

Spring/Summer 2009

Special points of interest:

- **Invited Speaker: Dr. Christopher France**
- **Young Investigator award winner**
- **2009 Ronald Melzack Nominees for Best Student Presentation**



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Dr. Tavis Campbell
Health Section Chair

Health Notes

Highlights for the Health Section at the 2009 Canadian Psychological Association Annual Meeting

The 70th Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association will take place from June 11 to 13 in Montreal.

As usual, the Health Section will be an integral part of the meeting with many exciting presentations and events, a few of which are listed below.



Attracting and Retaining Blood Donors: Bench to Donor Bedside Applications of Health Psychology

Friday, June 12 (12:30-1:25) - Jolliet

By TAVIS CAMPBELL

Dr. Christopher France, the section's invited speaker, is a Professor of Clinical Health Psychology at Ohio University. Dr. France is a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine and the American Psychological Association with research interests in Pain, Psychophysiology, and Behavioral Health Interventions.

He is the outgoing Editor of The Journal of Behavioral Medicine and takes over as

Editor-In-Chief of Annals of Behavioral Medicine this year.

Dr. France's talk will be of broad interest to both researchers and clinicians in fields of Health and Clinical Psychology and will cover:

- 1) translation of lab-based work to the field,
- 2) application of psychological theory to a new arena of donor recruitment and retention, and
- 3) practical information that is of general interest to most people whether or not they've ever given blood.



Dr. Christopher France
Professor of Clinical Health Psychology, Ohio University
Invited Speaker

Health Section Young Investigator Award Dr. Kim Lavoie

Award Presentation — Friday, June 12 (3:00-3:55) - Richelieu

by TAVIS CAMPBELL
This year's young investigator award winner is Dr. Kim Lavoie. Dr. Lavoie is an Associate Professor at L'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) and holds research positions at Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur and the Montreal Heart Institute. She is a Clinical Health Psychologist with research and clinical interests that fall into 4 categories: (1) the impact of psychological stress (e.g., anxiety, depression, psychiatric disorders) on the development and progres-

sion of chronic illnesses (e.g., cardiovascular disease, asthma, and occupational asthma); (2) psychophysiological and behavioral mechanisms linking psychological stress to disease (cardio-pulmonary reactivity; inflammatory responses; poor health behaviors); and (3) behavioural medicine (e.g., behavioral interventions for chronic illnesses, including motivational interviewing, and cognitive-behavioral therapy).

Dr. Lavoie has over 7 million dollars of current research funding and is actively in-

involved in the training of a wide variety of health care professionals.



Dr. Kim Lavoie
2009 Young Investigator



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Ron Melzack 2009 Student Award Nominees

The following nominees were selected based on the highest ranked submissions from student presenters. Judges will rank the students during their conference presentation. The award will be presented by the executive committee at the section social on Friday, June 12 (2:00-4:55) - Richelieu.

Shannon Currie, Anne Levin, Lucy Gefton, Naomi Gryfe, Maryann Joseph, Katherine Lemmy, Chantal Burett, Jennifer Kowalsky, Owen Marks, Andre Castonguay

Health Section Social Event

Friday, June 12 (4:00-4:55) - Richelieu

Our annual Health Section social event provides an opportunity for an informal meeting of the members, their colleagues, and anyone interested in Health Psychology. We will present the Melzack Student Award during this event so make sure to attend if you are a nominee, colleague or supervisor. The event also provides an opportunity to find out about initiatives within the section and ways in which you might get involved. Hors D'Oeuvres and drinks will be served.



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