



## **Dr. Stephen B. Porter of Okanagan to receive CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology**

**Ottawa (June 1, 2015)** – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Stephen B. Porter has won this year’s Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology for his excellence in undergraduate and graduate level teaching.

Dr. Stephen Porter received his Ph.D. in forensic psychology at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and is currently a researcher and consultant in the area of psychology and law. He is also a beloved teacher and mentor for both undergraduate and graduate psychology students at UBC Okanagan, where he assumed a teaching position in 2009.

In his short time at UBC, he has helped to create a graduate clinical psychology program at the Okanagan campus; co-developed the Centre for the Advancement of Psychological Science & Law (CAPSL), which allows students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels to conduct cutting-edge research at the intersection of psychology and law; and implemented the undergraduate forensic specialization program that he created at Dalhousie University to give undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in forensic psychology research and gain hands-on experience in a variety of forensic settings. Students in his lab receive opportunities that are often not presented to students, especially at the undergraduate level. That is, they are often invited to assist with invited publications, educational workshops and presentations, and other research-related work.

“The number of his previous students, like myself, who have successfully gone on to obtain academic and/or clinical positions is proof that the skills and knowledge Dr. Porter instills pay off,” says Dr. Michael Woodworth, UBC Okanagan.

“Dr. Porter has been an influential teacher and mentor to his students, and Dr. Woodworth and I expect he will continue to be for many years to come,” adds Pamela Black, UBC Okanagan. “He is a personable and caring individual who encourages and motivates his students to challenge themselves and work at the highest level of their capabilities.”

Dr. Porter will receive his award at CPA’s 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, taking place at The Westin Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario from June 4 through 6, 2015. The convention will be attended by researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers from across the country and will feature more than 2,000 presentations on a wide array of psychological topics.

**About the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)**

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice and education of psychology in Canada. With over 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. For more information, visit [www.cpa.ca](http://www.cpa.ca).

**Media at the Convention**

Media are highly encouraged to attend. Registered press will have complimentary access to the convention. Badges are required of all convention participants for entry into sessions and must be worn at all times. For more information or to register, please contact the CPA.

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