

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY ON “EVERYDAY ATTENTION”



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Theme of the Special Issue

Research on "everyday cognition" focuses on cognition in the context of people's day-to-day lives. While most recognizable in the vibrant history of everyday memory research (e.g., Cohen & Conway, 2008; Woll, 2001), interest in examining attention using naturalistic stimuli, tasks, and/or settings is growing (e.g., visual search in baggage screening; Wolfe, Horowitz, & Kenner, 2005; mind wandering in lectures; Szpunar, Kahn, & Schacter, 2013; attentional orienting in social interactions; Laidlaw, Foulsham, Kuhn, & Kingstone, 2011; multi-tasking while driving; Medeiros-Ward, Cooper, & Strayer, 2014). This research both informs our understanding of attention (e.g., the role of salience in the guidance of attention; Tatler, Hayhoe, Land, & Ballard, 2011) and, in many cases, can help address important applied problems (e.g., talking on a cell phone while driving; Strayer & Drews, 2007). This special issue seeks to bring together cutting edge research papers investigating diverse aspects of everyday attention (i.e., investigations of attention using naturalistic stimuli, tasks, and/or settings) that contribute to the basic understanding of attention. With respect to the latter issue - the contribution to the field's understanding of attention - while experimental papers with applied consequences are encouraged, it is important that each submission identifies clearly how the research informs fundamental issues in attention. By bringing together contributions from diverse sectors of attention research we hope to highlight the field's active interest in understanding attention in the context of our day-to-day lives and the important implications of that research.

Call for Papers

Researchers with an interest in issues relevant to everyday attention are invited to submit a full paper to the CJEP Manuscript Central site, indicating in the covering letter that the manuscript should be considered for this special issue. Submitted papers should contain original, unpublished work and can be written in either English or French. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically in accordance with APA guidelines. All submitted papers will go through rigorous review as usual at CJEP, with consideration given to their originality, their theoretical contribution, their methodological soundness, the clarity of the presented results and conclusions, and the relevance of the submission for the special issue. ***Please send expressions of interest by February 15th, 2016 via email to the Guest Editors (efrisko@uwaterloo.ca, alan.kingstone@ubc.ca).*** The deadline for submission of papers is June 1st, 2016. Note that, unlike edited books, journal production deadlines make this a firm closing date.