

2013 CPA Counselling Psychology Section Annual Report

Section Executive

The 2011-2012 Executive Committee consisted of José Domene (Past- Chair), Ada Sinacore (Chair), Anusha Kassan (Secretary-Treasurer), Jennifer Thannhauser (Member at Large – Review Coordinator), Jessica Van Vliet (Member at Large - Student Awards), and Jennifer Titus (Student Representative and list-serve manager). Our Web Master is Chao-Mei Chiang, and our Newsletter Editor is Michael Huston.

Membership

As of May 6, 2013, the Section had a membership of 371, consisting of 188 Members, 165 CPA Student Affiliates, 3 CPA International Affiliates, 6 CPA Special Affiliates, 7 CPA Fellows, and 2 CPA Honorary Life Members/Fellows. These numbers are approximately the same as last year.

2012 Awards

Best Doctoral Dissertation Award: Dr. Aviva Laye-Gindhu (University of British Columbia), for her dissertation entitled Nonsuicidal Self-Injury in Street-Involved Adolescents: Identification of Risk and Protective Factors

Best Master's Thesis Award: Breanne Faulkner (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto), for her thesis entitled An Examination of Trauma-Mediated Pathways from Childhood Maltreatment to Alcohol and Marijuana Use and the Perpetration of Dating Violence in Adolescence.

Best Doctoral Poster Award: Lara Schultz (University of Calgary), for her poster entitled Suicide Bereavement: The Experiences of Young Adult Survivors of Parental Suicide

Best Master's Poster Awards (two award winners this year): Kingsley Chan (University of Calgary), for his poster entitled How Do Asian-Canadian Students Experience Training in Counselling Psychology in Canada? AND Jennifer Williams, for her poster entitled Investigating Adolescent Self-Compassion Within the Social Rank Theory of Depression

Annual Convention Activities

The Section program at the 2013 conference in Quebec City will include a Section Keynote address by Beth Haverkamp, from the University of British Columbia, entitled “Scientists and Storytellers: Examining the role of qualitative evidence for practice.” Additionally, from the 63 abstracts that were submitted, the following sessions will be presented by the section: 42 posters, 9 symposium presentations, 2 workshops, 3 theory review sessions, and 7 conversation sessions offered by the section. In addition, to the business meeting and social hour, this year the Section will be sponsoring a Sunday brunch which will be a planning session for future projects.

Past-Year Projects

At the 2011 Section SBM, concern was raised by the membership about the paucity of accredited pre-doctoral internships in Canada that accept counselling psychology interns. A committee, whose membership consisted of the clinical directors of all the CPA-accredited counselling psychology doctoral programs and a liaison from the Section Executive, was struck to examine the issue and make recommendations. The completed their work and delivered their report at the 2012 section SBM. As a follow up to this report the Section Chair met with the accreditation panel and Melissa Tiessen in order to find ways to address the recommendations in the report. In June 2013, Ada Sinacore and Melissa Tiessen will be presenting at CACUSS on the topic of developing accredited internship sites at university counselling centers.

Additionally, Freda Ginsberg, section member, headed up the archive project project and, in conjunction with several student section members, she collected and converted into electronic form documentation related to the section from its inception to the present day. The next step is to upload this material to the section website so it will be accessible to the section members.

Next-Year Projects

On the Sunday at the end of the CPA annual convention, the section is holding a brunch to discuss future directions for the section as well as the question of holding a 2nd ICCPC. The Section is planning on creating a blog for the section in order to increase and better communication with the membership. The work towards developing accredited internships is on-going.