175 THEATRE

Social and personality psychologists have much to offer to the study of socio-political issues. Particularly, researchers in these fields are often able to identify the processes underlying social and political problems and suggest methods for change and positive action. In this symposium, the speakers will address a range of topics including collective guilt and group identity, psychological rigidity and environmental problems, interfaith dating attitudes, and political liberalism. Peetz explains how being confronted with an in-group's transgressions, specifically the role of the Germans in the Holocaust, does not necessarily inspire people to make amends, but instead may bring about an attitude of defensiveness. Devlin discusses how resistance to change and new ideas can hinder the development of solutions to environmental problems. Haji examines how Social Dominance Orientation influences attitudes toward interfaith dating among South Asian and European Canadians. Finally, Choma investigates the association between social-cognitive needs such as the need for inclusiveness, the need for understanding, and the need for change in people's adoption of political liberalism vs. conservatism. Overall, this symposium will explore current contributions of personality and social psychology to understanding the broader socio-political context.