

# SPQUARTERLY

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## Canadian Psychological Association Social & Personality Section

Dear Social and Personality  
Section Members,

I would like to take this time to update you on Section news. In this newsletter you will find important information on the section website, finances, preconference, student awards, listserv, mailing list, and executive. Before I do so, I would also like to thank all those who contributed to the Section's activities this year.

You've been a great help if you've reviewed abstracts for the Annual Meeting or the 2007 preconference, served on the Executive Committee, helped to coordinate the 2007 preconference, or presented at the preconference! I hope that I haven't missed anyone. Thank you!!!

**Katherine Starzyk**  
**Chair, Social and Personality**

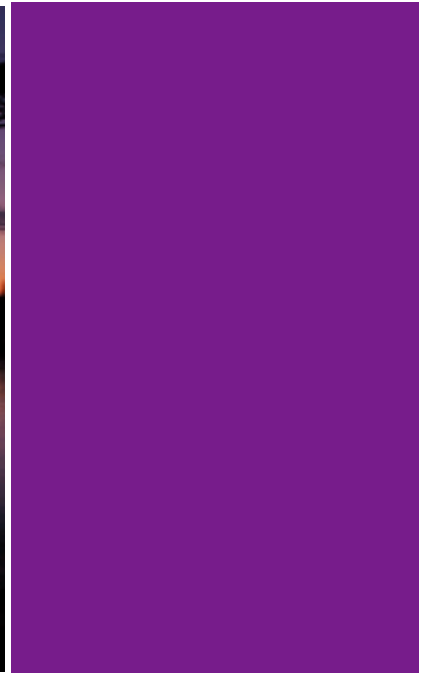
## Section Website

Students and faculty alike have been complaining that they have difficulty finding any information on the section activities. To address this, Katherine Starzyk has created and will be maintaining a section website. The address is <http://www.cpaspc.ca>. This website contains information about next year's preconference, section student awards, the section listserv, and the executive. This website is only in English. If someone would like to volunteer to translate it and agree to provide future translations, we could post a French version. The CPA link for the section should be updated soon and this website will be searchable in search engines such as Google. The more you access it the easier it will be for others to find!

## Section Finances

The section finances are strong. The Social/Personality section currently has 207 members (125 members and 82 student members). The section finances are fairly robust at the moment, with about \$3,500 in the bank account, plus more expected from preconference revenues. Approximately \$150-200 is being spent to host the section website and for associated costs, \$300 will be spent on student awards (see below), and \$800-2000 (depending on preconference size) will be used for the preconference. As well, \$300 may be provided as an honorarium for website maintenance. Thus, projected costs for this year are in the range of \$1250-2800.





## Section Pre-conference 2007

Every year the Section has a preconference the day before the Annual CPA Meeting, usually at one of the local universities. The purpose of the preconference is to provide a more intimate opportunity for students, faculty, and other professionals to meet and present their research.

This past year the Section organized a preconference on June 6<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Annual Meeting in Ottawa. Nearly 70 people attended, with approximately two-thirds of those attending being students and one-third being faculty. For those of you weren't able to make it, the presenters and talk titles were:

- Alison Chasteen (University of Toronto): "Looking to the Future: How Possible Aged Selves Influence Perceptions of Older Adults"
- Debbie Moskowitz (McGill University): "Quarrelsomeness in Daily Life"
- Delroy Paulhus (University of British Columbia): "The Underside of Over-Claiming"
- Luc Pelletier (University of Ottawa): "General and Specific Self-Determined Motivation: How do they Affect the Regulation of Eating Behaviors?"
- Michael Ashton (Brock University): "Adaptive Trade-Offs of the Major Dimensions of Personality"
- Steven Spencer (University of Waterloo): "How Culture Shapes Implicit Preconscious Thought: Acculturation, Implicit Norms, and Discrimination"

Again, I would like to thank the above people for agreeing to present and giving such interesting talks! At the end of the preconference, we discussed section business. The results of this discussion, a subsequent survey of those who attended the preconference, and discussion amongst the executive are described throughout this newsletter. Please see the back of this newsletter for a listing of the 2007-2008 Section Executive.



# 2008 CPA Annual Meeting and section Pre-conference

Sean Moore, Chair Elect, has been busy preparing the 2008 annual preconference. More details on the preconference will be available in 2008. Some basic details are posted below. People who do not belong to the section are welcome to attend, although we encourage people who are not CPA members to join!

- **Date & Time: Wednesday, June 11, 2007**
- **Time: TBA (probably 9 am - 5 pm)**
- **Location: Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, NS (room TBA)**
- **Registration deadline: Friday, May 16th**

A 2007 survey of preconference attendees indicated that nearly all (92%) agree the section should charge members for attending the preconference (\$20 for faculty, \$10 for students). Registration will therefore cost \$20 for faculty and other nonstudents and \$10 for students. In exchange, the Section will provide lunch.



As always, a great set of researchers have agreed to present talks (titles TBA):

- **Ian McGregor, York University**
- **Stacey Nairn, University of Prince Edward Island**
- **Ian Newby-Clark, University of Guelph**
- **Elaine Perunovic, University of New Brunswick**
- **Jeff Schimel, University of Alberta**
- **Leanne Son Hing, University of Guelph**

We hope that you can make it! Please encourage other graduate students and faculty members to attend the pre-conference.

## Section Listserv

The section maintains a listserv, monitored by Dr. John Ellard. The purpose of this listserv is to facilitate communication amongst members of the Social and Personality Section. The listserv address is [cpasp-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca](mailto:cpasp-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca). Please advertise this listserv to your colleagues. Information on how to subscribe to the listserv or search the listserv archives is available at [www.cpassp.ca](http://www.cpassp.ca).

## Section Student Awards

Each year, the Social Personality section offers two awards to students presenting at the annual CPA conference. These awards, named to honour the memory of two Canadian social psychologists who made outstanding contributions to the field during their careers, recognize the best undergraduate (the Kenneth Dion Award) and the best graduate student (the Brendan Gail Rule Award) submissions. The SP section executives adjudicate the competition, selecting first and second place winners for each award. Each recipient receives a certificate to commemorate their receipt of the award. In addition, first place winners receive a \$100 prize and second place winners receive a \$50 prize. All students planning on attending the conference are invited to apply for the award. Undergraduates are especially encouraged to apply.

The application instructions for the Kenneth Dion Award and the Brendan Gail Rule Award are identical. What follows is applicable to both awards.

- Requirements: The student must be the first author on the project. Also, for the Kenneth Dion Award, the applicant must be an undergraduate student, and for the Brendan Gail Rule Award, the applicant must be a graduate student.
- Due date: It is usually the same due date as that for all abstracts for that year's CPA convention. However, this year it has been extended until November 30, 2007, because of the late announcement of these awards.
- To apply: Students who would like their work considered for an award must make a separate submission separate

from the CPA submission. This submission should include the following.

1. One copy of a cover letter written by the student indicating that they would like to be considered for either the Kenneth Dion Award or the Brendan Gail Rule Award (please specify).
2. Four copies of a 1000-word abstract, one with the authors' names included and three without, so blind reviews may be done. The following form should be used, including the headings:
  - Title
  - Author name(s) and institution(s) (one 1 of 4 copies only)
  - Area
  - Problem or major purpose. It is important that you provide adequate background information in the form of references and names of investigators or theories to help reviewers evaluate your abstract.
  - Procedure. State the rationale, design, controls, size and characteristics of the sample, and statistical tests employed.
  - Results
  - Conclusions and implications
3. One copy of a letter of recommendation from the student's supervisor.

Application materials must be postmarked by the deadline date and be sent to the Awards Coordinator:

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# Section Executive

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We are always in need of new people to serve on the executive. If you would like to become more involved in the social-personality section, please let the area chair, Katherine Starzyk ([Starzyk@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:Starzyk@cc.umanitoba.ca)) know.

The following individuals have graciously agreed to hold positions on this year's Executive.

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## SP Mailing List

Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues and students in the Social and Personality who might be interested in the section news. If you know a colleague or student who would like to have their name added to the email list, please direct them to <http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/cpasp-l>, where they will be have the opportunity to join the listserv and consequently receive future newsletters.

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