



2015 Annual Section Report

Section Name	<i>Counselling Psychology</i>
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Section Executive	
Chair:	Robinder P. Bedi
Chair-Elect:	up for election in June 2015
Secretary/Treasurer:	Sharon Cairns
Student Representative:	Julie Cohen
Other:	Past-Chair: Ada Sinacore Freda Ginsberg and Natalee Popadiuk (Members at Large) Lindsey Thomson (Webmaster) Janet Miller (Newsletter/Blog Editor)

Section Membership	
# of members:	241 (includes 224 members and fellows, 2 international affiliates, and 15 special affiliates)
# of student affiliates:	203

Annual Convention Activities 2015		
Section Annual Meeting	Date: June 4th, 2015	Time: 3:00 PM – 3:55 PM
Other Activities	<p>Section Keynote Speaker: June 4th, 2015 Time 4:00pm – 4:55pm (Dr. Shuchu Chao: Progress and Backlash of the Gender Equity Movement in Taiwan: Response from Counselling Psychology).</p> <p>Section Reception: June 4th, 2015 Time 5:00pm – 5:55pm</p> <p>Section poster session: June 4th, 2015 Time 12:30pm – 2:45pm</p> <p>In addition, the Section will be sponsoring 3 Round Tables, 3 Theory Review Sessions, 2 Workshops, 12 symposia, and 25 posters.</p> <p>At this year's convention, we plan to adjudicate the same awards as last year (see below).</p>	

Section Activities/Projects

<p>Past Year</p>	<p>Last year, at the 2014 Convention, the Section gave out the following awards:</p> <p>Distinguished Member Award: George Hurley</p> <p>Best Doctoral Dissertation Award: When time runs out: The experience of unintentional childlessness for women who delayed childbearing. Emily Christina Koert, University British Columbia</p> <p>Best Masters Thesis: The experience of adolescents and emerging adults living with a parent with an acquired brain injury. Aiofe Freeman, University of British Columbia.</p> <p>Best Doctoral Poster: Eating disorder therapists' personal eating disorder history and professional ethics: A qualitative study. Meris Williams, University of British Columbia</p> <p>Best Masters Poster: Moving beyond addiction: The role of gaming in the lives of counselling clients. Megan Suehn, University of British Columbia.</p> <p>This past year, the Section provided a major refresh and updating of our Section website, including adding new sections like “Readings on Canadian Counselling Psychology” and updating our developing archives page. We also significantly reformatted our blog page for greater appeal and readability. We are also conducting a survey of our regular members and of our student affiliates. The Section further initiated a membership call to populate a committee on internship development. This year, we were honored to be awarded CPA’s Best Newsletter Award for its sections with our Fall 2014 newsletter. The two member at large Executive positions are open for election this year with voting to take place on June 4th, 2015. In addition, the Section commissioned a contest to name the newly branded newsletter with the winner to be announced on June 4th, 2015 at the annual business meeting.</p>
<p>Next Year</p>	<p>Over the next year, the Section plans to complete the surveys of our membership and act on the information obtained. We also hope to have a new internship committee created, tasked with supporting the creation of additional internship opportunities. We will also discuss the possibility of the Section holding a Canadian counselling psychology summit/conference or pre-conference workshop in the future.</p>

Robinder P. Bedi, Chair