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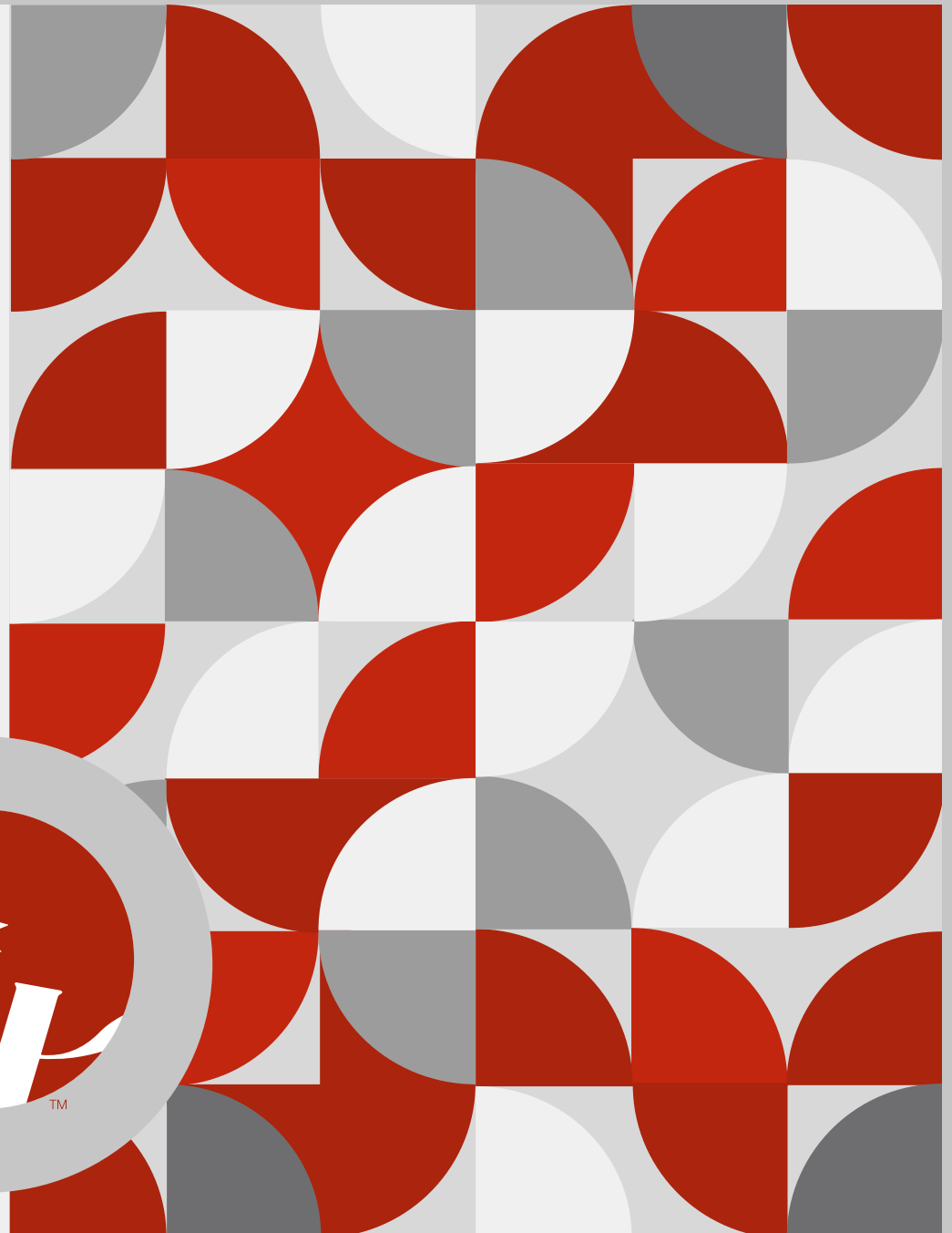
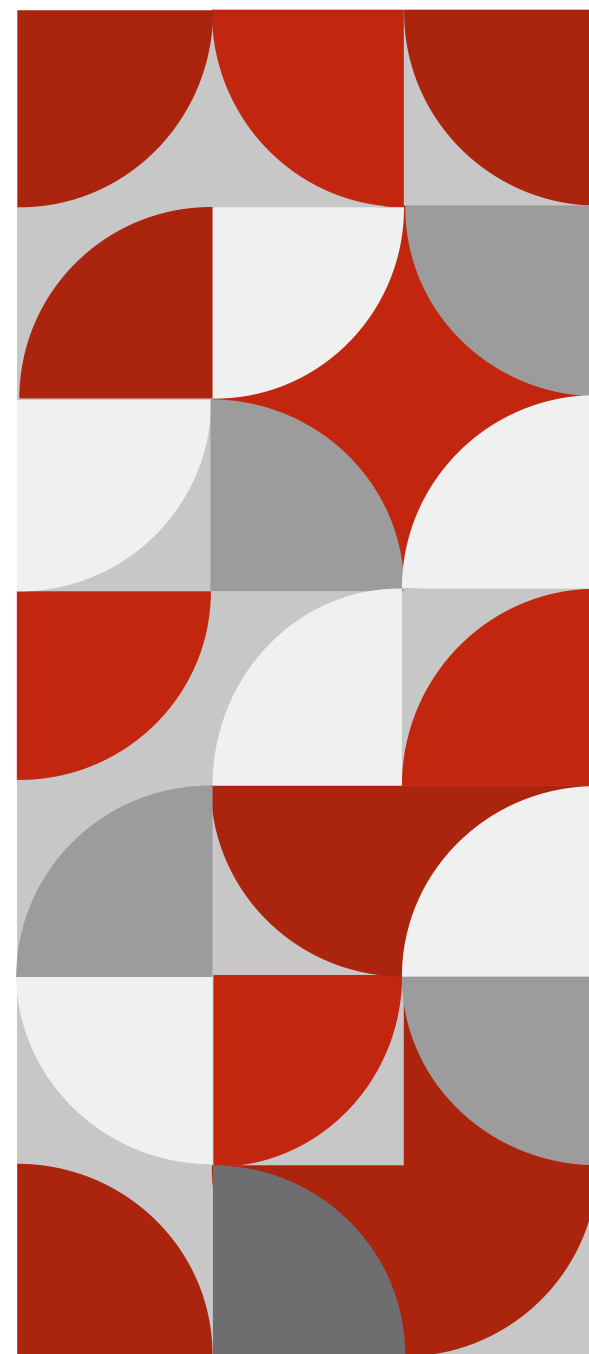


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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We are proud to share our 2025–2026 Annual Report— a reflection and celebration of another extraordinary year of activity on behalf of psychology, and you, the individuals who chose to support us with your membership.

The past year saw us launch our new strategic plan, which included a new vision, mission, and the following new goals to guide our work:

- Be the national voice and thought leader for psychology.
- Advocate for the role, need, and contribution of psychology to improve our health, social, and economic well-being.
- Promote psychology’s value, unique role, and impact to the public.
- Support, promote, and grow a profession, discipline, and association that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible.
- Foster a profession, discipline, and association that, using calls to action and justice, supports Indigenous knowledge and practices, and is accountable to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

With that, we took to heart our role as the national voice, thought leader, supporter, advocate, and promoter of psychology across Canada and internationally. Arguably, this has been a year of mobilization – for the CPA, for individuals, and for other psychological associations.

Over the last year, we continued to respond to and advocate on the various ongoing and emerging challenges facing our profession

and discipline. Through various papers, reports, presentations, meetings, and letters, we spoke out on various issues impacting psychology in Canada and Canadians’ mental health and well-being. These issues included but were not limited to:

- proposed regulatory changes
- artificial intelligence
- national credential
- professional training models
- behavioural science research and evidence-based decision-making
- changes to government programs
- cancellation of residency programs
- access to psychological services
- mental health parity
- undergraduate student success
- recruitment and retention challenges in the public sector

We advocated for a profession and discipline in which all were welcomed, included, and represented, and that continued to be accountable to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. We recognized that there is much we can do as an organization to move things forward but also know that efforts need to start long before registration, graduate training, and even undergraduate education.

Psychology remains one of the most popular courses in universities. It is a subject of interest for a very large number of students and provides

a knowledge base and skill set that impacts a wide variety of professions and career paths outside of psychology itself. As a profession and discipline, psychology is presently navigating a complex landscape of high demand, technological disruption, and whether in academia, research, or health services, significant workforce challenges. Psychologists are facing risks that impact their professional identity and well-being, ethical training and standards, and personal health. Psychologists are also facing challenges to their scope of practice and recognized expertise, erosion of professional standards and identity, increased need for psychological care in the public sector, reduced funding for psychological and mental health research, and the rapid integration of artificial intelligence across the pillars of science, practice, and education. Never has there been more need for action at all levels to ensure that psychologists’ unique role, value, and contribution to evidence-based decision-making and improving our collective social, health, and economic well-being are recognized.

The CPA highlighted the importance of student success, at various meetings and with several presentations delivered throughout the year, and at the convention by CPA President, Dr. Smith. An issue of *Psynopsis* was also created around this theme.

The Board approved various policy and position statements this past year, including those brought forward by various working groups convened to develop reports and recommendations on various issues for the Board’s consideration and approval.

This year saw the CPA focus much of its efforts on the opportunities and challenges facing psychology – not only currently but in the future. We asked you, our membership, to tell us what issues you think are facing the science, practice, and education of psychology in the future, and you responded! It saw psychological associations and individuals from coast to coast to coast stand up to make their voices heard on behalf of the profession of psychology, particularly as relates to training, regulation, and human rights. Building on this groundswell, the CPA and the Association for Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations (ACPRO) called for, and began planning for, a summit to explore models of professional psychology training and regulation. In a format and timeframe still to be finalized, the summit will bring together regulators, educators, trainers, and associations to chart a path forward to increase access to appropriate professional training in psychology and increase access to competent and safe psychological services for Canadians.

Our sections continued to work on behalf of their members with workshops, webinars, and convention programming. Speaking of our convention, we saw a new record for abstract submissions at more than 2,100, promising rich and varied programming representing the best of psychology in Canada when we meet in Montréal this coming June.

The CPA's membership also approved new By-laws. The CPA's Board of Directors worked tirelessly to bring forward the necessary updates to its By-laws – inclusive of the rationale behind those updates – all while addressing the various questions and concerns raised by the membership over the course of the process. Now that they are approved, the work

is not done; CPA staff, section chairs, and members continue to work to operationalize those By-laws in service of the membership.

These are just a few examples of the work being done by, and for, you this past year. As you read through the annual report, you will learn more about the CPA's work on behalf of psychology. Our report is organized according to the goals within our new strategic plan and includes:

- an overview of our strategic and operational activity
- a listing, with descriptions, of the many coalitions, collaboratives, alliances, and external groups with which we are involved
- the names of this year's award winners, Fellows, and research grant recipients
- highlights of activity undertaken by our sections
- the names of our various committees and working groups, and the members who gave so generously of their time in service of those committees and working groups

As always, the CPA's staff showed commitment, dedication, professionalism, and immense productivity in the face of some very difficult times. They worked closely with the CPA's Board, committees, working groups, journal editorial teams, and sections to:

- advocate for, represent the views of, and collaborate on behalf of psychology,
- engage the membership and promote members' work,
- engage in discourse with the public, and
- provide high value products and services.

Please join us in thanking the talented CPA Head Office staff for all their work on your behalf this year.

We would like to close by extending our sincerest appreciation and thanks to the more than 7,000 of you who chose to be part of the CPA this past year. As we work to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow – whether within society or within our profession – representing and meeting the needs of our current and future membership remains core to what we do. As you read through these pages, we hope you feel proud of what we have done on your behalf and on behalf of psychology—and inspired by what lies ahead for us in the coming year. You are the CPA and we look forward to working with and for you in the year ahead.



Steven M. Smith, Ph.D.
**CPA President and Board
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Chief Executive Officer

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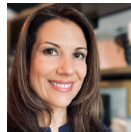
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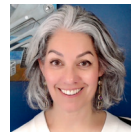
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WHO WE ARE

About Us

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) was founded in 1939 as the national association for the science, practice, and education of psychology in Canada. We were incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act, Part II, in May 1950 and received our Certificate of Continuance under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (NFP Act) in August 2013. With more than 7,000 members, affiliates, and associates, we are Canada's largest national association for psychology.

Vision

The CPA envisions a society that values and applies psychological science for the benefit of persons, communities, organizations, and peoples.

Mission

We will serve the public and the CPA's membership by advancing psychological science, practice, and education through research, advocacy, and collaboration.

Our 2025-2030 Strategic Goals

As an association, we are guided by the vision that the science, practice, and education of psychology have broad and deep relevance to public policy and the public good. We will achieve our mission through activities supporting five strategic priorities. We will:

- be the national voice and thought leader for psychology.
- advocate for the role, need, and contribution of psychology to improve our health, social, and economic well-being.
- promote psychology's value, unique role, and impact to the public.
- support, promote, and grow a profession, discipline, and association that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible.
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CPA Guiding Principles

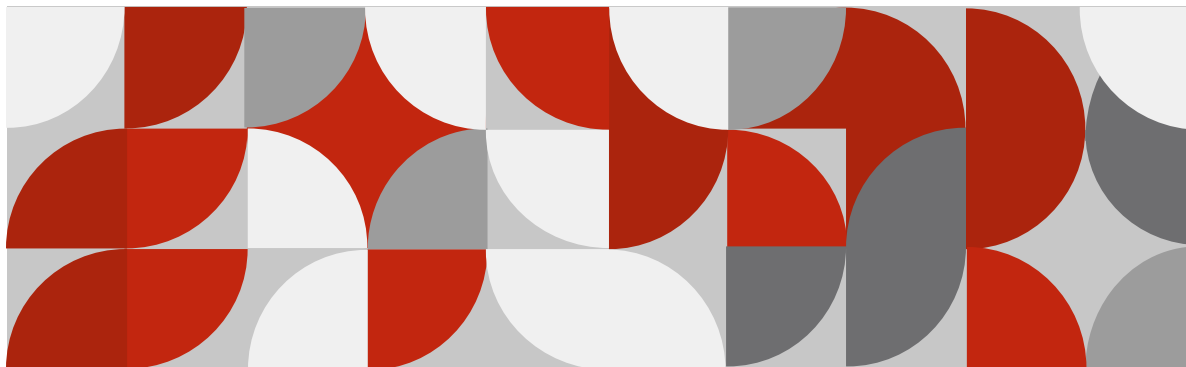
- Evidence-based policies, advocacy, and activities.
- Be guided by our organizational mission in all things.
- Deliver value to our membership.
- Respect and promote human rights and equity.
- Model the principles of the CPA *Canadian Code of Ethics* in all we do.
- Meaningful, respectful, and constructive collaborations within Canada and globally.

CPA Operating Principles

- Effective and efficient governance.
- Effective and efficient operational management.
- Meaningful services and products, and measurable outcomes.
- Meaningful and respectful partnerships and relationships within and outside of the CPA.
- See, hear, and consider a diversity of perspectives when addressing issues facing psychology or the organization.

CPA Ethical Values

- Respect for the dignity of persons and peoples.
- Responsible caring.
- Integrity in relationships.
- Responsibility to society.



OUR 2025 CPA MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

CPA Membership Type Breakdown

Member	4,620
Fellow	103
Early Career Year 1 Member	234
Early Career Year 2 Member	225
Parental Leave Member	21
Honorary Life Fellow	34
Honorary Life Member	83
International Affiliate	24
International Student Affiliate	7
Retired Fellow	13
Retired Member	70
Special Affiliate	86
Student Affiliate	1,530
Student Affiliate - Campus/Student Rep	13
CPA/APA Joint Fellow	1
CPA/APA Joint Member	10
Section Associate	84
Bachelor Gap Year Affiliate	46
CPA Complimentary Membership	18
Total	7,222

Age Breakdown

18-29 years	15%
30-49 years	45%
50-69 years	31%
70+ years	9%

OUR MEMBER BENEFIT PARTNERS

AVIS
belairdirect.
 car and home insurance
bms.
BROADWAY **ACROSS CANADA**
Budget
CANADIANA
 FLOWERS
DELL
 Technologies
GoodLife
 FITNESS
GO rendezvous
GOWLING WLG
IHG HOTELS & RESORTS
 SIX SENSES REGENT INTERCONTINENTAL KIMPTON HOTEL INDIGO VOCO WUALUXE #SHARAH CROWE PLAZA
 IHG REWARDS
IRIS ADVANTAGE
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PARK'N FLY
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 TELECOM
staples
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trip
 MERCHANT
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WILEY

WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF



7,222

Members
and Affiliates



21

Current Staff



15

Awards



24

Research & Career
Development Grants



35

Sections



62,500

Social Media
Followers



40

Media
Mentions



21

Alliances/
Coalitions



5

Government
Submissions



7

Active Working
Groups

PILLARS



SCIENCE



PRACTICE



EDUCATION



282

Online CPD
Courses



95

Accredited
Programs



3

Journals



21

Member Benefit
Partners



99

Psychology Works
Fact Sheets &
Career Resources

What follows is an overview of 2025–2026 CPA activity, organized around our strategic plan, and focused on new achievements and activity between June 2025 and April 2026.

BE THE NATIONAL VOICE AND THOUGHT LEADER FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Training Models and Scope of Practice

In collaboration with the Association of Canadian Regulatory Psychology Organizations (ACRPO), we convened a joint ACPRO-CPA steering committee that will bring together psychology regulators, educators, and associations to organize a summit that will explore models of professional training and to chart a path to increased access to appropriate professional training in psychology and increased access to competent and safe psychological services for Canadians. As part of this work, we shared draft materials developed by CPA staff that proposed changes to established models of training and credentialing.

In response to the proposed entry-to-practice changes for psychologists and psychological associates put forth by the College of Behavioural Analysts and Psychologists of Ontario (CPBAO), the CPA wrote a joint letter with the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA) opposing the changes and responded to the CPBAO's request for comment. As a member of the Council of Professional Associations of Psychology (CPAP), the CPA was also a signatory on CPAP's response to the consultation. We also met with numerous members, individuals, and media to hear individuals' concerns about the changes and discuss the CPA's views on the proposed changes.

Future of Psychology

In late January, we launched a survey to the CPA's membership on the Future of Psychology from a science, practice, and education perspective. More than 1,200 members responded to the survey; responses will be used to inform the CPA's work in the coming year.

The CPA's CEO, President, and Incoming President participated in both in-person and virtual meetings with the CEOs and Presidents of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) to discuss the future of psychology and the issues facing our profession and discipline. Clear from the meetings was the similarity in issues with which we are all dealing, which included but was not limited to: artificial intelligence (AI), title/licensure/scope of practice, psychologists' skill set and value, prescriptive authority, lack of funding for psychological research and psychology students, labour mobility, and psychology's position in universities. A joint statement following the fall in-person meeting was posted by each association.

The CPA's CEO also engaged in discussions about this with various APA staff and CEOs of international psychological associations.

The Board approved a position statement on national credential harmonization: *Breaking Down Barriers – A National Approach to*

Improving the Credentialing and Licensure of Psychologists, and their Mobility in Canada.

Given the growing importance placed on access to mental health care services and the role of psychology, we released a report that reviews the publicly available data collected by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) from 2017 to 2023 on the number of psychologists in Canada.

AI and Psychology

In November, the CPA hosted its first Satellite Conference, which focused on the application of AI in the science, practice, and education of psychology. Held at the University of British Columbia (UBC), over 150 delegates from across Canada participated in the event, which included a plenary presentation, three keynote speakers, and several talks.

We developed and posted a Board-approved policy statement on the use of AI in the science, practice, and education of psychology in Canada to provide preliminary guidance to psychologists in Canada on best practices in the use of AI under existing ethical frameworks.

We engaged in discussions with the APA's AI office on key considerations for AI in psychology in the U.S. context. CPA staff and APA staff agreed to continue to engage in ongoing discussions and knowledge sharing on this topic.

Psychology Provides its Expertise

The CPA continued to approach the Canadian Association of Medical Assistance in Dying Assessors and Providers (CAMAP) to see if there are specific psychometric measures that can aid in the assessment of individuals requesting MAiD, and particularly in cases where a mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition (MD-SUMC). CPA staff continued to liaise with members with expertise in this area on next steps, inclusive of developing a member survey on the issue.

As requested by the Help ELiminate Pain in Kids & Adults Team (HELPinKids&Adults; chaired by Dr. Anna Taddio and for which the CPA is a Knowledge User), Dr. Thompson reviewed and provided feedback on their clinical practice guideline (CPG) update on reducing pain during vaccination: *Reducing Distress During Vaccine Injections: HELPinKids&Adults Clinical Practice Guideline Update*. After reviewing the CPG draft and providing detailed feedback using the AGREE Global Rating Scale™, Dr. Thompson provided a letter indicating the CPA's support for the guideline update.

As part of its work with the Disability without Poverty Coalition, the CPA signed a letter identifying various reforms needed to the disability tax credit (DTC) to support Canadians. The reforms are consistent with what the CPA has called for in the past (e.g., expanding the range of health care professionals who can fully certify eligibility, recognition of provincial disability program eligibility in process, streamlining the DTC application form,

completing and expanding the streamlined 2-page DTC renewal pilot).

Dr. Madon participated in meetings specific to measurement-based care and continues to liaise with the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) and the Homewood Research Institute (HRI) on developing measurement-based care standards and guidelines for concurrent disorder treatment.

The CPA acknowledged and monitored concerns reported regarding workforce adjustments within the Canadian public service that seemed to be disproportionately affecting behavioural science research teams.

External Relations

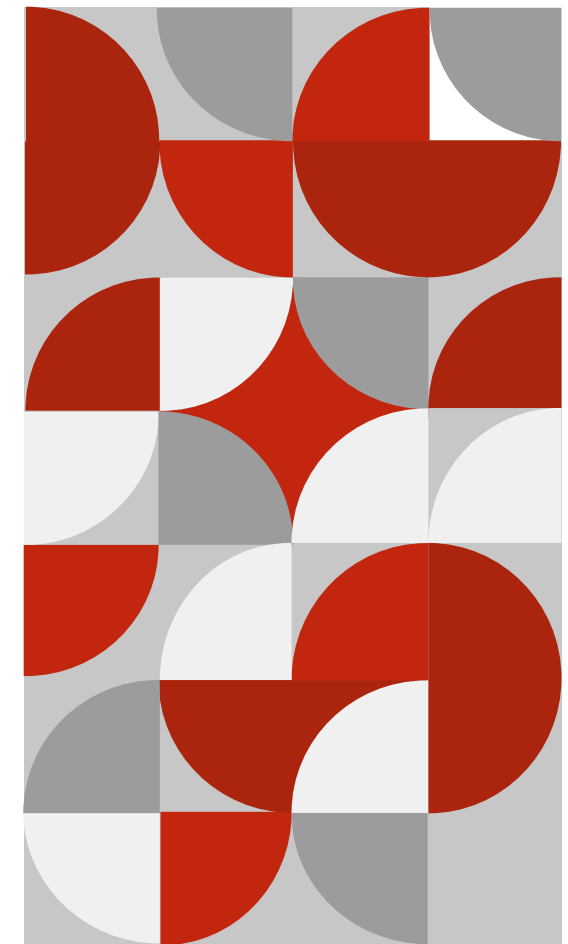
Dr. Votta-Bleeker accepted an invitation from CIHI to participate in an Expert Advisory Group to review and provide feedback on a CIHI report on Canada's mental health and substance use workforce. From this work, she was invited to speak, again, with CIHI staff regarding their efforts to advance and expand the capture of data specific to psychologists in Canada.

We engaged in discussions with the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (CAPO) regarding possible collaborations specific to the need and role of psychologists in psychosocial oncology and ways in which to bring this area of work to the attention of psychologists and decision-makers.

In collaboration with the Canadian Register of Health Service Psychologists (CRHSP), we updated the CPA's psychopharmacology online course. We engaged with Strong Minds, Strong Kids

Psychology Canada regarding collaborative education opportunities to develop capacity-building and training for psychologists working with kids and teens.

Dr. Madon and Mr. Brimacombe continued to liaise with representatives at the University of Ottawa regarding the development of an Interprofessional Minimum Data Standard (MDS) for health workforce monitoring.



ADVOCATE FOR THE ROLE, NEED, AND CONTRIBUTION OF PSYCHOLOGY TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Regulatory Change Advocacy

The CPA sent its input on the CPBAO consultation to the Minister of Health and Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, and Ontario's Fairness Commissioner. The CPA, in collaboration with the OPA, also provided follow up information to the Minister of Health and Deputy Premier of Ontario. The CPA also provided information to various provincial MPs who reached out with questions about the proposed changes.

The CPA's CEO, occasionally with the CPA's Director of Professional Affairs, participated in several meetings with representatives from the British Columbia Psychological Association (BCPA) and with representatives of a group of individual psychologists from BC to discuss regulatory changes resulting from its newly amalgamated College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC) and the new BC Health and Occupations Safety Act. At the request of – and with input from – the BCPA, the CPA sent a letter to the CHCPBC speaking to the concerns the CPA heard from psychologists in BC regarding the Act.

The CPA's CEO, as a member of the Extended Healthcare Providers Coalition (EHPC), also had discussions with the CEOs of other national professional associations who share similar concerns regarding the new BC Health and Occupations Safety Act.

Dr. Votta-Bleeker and Dr. Madon met with psychologists from the Yukon to discuss the various challenges they were experiencing with delivering psychological services since the territory began regulating psychological service providers in 2025.

Advocacy for Residency Programs

The University of Manitoba Student Counselling Centre Residency Program decided to cease operations in the Fall of 2025. The CPA drafted a letter to the Executive Director, Student Support of the University of Manitoba advocating for the maintenance of the program. Dr. Madon then liaised with representatives from the Manitoba Psychological Society (MPS) on the issue and any advocacy support required to reopen the program.

AI-related Advocacy

Healthcare Professional Advisory Group on Canada's First National AI Guidance for Mental Health and Substance Use Health

The CPA was invited by the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) and the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) to join the Healthcare Professional Advisory Group to support the development of Canada's first national guidance on the ethical, safe, and effective use of AI in mental health and substance use health care. The CPA worked alongside other members of the advisory group

to provide applied, practice-informed expertise, ensuring that recommendations are relevant, feasible, and grounded in real-world practice across diverse care settings. Dr. Fowlie serves on this advisory group on behalf of the CPA.

Submission to National 30-Day AI Sprint

The CPA contributed to Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada's 30-Day National AI Sprint, providing input to help shape the direction of Canada's National AI Strategy. The submission highlighted the important role that psychologists play in creating AI that is innovative and upholds the highest standards of ethics in accordance with the *Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists*.

Liaisons with Government

Over the last year, the CPA liaised with government on various files.

Post-Election Outreach

- Following the election, the Canadian Consortium of Research (CCR) for which Dr. Thompson is Vice-Chair, sent congratulatory letters to all 343 Members of Parliament (MPs). These letters invited MPs to connect with the CCR and outlined the CCR's key policy asks including increasing funding for Canadian scientists and enshrining the Chief Science Advisor in legislation.

- The CPA also sent letters of congratulations following the election to Prime Minister Mark Carney, and Ministers Marjorie Michel (Health), Mélanie Joly (Industry), and Rechie Valdez (Women and Gender Equality), and met with several Parliamentarians.

Budgetary Process

The CPA submitted a written Brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance as part of the 2025 and 2026 pre-budget planning process. The CPA's brief included four recommendations: 1) mental health parity, 2) a tax credit of up to 25% for employers to expand employee coverage for psychological services, 3) the need for better mental health indicators and public and private sector data collection, and 4) increased investments in psychological/mental health research.

We also led in the development of the Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health's (CAMIMH) pre-budget submission and contributed to Briefs submitted by the CCR, EHPC, and the Health Action Lobby (HEAL) to ensure maximum alignment.

Science Advocacy

Dr. Fowlie, with representatives from Computer Science Canada, the Statistical Society of Canada, and the Canadian Association of University Teachers, met with Salma Zahid, MP for Scarborough Centre-Don Valley East, as member organizations of the CCR. The meeting focused on increased post-secondary education funding and supports, post-secondary and private sector relationship-building, and the impact of Visa processing times on international graduate student recruitment.

Mental Health and Access to Psychological Services

- The CPA, along with other national health organizations, continued to call on the federal government to create a companion piece of legislation to the *Canada Health Act* that recognizes the need to expand and improve publicly funded access to mental health and psychological services that are in parity with physical health care. This also includes dedicated funding to be transferred to the provinces and territories, and clear objectives and accountability measures.
- Dr. Madon and Mr. Brimacombe met with Dr. Hedy Fry, Chair of the Standing Committee on Health to discuss mental health care in Canada, including the possibility of the Committee formally reviewing the need for mental health parity in federal legislation.
- Dr. Madon and Mr. Brimacombe continued to meet with representatives from CPAP to discuss coordinating advocacy efforts regarding remuneration of psychologists from federally funded programs (e.g., Veterans Affairs Canada [VAC], Non-insured Health Benefits for First Nations and Inuit [NIHB], Interim Federal Health Program [IFHP]). Relatedly, they continued to reach out to federal government officials from the NIHB and IFHP to advocate for administrative and program efficiencies, as well as fair compensation for psychologists that is reflective of recommended provincial rates.
- On its own and as part of the EHPC and HEAL, sent letters to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship voicing concerns with announced changes to the IFHP to introduce a copayment model for services.



- With the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), signed onto an open letter to the federal government, calling for a renewal of the 2017-2027 bilateral mental health agreements with the provinces and territories.
- As a member of CAMIMH, participated in CAMIMH's Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW). MIAW included a Champions of Mental Health reception with Parliamentarians, and a lobby day during which Dr. Votta-Bleeker, Dr. Madon, and Mr. Brimacombe participated and met with several MPs.

Liaisons with National Funding Agencies

Dr. Thompson continued to maintain regular communication with Canada's Tri-Councils (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council [SSHRC], Canadian Institutes of Health Research [CIHR], Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada [NSERC]) and other funders (e.g., Canada Foundation for Innovation [CFI], Mitacs) regarding funding issues impacting Canada's psychology researchers and students. Via its contribution to the pre-budget consultation process and meetings with representatives of the Tri-Councils (including its "Annual Breakfast with the Funders"), the CPA continued to advocate for:

- increased funding to the base budgets of each of CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC for fundamental basic and applied research
- increased funding for graduate students and early career researchers
- increased funding for facilities and administrative research costs
- increased funding for psychological research
- funding for mental health research that is proportional to the burden of mental illness
- the need to recognize the critical role and use of psychological science in policy- and decision-making

In addition to the above advocacy, the CPA and the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS) wrote a joint

letter to the Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research addressing the issues associated with the two-stage consent requirement added to the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2).

We liaised with the Scientific Directors, both of whom are psychologists, of CIHR's Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) (Dr. Christine Chambers), and the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addictions (INMHA) (Dr. Patricia Conrod), the latter of whom was engaged to speak at the CPA's 2026 Convention regarding INMHA's work, her vision as a Scientific Director, and emerging priorities and opportunities for funding and future research in these areas.

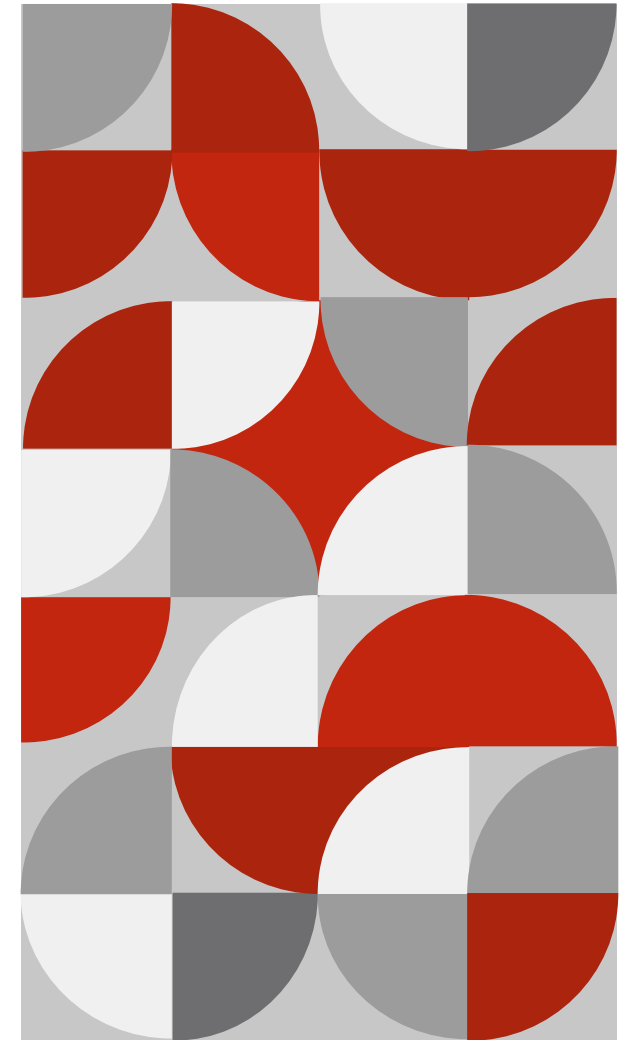
We also arranged for a representative from the Tri-Agencies to attend the 2026 CPA Convention to present to CPA members on the *Revised Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications* and the implications of said revisions for agency-funded researchers.

Advocacy Presentations and Training

Dr. Votta-Bleeker presented to several psychology graduate classes across the country focused on advocacy, highlighting the CPA's various advocacy efforts and the ways in which psychology contributes to public policy and decision-making.

Mr. Brimacombe spoke at the Canadian Optometry Association's Leaders Forum about the strategic importance of advocacy and government relations at the federal level.

We continued to provide advocacy training to our members through the CPA's Very Involved Psychologist / Very Involved Psychological Researcher (VIP / VIPR) and by promoting the CPA's Advocacy/Government Relations Toolkit.



PROMOTE PSYCHOLOGY'S VALUE, UNIQUE ROLE, AND IMPACT TO THE PUBLIC

Whether through publications, presentations, or working with other organized entities, the CPA endeavoured to promote the value, unique role, and impact of psychology to the public. Some of these efforts were as follows:

- Continued to speak publicly about the gap that exists between employers' current coverage of psychological services for employees and what employees want in coverage. While there remain significant gaps between current employer coverage levels and what is recommended by the CPA, select employers are beginning to improve coverage for psychological services and select insurers have improved their reimbursement processes for psychological services.
- Submitted an article to *Head-to-Head*, a column in a print magazine for Benefits Canada, on the role/responsibility of employers for employee mental health in an uncertain economic environment.
- Launched our new Lunchbox Lectures. This new lecture series is designed to showcase research and ideas from experts across the full spectrum of psychological science, promoting interdisciplinary learning and professional growth. As part of this series, we have highlighted researchers from the areas of social psychophysiology, the science of learning, school psychology, social psychology, and psychology and oncology.
- Released a post-election *Mind Full* podcast focused on the federal budget and what implications it could have for psychology and the mental health community.

- Continued to play a large role in the development and execution of CAMIMH's Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW), that includes: a Champions of Mental Health reception at which the Champions, MPs, and staff from various mental health associations were in attendance and as noted elsewhere, a lobby day, in which CPA staff participated.
- Worked with Dr. Marvin Simner to update his research-based booklets (originally published between 1995 to 2003) outlining the best ways teachers can help children who are failing to meet kindergarten expectations. For his original booklet, *Promoting Reading Success: Phonological Awareness Activities for the Kindergarten Child*, Drs. Thompson and Simner created two versions of the booklet during the update process, a teacher version and a parent/caregiver version. The teacher version – available in print in both English and French – can be purchased on the CPA website, and the parent version – available online in English – can be accessed for free on the CPA website. Updates to his booklet *Promoting Skilled Handwriting: The Kindergarten Path to Meaningful Written Communication*, have begun.

Role of Psychology in Preventing Violent Extremism

The CPA serves as a member of the Canadian Practitioner's Network for the Prevention of Extremist Violence (CPN-PREV) and the

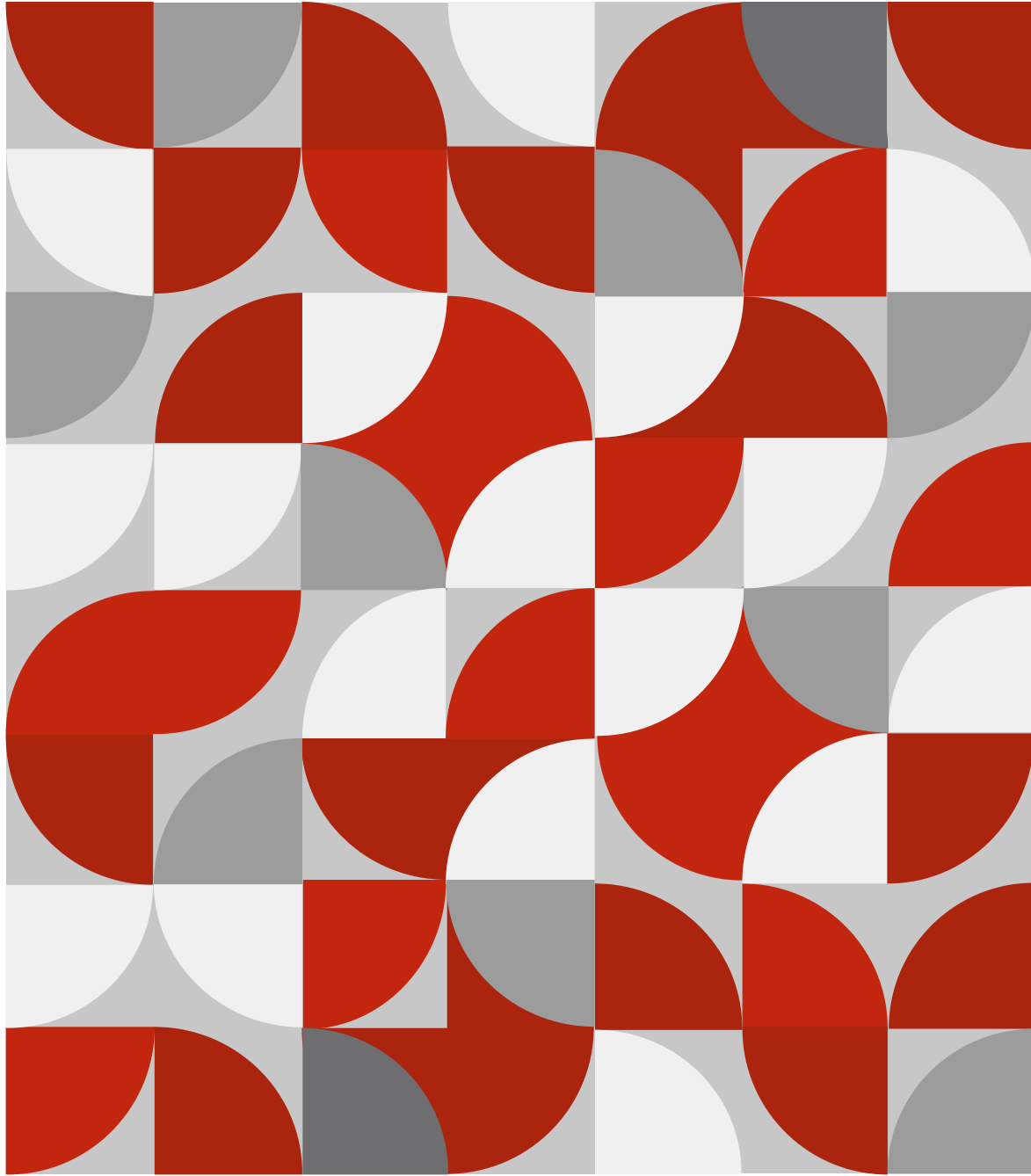
Partnering in Practice (vPiP) network.

Dr. Fowlie represented the CPA at a January multi-day meeting of the network to advise on the co-development of capacity-building workshops for mental health practitioners who are represented in the vPiP network. Initial workshops were presented in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in March.

Public Education and Discourse

From a public-focused CPA marketing and communications perspective, we engaged in the following promotional activities:

- Produced 28 written pieces and released 18 new episodes of *Mind Full*, our podcast series that explores issues affecting Canadians through a psychological lens. Featured discussions included topics such as living with war, criminal profiling, and contingent work in Canada.
- Participated in, as well as supported and promoted, the participation of members in numerous media and public outreach events. Specifically, we connected 38 CPA members and/or staff with media outlets to fulfill 44 interview requests, had 40 media mentions, and shared 75 media stories involving our members through our various platforms and offerings.
- Expanded our presence on social media, gaining an additional 4,400 followers across our primary platforms.



- Reached approximately 1.7 million people across five social media platforms (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, Threads, and Bluesky) which have a combined 62,500 followers.
- Posted our *World Mental Health Day* video to inform the public of the mental health care crisis and the CPA's initiatives and advocacy efforts.
- Shared, via our website and social media platforms, a video developed by the College of Psychologists of New Brunswick highlighting the role of psychologists and the influence of psychology in everyday life.

This year's theme for Psychology Month 2026 was *This is Psychology*, where we highlighted the myriad ways in which psychology affects our everyday lives. Our more than 300 social media posts resulted in over 3 million impressions and more than 4,000 uses of the #PsychologyMonth and #MoisDeLaPsychologie hashtags. For the first time, *Mois de la psychologie* (Psychology Month in French) achieved engagement levels comparable to the English campaign, generating 1.4 million impressions compared to 1.6 million. This strong performance was driven largely by significant uptake in France, where more than one million people engaged with content related to *Mois de la psychologie*. With strong participation from provincial psychology organizations—particularly those in New Brunswick, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Ontario—the hashtag #PsychologyMonth was used over 3,000 times in February, marking the highest level of engagement to date by a substantial margin.

SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND GROW A PROFESSION, DISCIPLINE, AND ASSOCIATION THAT IS DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE

Activity of the Human Rights and Equity Committee

The CPA's Human Rights and Equity Committee met regularly this past year, and provided guidance to staff on, or contributed assistance with, the following:

- development of diversity-based demographic questions that were included in the CPA's Future of Psychology member survey
- adjudication of this year's applications to the CPA's bursary for equity deserving and Black psychology student affiliates – six bursaries were awarded
- continued provision of support and space for an Affinity Space at the CPA's Annual Convention
- reviewed and provided input on proposed revisions to the *Resource Guide for Ethical Supervision*
- continued work on the CPA's Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) Framework

Black History Month

We recognized Black History Month through a coordinated content series that shared materials from partner organizations and featured contributions from CPA members. This included a written piece by Dr. Linda Iwenofu, Chair of the CPA's Black Psychology Section, as well as three articles highlighting historic Black Canadian figures. In total,

63 posts were shared across five platforms, generating more than 300 engagements and reaching nearly 10,000 people.

Publications and Presentations

The CPA published a reply to the article, *Lions at the gate: How weaponization of policy prevents people of colour from becoming professional psychologists in Canada*, which had been published in *Canadian Psychology*.

The CPA's CEO participated in a symposium at the CPA's 2025 Annual Convention that looked at the CPA's work in Human Rights and accepted an invitation to participate in a symposium at the CPA's 2026 Annual Convention: *Who Holds the Keys? Weaponized Policy, Racial Equity, and the Battle for Belonging in Canadian Psychology*.

Also at the CPA's 2025 Convention, the Registrar and a member of the Accreditation Panel presented a primer on meeting the new anti-discrimination and individual, social, and cultural diversity training standards during the Accreditation Update.

Governance

In February, the CPA's Board revoked the status of Fellow from the late Dr. Philippe J. Rushton and issued a policy statement noting the CPA's formal rejection of Dr. Rushton's writings, statements, and actions with respect to race and racialized groups.

The CPA's Presidential Officers, Director representing Sections, and the CEO participated in a series of facilitated meetings with the Chairs of the CPA's Black, Asian, and Indigenous Peoples' Psychology Sections to discuss barriers to the inclusion of Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour in professional psychology.

We continued to provide EDIA literacy training for the CPA's Board and staff, and meet with various external organizations, within and outside of psychology, to discuss matters related to equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in the discipline and profession of psychology.

Member Offerings

With respect to our continuing professional development offerings for members, we continued to supplement our growing online professional development catalogue of anti-racism and Black health content. Included as part of this work, the CPA entered into a Preferred Education Vendor agreement with the Black Health Education Collaborative (BHEC) for discounted access to their Black Health Primer. We also re-affirmed our collaboration with the Vulnerability, Trauma, Resilience and Culture (V-TRaC) lab at the University of Ottawa and commitment to ongoing distribution of their course "How to Provide Anti-racist Mental Health Care".

We continued to keep members abreast of topical human rights and equity news/issues, and psychologists' work in this area through our weekly news roundup, our podcasts, and continuing professional development offerings. By way of example, relevant podcasts focused on:

- Contingent work in Canada with Dr. Catherine Connelly
- Resilience, culture, and living with war - Tomas Vanderkam and Ukraine
- Why we need to stop gambling ads in Canada: Bruce Kidd and Dr. Steve Joordens
- Training standards for psychologists in Ontario with Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker
- This is Psychology: Children, domestic violence, and the COVID carryover with Dr. Maddy Sheppard-Perkins and Sabina Greenley

The CPA also continued its efforts to engage and meet the needs of its Francophone members.

- Continued increase in our translation budget to translate CPA policy/position/guideline documents, reports, fact sheets, and website content.
- The CPA's journals continued to publish articles in both English and French.
- Submissions for the CPA's Annual National Convention continued to be accepted in both English and French.
- Student grant/bursary applications continued to be offered and accepted in both English and French.
- Psychology Month written profiles were published in both English and French, and Psychology Month podcasts were published in both languages as well.

- Invested in upgrading our access to the video editing platform Davinci Resolve. This upgrade allows us to produce French subtitles on all new continuing education content.
- Renewed and expanded our partnership agreement with ASADIS, a Québec-based continuing-education provider. Through this partnership, members receive discounted access to ASADIS' catalogue of more than 125 French and 75 English continuing education courses.

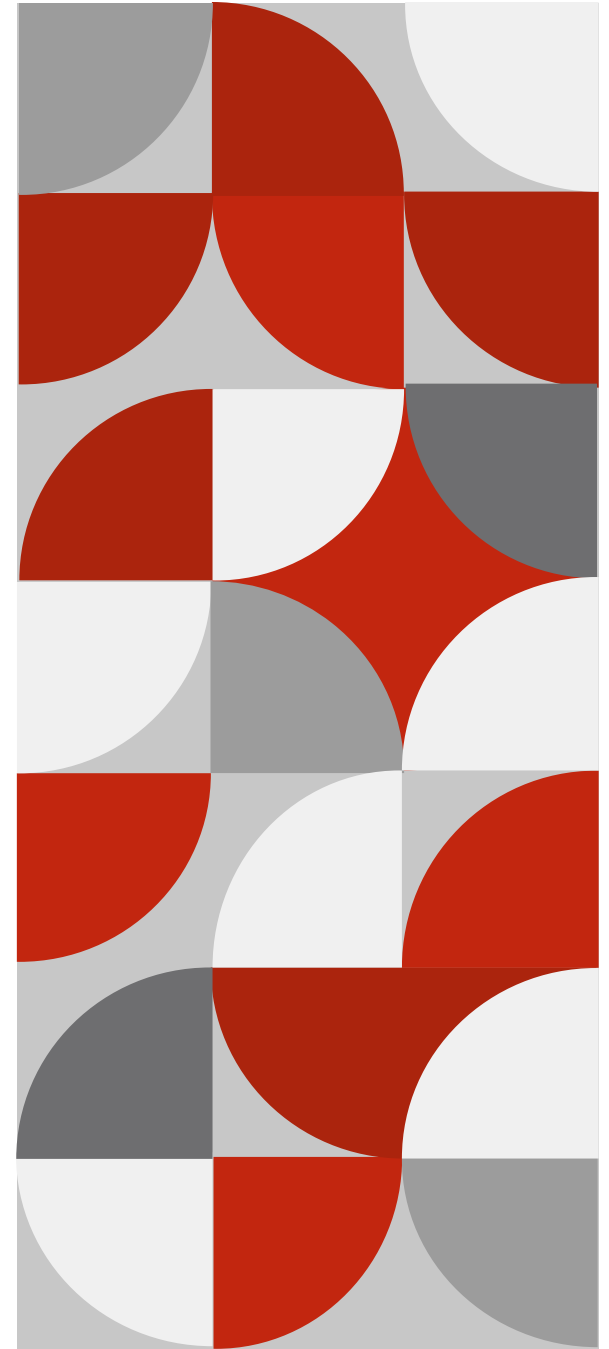
The CPA also supported the inaugural work of the CPA's newest Section: Jewish Psychology Section.

Focusing specifically on our Annual Convention, CPA2025:

- included a thematic stream devoted to human rights and social justice that featured CPA Sections and submissions with direct subject matter relevance
- aimed to be inclusive of all delegates with various accessibility needs
- provided travel grants for equity-deserving students
- continued to include an Affinity Space to allow for informal connections and community-building amongst select under-represented and marginalized groups

Advocacy

Liaised with the Chairs of the Asian and Black Psychology Sections regarding changes to the IFHP, which would significantly and negatively impact psychologists as well as immigrants and refugees living on very limited incomes.



FOSTER A PROFESSION, DISCIPLINE, AND ASSOCIATION THAT, USING CALLS TO ACTION AND JUSTICE, SUPPORTS INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES, AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Truth and Reconciliation Day

We continued to support various initiatives to recognize September 30th as Truth and Reconciliation Day. CPA Staff continued to research and provide access to a wider variety of Indigenous education resources. In addition to the 80 licenses purchased for members to take courses through Indigenous Awareness Canada for free, we connected with organizations such as the Assembly of First Nations to amplify their educational offerings, recognizing that First Nations Peoples are just one of three major Indigenous groups in Canada.

We continued our Orange T-Shirt Day initiative in which the artwork of Indigenous artist Betty Albert, *Every Child Matters/Chaque Enfant Compte* orange t-shirts were created and sold at the CPA's Annual National Convention. Profits from the sales were donated to First Light, in St. John's, NL where the 2025 Annual Convention was held. A local charity, First Light serves the urban Indigenous and non-Indigenous community alike through programs, services, and events rooted in the revitalization and celebration of Indigenous cultures, languages, and community. Following the convention, we conducted a podcast with the Executive Director of First Light St. John's

Friendship Centre and produced an article that touches on the organization, their wraparound services, and the unique challenges facing urban Indigenous people in St. John's, NL.

Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in Professional Psychology

As noted elsewhere, the CPA's Presidential Officers, Director representing Sections, and the CEO participated in a series of facilitated meetings with the Chairs of the Indigenous Peoples' Psychology Section to discuss barriers to the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in professional psychology.

Brought discussion of different ways to support the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in professional psychology to meetings/discussions with CPAP, of which the CPA is a member.

Bursaries for Indigenous Students

We continued our Indigenous Psychology Student Award Program, dispensing bursaries to undergraduate and graduate Indigenous student affiliates.

CPA's Annual Convention

We maintained our commitment to ensuring that the CPA's Annual Convention is a welcoming environment for those in our membership who identify as Indigenous. As part of our 2025 Convention, we:

- welcomed local elders as knowledge sharers throughout the convention and provided a space for them to connect with convention delegates
- provided fee waivers and travel grants for CPA Student Affiliates who identified as Indigenous and whose membership is in good standing
- included scientific programming specific to our Indigenous Peoples' Psychology Section
- welcomed Elders Lorinda White and Joan Hodder who provided greetings in the form of a native song as part of the Opening Ceremony
- featured local Indigenous artisans as exhibitors
- expanded our offering of a pre-convention professional development workshop: Indigenous Practice through the Medicine Wheel, which was previously offered as a half-day workshop and then expanded to a full-day workshop

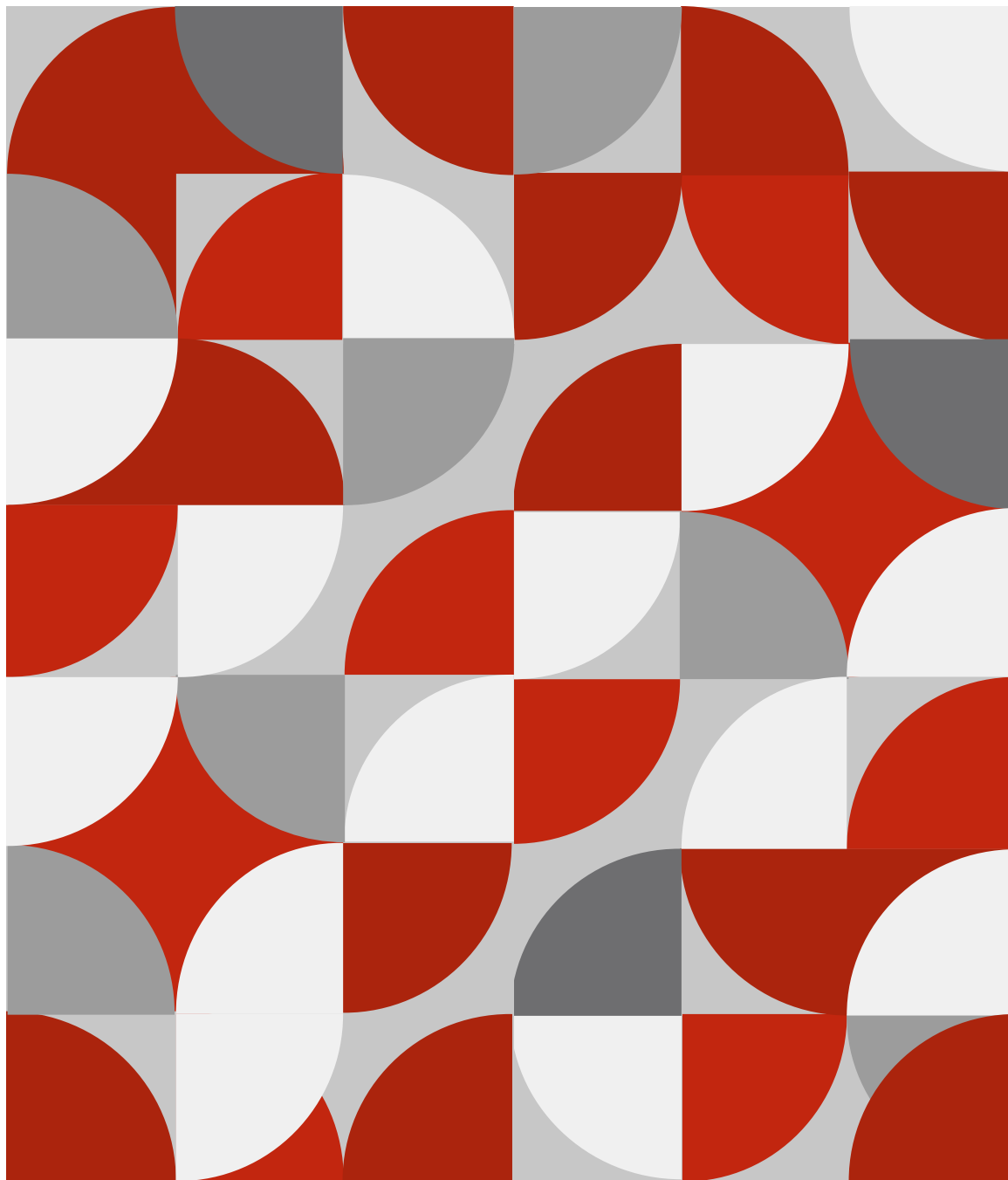
Activity of the Knowledge Sharing Group / Committee on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

The CPA's Knowledge Sharing Group (KSG) / Committee on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples provided guidance to or contributed assistance with the following:

- assisted in the adjudication of a new recipient of the CPA's bursary for Indigenous students
- reviewed and provided input on proposed revisions to the *Resource Guide for Ethical Supervision*
- assisted in the selection of this year's recipient of funds from the sales of the CPA's orange t-shirts at convention
- engaged in dialogue around protocols for elders/knowledge keepers as part of the Opening Ceremonies at the CPA's Annual Convention, with the KSG Committee Chair serving as a member of the CPA's Convention Committee
- provided the Committee Chair with an update on the Indigenous Ways of Knowing subgroup of the CPA's Evidence-Based Practice of Psychological Treatment Working Group
- had initial discussions regarding work to update the CPA's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report

Advocacy

Continued advocacy with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch around eligibility requirements and fee schedules available under the non-insured health benefits program.



ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Funding

The CPA continued its Annual Student Research Funding Program. Fifteen (15) grants of \$1,500.00 each were awarded by the CPA. In addition, the CPA administered one CPA-CSBBCS joint grant of \$1,500.00 and three CPA Student Section grants of \$500.00 each.

With funding from BMS Canada, the CPA and CPAP jointly sponsored three student research grants and two leadership grants¹ (total contribution \$8,500.00).

We continued to provide annual funding for psychology-related conferences, that specifically target engagement and participation of undergraduate psychology students, with four annual awards at \$500.00 each.

New this year! The CPA was entrusted with \$15,000.00 in restricted funds by the Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science. Of this amount, \$500.00 will be awarded at the CPA Convention, beginning with the inaugural award year in 2026. These funds will support one graduate-level CPA student affiliate registered at a Canadian chartered university who is conducting research in child clinical-developmental psychology to attend the CPA Convention.

The CPA continued to offer travel grants (10 @ \$250) to student affiliates. These grants are intended to help offset travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending the CPA Convention.

Psychological Science

Dr. Thompson and Dr. Votta-Bleeker provided letters of support for various CPA members' federal funding applications, and for some grant applications, joined as a knowledge user/mobilization partner.

We continued to offer the CPA's Recruit Research Participants Portal (R2P2), a service that allows our members and affiliates who are seeking research participants to post notices of their studies on our website. The notices are shared in our monthly newsletter, on the CPA's website, and via the CPA's social media outlets.

Dr. Thompson worked with the Education and School Psychology Section to create a survey to collect and analyze data about access to, and availability of, psychological services in publicly funded school boards across Canada.

Operationally, the CPA continued to provide support for international psychological science. Dr. Thompson continued to serve as the National Research Council's (NRC) point person at the CPA's Head Office regarding the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), communicating and collaborating with the CPA membership and both Dr. Jennifer Veitch (Chair, CPA's International Relations Committee) and Dr. Saba Safdar (Chair, Canadian National Panel for IUPsyS). The CPA and NRC renewed a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) in support of Canada's affiliation with IUPsyS.

The International Relations Committee organized a panel for CPA2025 which focused on the importance of international collaboration in addressing global social challenges. The panellists included Dr. Jacinthe Dion, Department of Health at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi; Dr. Saba Safdar, Chair of the Canadian National Panel for IUPsyS; and Dr. Patrick McGrath, 2025 winner of the CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology.

Continued to participate in and receive communications from the Global Psychology Alliance (GPA), an alliance of psychology associations around the world dedicated to applying psychological science to public policy. The CPA offered input as requested, participated in surveys, and shared information about planned GPA hosted sessions.

In June, the Board provided approval for the CEO to submit a bid for the CPA to host the 2034 International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP); however, upon further consideration, at the October Board meeting, it was decided that the CPA would withdraw from the 2034 ICAP bidding process due to budget challenges and external ongoing pressures facing the association and profession. Dr. Votta-Bleeker subsequently met with the President of the Brazilian Psychological Society which was planning to put in a bid to host ICAP2034 to share the CPA's learnings as host of ICAP2018.

¹At the time of writing of this report, the recipients of the CPA-CPAP leadership grants had not yet been confirmed.

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Many thanks to the Editors and Associate Editors of our journals for their ongoing commitment, diligence, and excellence. In terms of metrics, the 5-year impact factor was stable for both *Canadian Psychology (CP)* and *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science (CJBS)*, while *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology (CJEP)* realized a 0.6 increase to 1.5.

Organized by Dr. Thompson, the Editors of *CP*, *CJBS*, and *CJEP* hosted a session at the 2025 Convention on publishing in scientific journals. In this session, they discussed each of their respective journals (e.g., types of articles accepted, the aims/scope) and provided guidelines for reviewing journal articles.

Dr. Thompson organized a Reviewer and Editorial Board Appreciation Event at the 2025 Convention. The purpose of the event was to say thank you to the top reviewers and Editorial Board members of the CPA's three journals: *CP*, *CJBS*, and *CJEP*.

Canadian Psychology

Dr. Donald Saklofske, Editor of *CP*, was granted an extension to his term as Editor by the Scientific Affairs Committee. His term as Editor, which was set to end December 31, 2026, will now end December 31, 2028.

A special issue of *CP* titled "Contributions of Psychological Science to Understanding and Addressing Global Challenges" was published in

November 2025 (Co-Guest Editors: Drs. Naomi Koerner, Lindsay McCunn, and Josephine Tan). The special issue showcased how psychological science has contributed to an improved understanding of global challenges and provides an opportunity to engage in reflection and analysis of global challenges and solutions in which psychology appears to be less visible but stands to make substantive contributions.

A special issue of *CP* titled "40th Anniversary of the *Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists*" was published in February 2026 (Co-Guest Editors: Drs. Janel Gauthier, Donald W. Stewart, and C. Meghan McMurtry). The special issue celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the *Code* and showcased the continued relevance, versatility, and wide-ranging application of the *Code* in today's world.

Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Ben Dyson as the next Editor of *CJEP*, taking over from Dr. Debra Titone whose term as Editor will end on December 31, 2026.

Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science

To relieve some of the backlog of articles accepted to *CJBS*, released a fifth issue of *CJBS* in 2025. This supplementary e-only issue was published in early September.

Psychology Works Fact Sheets

In the last year, we published the following new fact sheets:

- Executive Functioning
- Young Kids and Screens
- Teens and Screens
- Coping with Geopolitical Crises

Psynopsis

In the last year, we released the following issues of *Psynopsis*:

- Psychological Research: Application to Policy Making, Interventions, and/or Programming. Guest Editors: Dr. Adam Sandford and Dr. Lauren Thompson (Volume 47, No. 2)
- Evidence-based Psychological Intervention and Assessment: Mental Health and Health Psychology Applications. Guest Editor: Dr. Kerry Mothersill (Volume 47, No. 3)
- Undergraduate Student Success. Guest Editor: Dr. Steven M. Smith (Volume 48, No. 1)

Mind Pad

Dr. Thompson reviewed and provided feedback on five *Mind Pad* submissions recommended for publication by the *Mind Pad* Editorial Board. Note that the Editorial Board resumed accepting submissions for *Mind Pad* in late 2025, following a short hiatus that began in 2023.

CAREER SUPPORT

We continued to provide career development support to our members and affiliates. Some of these efforts included:

- Hosting the 6th Annual Virtual Career Fair in collaboration with the CSBBCS. Eighty-two (82) delegates registered for the fair and had the chance to hear from and connect, in virtual breakout rooms, with mentors working as an Advisor, Research Development, Office Vice-President, Innovation and Impact at Concordia University; an Evaluation and Data Specialist at Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre; the Director of Research and Knowledge Mobilization at the Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions; the Senior Operating Officer, Addiction Services at Recovery Alberta; the Director of Member Experience Design at Meridian Credit Union; and a Senior Advisor, Behavioural Insights at Ontario Securities Commission.
- Hosting the CPA's 3rd in-person Job Fair, featuring 20 employers, at the CPA's 2025 Annual Convention.
- Working with Dr. Marvin Simner to update the CPA's Career Guide (first edition published in 2009).
- Making regular updates to the CPA's Career Hub.



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With the addition of new courses, members can avail themselves of up to 282 unique educational offerings (including those accessed via agreements and partnerships) in both French and English.

We initiated and launched an Unlimited Continuing Education program. This program offers participants unlimited access to all the CPA's VocalMeet courses for one year at a fixed rate.

Member Benefits: Preferred Education Vendor

As part of our ongoing efforts to expand the educational offerings available to our members, we developed a new category of member benefits: Preferred Education Vendor. Preferred Education Vendors provide education-specific benefits to CPA members such as course discounts or preferred rates.

To date, the CPA has entered into Preferred Education Vendor agreements with the following organizations:

- Black Health Education Collaborative (BHEC) - Through this agreement, CPA members and affiliates receive discounted access to the Black Health Primer: a six-hour course designed for health-care professionals with the aim of supporting the unlearning of anti-Black racism in healthcare contexts.
- The Canadian Centre for Research Analysis and Methods' (CCRAM) - Through this agreement, CPA members and affiliates receive discounted access to CCRAM's Rocky Mountain

Methodology Academy (RMMA). The RMMA provides advanced training in research methods and statistics to psychologists at the post-doctoral level.

- Griffith Centre for Investigative Interviewing – Through this agreement, CPA members and affiliates receive discounted access to a comprehensive course on considerations when interviewing children. This course was developed by Griffith University and adapted to the Canadian context for the CPA. This is the first of several future planned course offerings through this collaboration.

Agreements and Partnerships

As previously noted, the CPA entered into a new agreement with ASADIS that will allow the CPA to expand its offering of French-language continuing education content and provide members with discounted access to all ASADIS courses.

The CPA formally ended its tri-party agreement with the APA-BeaconLive on December 31, 2025, after the APA ended its partnership with BeaconLive as its Learning Management System (LMS). The APA is moving to a proprietary, in-house LMS. We are in ongoing discussions with the APA to determine if we would like to enter a new partnership with the APA.

We continued to work with course development partners to develop and update courses. Current course development and updating includes:

- Presented the second of five modules on “Psychology and Pain”, developed in partnership with the Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care, McMaster University. First public launch of the course is planned as part of the 2026 Annual Convention Pre-Conference Professional Development Workshop.
- “Substance Use Health: What Do Psychologists Need to Know?” developed in partnership with CAPSA, The Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, and St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton received final approval and launched in March of 2026.
- “Principles of Psychopharmacology”, the CPA’s most-popular VocalMeet course is nearing completion of major updates to the content. Large-scale revisions were completed by experts in psychopharmacology, including Dr. Morgan Sammons and Dr. Diana Velikonja, and were completed in partnership with the Canadian Register of Health Services Psychologists (CRHSP). When completed, the course will be comprised of 10-12 modules and will provide a much-needed update to this popular course.
- Entered into partnerships with two CPA sections (Family Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology) to develop introductory education courses in their respective topic areas. The courses will consist of 4-5 modules each and will provide a foundation for psychologists and students.

Continuing Education Sponsor and Provider Program

The CPA continued to sustain a strong Continuing Education Sponsor and Provider program. Two CE sponsors opted not to renew in 2026, but a significant net gain in new sponsors resulted in a 7% increase in the number of active sponsors and a corresponding increase in revenue generated by the Sponsor and Provider program.

Several changes were introduced to streamline and improve the renewal process, which collectively should eliminate 15-20 hours of additional staff support time, reduce review time by 40%, and reduce sponsor renewal time by 50% at no loss of granularity or ability to continue to review content at the high level required.

Other Education-Related Activities

Section Webinars

We continued to provide administrative and technical support to Sections to host webinars. In the past year the Black Psychology, Rural and Northern Psychology, Family Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology, and School and Education Psychology sections all hosted webinars with the CPA’s support. Regular webinars hosted by these and other sections continue to be scheduled for the winter and spring.

Partnerships with the Family Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, and Rural & Northern Psychology sections continued, with 8 live offerings delivered via these partnerships. Recordings of these live offerings will be converted to multi-module courses covering core content areas.

Education Resources

The CPA developed and launched a Path to Graduate School in Psychology in Canada resource. This resource was designed to demystify the “hidden curriculum” that can be present when applying to graduate school. The resource makes more explicit the path to graduate school to make graduate school more accessible.

Certificates of Academic Excellence

The CPA, in collaboration with the Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology (CCDP), opened the call for submissions for the Certificates of Academic Excellence (CAE). This annual program recognizes the top thesis students at the Honours, Master’s, and Doctoral levels in Departments of Psychology in Canada. We issued certificates to more than 260 recipients from psychology programs across Canada. Recipients were notified and the list of names published on the CPA’s website.



MEMBERSHIP, MARKETING, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Membership

We finished the 2025 year very strongly, up 163 overall members from 2024 (7,222 versus 7,059). Our 2 largest membership types also increased from 2025 - Members (up 174) and Students (up 50).

We launched our 2026 renewal campaign – which included videos and social media posts – on November 10th and opened the 2026 Membership Year on December 16th.

In October, we finalized our decision to proceed with a new membership database with our current provider. Staff are working closely with them to implement their next gen database, Minasu Central, based on the CPA's wants and needs. At this time, the goal is to launch the new Member Portal by winter 2027 and the new Renewal Portal for 2027 Renewals.

Member-focused Marketing, Communications, and Engagement

From a member-focused CPA marketing and communications perspective, we engaged in the following activities:

- Published 9 editions of *Psygnature*, our monthly digital newsletter and primary inward-facing publication for members, affiliates, and associates. Each issue shared updates on member benefits, advocacy activities, Board developments, professional learning opportunities, members featured in

the media, and invitations to participate in surveys, research, and other initiatives.

- Showcased the work and expertise of members across multiple CPA channels, including our monthly newsletters, weekly news roundups, podcasts, webinars, media stories, website spotlights, and social media platforms. This outreach also included written features and podcast interviews highlighting the work of four student members.
- Created and published 56 bilingual (English and French) written pieces addressing a range of topics including the risks of online sports gambling, the nature of memory, and harm reduction.
- Continued our Monthly Poll Question in *Psygnature* to find out members' views about key initiatives and topics, including – what was top of mind for them right now; what issues did they see facing the future of psychology and – one of our most answered polls since its inception in 2021 – what were their thoughts on the regulation changes being proposed by the CPBAO.
- Sent out 71 communiqués to the membership for various departments.
- Continued creation and publication of *Psychology in the Media* roundups.
- Continued to seek out revenue from Affinity Partners, *Psynopsis* Ads, Career/Event Ads.
- Increased our Member Benefit portfolio to 21 partners with the addition of Dell Technologies.

Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) Program

In its role as the PLI Program Manager, CPA staff continued to support the CPA-CPAP Professional Liability Insurance Program. This included holding regular meetings of the PLI Steering Committee, liaising with BMS on the program regarding subscribers' experiences, providing updates on the program to CPAP members, sharing relevant resources with CPA and Provincial/Territorial (P/T) members, and conducting/supporting the annual vetting process.

With CPAP and BMS, participated in town halls with members of the Association des psychologues du Québec (APQ) to discuss some of the questions they had regarding the CPA-CPAP PLI program.

In February, we began initial talks with BMS regarding renewal of the PLI program for the upcoming year.



ACCREDITATION

The CPA accredits a total of 95 doctoral and residency programs in professional psychology as of May 2026.

Roll-out of the Armature Accreditation Management System is ongoing. The system was successfully launched to a pilot group of programs in April 2025, and 2025 annual reports and public disclosure reports were completed by all programs using the Armature system. Accreditation staff are currently working with programs, site visitors, and Armature staff to identify gaps in the system.

The Accreditation Panel provided a brief to the CPA's Board on the establishment of accreditation standards for master's programs in professional psychology. The brief indicated that while such standards were feasible to develop, they would require consensus from the Canadian psychology regulatory community about the title and scope of master's-prepared practitioners before they were implemented.

The Accreditation Panel continued to discuss the centralized collection of demographic data from program faculty and students and is also continuing its work to review and revise its accreditation procedures to clarify several processes.

SECTIONS: ADMINISTRATION, FUNCTIONING, GOVERNANCE

Section Administration and Functioning

Administratively, CPA staff have provided the following support:

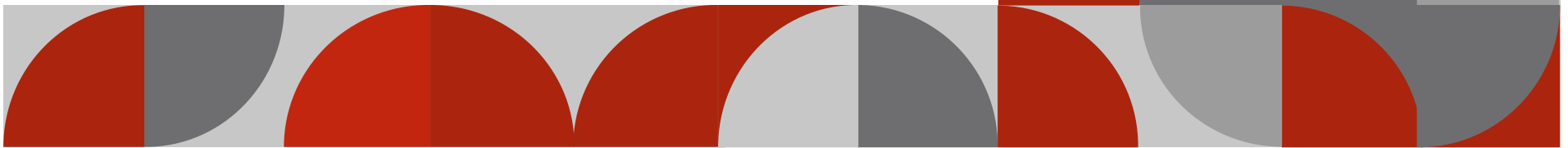
- regular touch base via email with various Section Chairs to respond to inquiries
- orientation meeting of the Section Chairs in the fall
- requested and collected nominations for the annual Section Newsletter Award
- liaised with the Student Section Executive regarding their budget for the coming year and ongoing support from the CPA
- finalized the dissolution of the Community Psychology Section
- supported several sections which experienced resignations of their Chair during the year and reached out to Chairs of Sections with less than the required number of 25 members to discuss next steps
- annual dinner meeting of Sections Chairs with the Board at the CPA's Annual Convention

Section Governance

The CPA's Board approved the creation of two new sections:

- Jewish Psychology and
- Suicide Prevention

The CPA's CEO invited interested Section Chairs to participate in a working group to review and update the Section Operating Regulations following the approval of the CPA's updated By-laws. Two Chairs participated. The CPA worked with those Chairs to revise the Section Operating Regulations and circulated the updated draft to all Section Chairs, with all updates clearly identified.



GOVERNANCE

Since last June, the Board met in October and February for its full Board meetings, in December to approve the 2026 budget, and in April to approve the auditor's report. Readouts from the October and February meetings were posted. In December, the Board elected the Incoming President.

A town hall was held in November 2025 to discuss proposed changes to the CPA By-laws followed by a Special Meeting of the Members on December 11th at which time the proposed By-laws were approved by the CPA membership. The updated By-laws were posted on the CPA's website and filed with Corporations Canada by the CPA's legal counsel.

This past year saw the implementation of changes to the Fellows & Awards nomination process as approved by the Board last June. Notice of revisions was shared with the CPA membership via the website, *Psygnature*, member communications, and social media. The call for CPA Fellow & Award nominations went out in late 2025 and the electronic nominations portal was open for the month of January.



COALITIONS, COLLABORATIVES, AND ALLIANCES

Association of Accrediting Agencies of Canada (AAAC)

Dr. Madon represents the CPA on the AAAC, a group of accreditors in Canada that represent a range of professions. Discussions focus on the value of accreditation, improving accreditation processes, and information sharing on current issues in accreditation.

Association of Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations (ACPRO)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker serves as the CPA's liaison to ACPRO. Discussions have focused on the unique role of psychologists and hosting a joint summit that bring together key representatives/perspectives to discuss and land on a different training model.

Canadian Alliance of Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH)

Throughout 2025-2026 we continued to support CAMIMH's ongoing work. Our activities included bookkeeping and administrative support, and continued work on an advocacy plan focused on policies that support expanded publicly funded access to mental health and substance use health care services, the third annual release of a mental health/substance use health report card, and a continued focus on mental health and substance use health parity. As part of its ongoing lobbying activities, CAMIMH again convened its "Mental Health Champions" event, and held many meetings with Parliamentarians and federal officials on mental health.

Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

The CPA continued its membership in the CCR, with Dr. Thompson representing the CPA in the position of Vice-Chair. The CCR's efforts continued to focus on highlighting the contribution of psychological science to decision-makers and the need for continued investments in Canada's research ecosystem. The CCR held its annual meeting with the funders, in the form of an in-person breakfast meeting in early 2026, which was attended by representatives from NSERC, CIHR, and CFI.

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA)

The CPA continued its collaboration with CLHIA discussing insurance for psychological services from both the employee and employer perspective.

Canadian Practitioners Network for the Prevention of Extremist Violence (CPN-PREV)

Dr. Fowlie represents the CPA in this evidence-based and practitioner-centered network committed to preventing violent extremism (PVE). Through meetings and training, it aims to strengthen capacities, support best practices, and encourage collaborative interdisciplinarity among researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and various community actors working in the PVE space.

Canadian Sleep Research Consortium (CSRC)

The CSRC is a national hub of sleep scientists and clinicians advancing research and interventions to optimize sleep health throughout the lifespan. The CPA supports the consortium as a knowledge mobilizer.

Community Health Leaders Network (CHLNet)

The CPA continued its involvement with this network which includes 40+ Canadian health organizations focused on better incorporating evidence and systems thinking into the practice of 21st century health leadership to improve health system performance and advance transformation. Dr. Votta-Bleeker is a member of this network.

Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists (CPAP)

The CPA, represented by Dr. Votta-Bleeker, is a member of CPAP. There is also a representative from CPAP who holds a partner representative seat on the CPA's Board. CPAP meets to pool the collective knowledge and experience of the provincial, territorial, and national psychological associations to further their own jurisdictional psychology advocacy efforts.

This past year, the CPA and CPAP continued to co-sponsor the BMS Professional Liability Insurance Program and worked together on the following initiatives: development of a leadership academy, organizing a presentation on leadership

at the CPA's 2026 Convention, advocating for the recruitment and retention of psychologists in the public health system, and exploring the organization of group health insurance benefits for self-employed psychologists.

E-Mental Health Collaborative (EMHC)

Dr. Madon represents the CPA on this collaborative, whose members discuss current trends and concerns with digitally-delivered and electronically-mediated mental health services.

Extended Healthcare Providers Coalition (EHPC)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker and Mr. Brimacombe sit on this coalition of health providers whose members work within, and outside of, the public sector. Activity continued to include an interdisciplinary advocacy working group, collective advocacy on changes to the interim federal health program, discussion of having a stronger voice when it comes to advocating for appropriate extended health coverage for EHPC members, and the collection of data on Canada's mental health human resources.

Global Psychology Alliance (GPA)

The CPA continues to participate in the work of the GPA, an alliance of psychology associations around the world dedicated to applying psychological science to public policy. Through this network, the CPA's CEO maintains regular contact with the Senior Director for the APA's Office of International Affairs.

Health Workforce Canada (HWC)

The CPA continues to be a member of an external advisory group to HWC to assist them with the development of their website.

National Collaborative on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Supported by the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment and the Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families, this Collaborative aims to enhance the collective understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. Members of the Collaborative represent a wide range of expertise from across Canada. Dr. Votta-Bleeker serves as the CPA's representative.

Organizations for Health Action (HEAL)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker and Dr. Madon continued to represent the CPA in HEAL activity. HEAL's advocacy priorities continued to be seniors, mental health, long-term care, and effective pan-Canadian planning when it comes to the health workforce. HEAL also met regularly with Parliamentarians.

Perinatal Mental Health Coalition of Canada (PMHCC)

The PMHCC exists to unite national non-profit organizations, as well as one coalition from each province and territory, for collective action and advocacy to advance perinatal mental health across Canada. Dr. Votta-Bleeker serves as the CPA's representative.

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Mr. Brimacombe continued to represent the CPA on a PHAC roundtable bringing together health care leaders in Canada in the service of population and public health. Activities this year focused on sharing information on public health priorities between organizations, identifying public health issues national health organizations can advance with PHAC, and outreach to Canada's new Chief Public Health Officer.

Quality Mental Healthcare Network (QMHCN)

Supported by HealthCareCAN and the MHCC, the QMHCN unites health-sector leaders from across the country to help improve access to quality mental health care, including stigma reduction, support recovery-oriented practices, and promote the psychological health and safety of health care workers. Dr. Madon is the current CPA representative in this network.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons

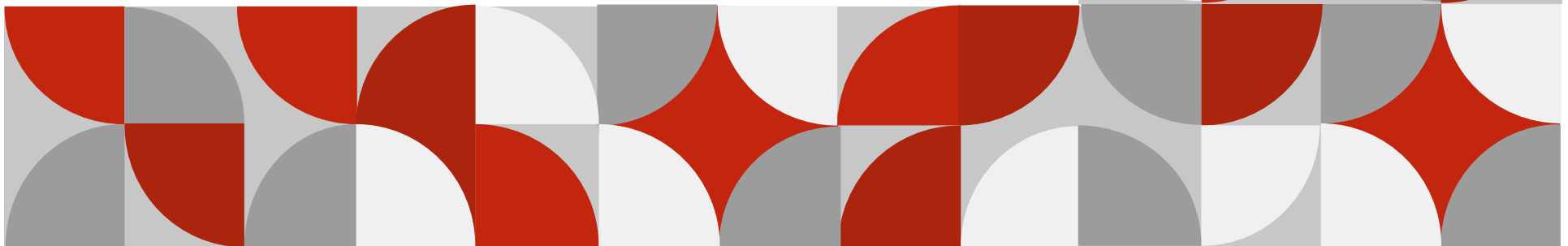
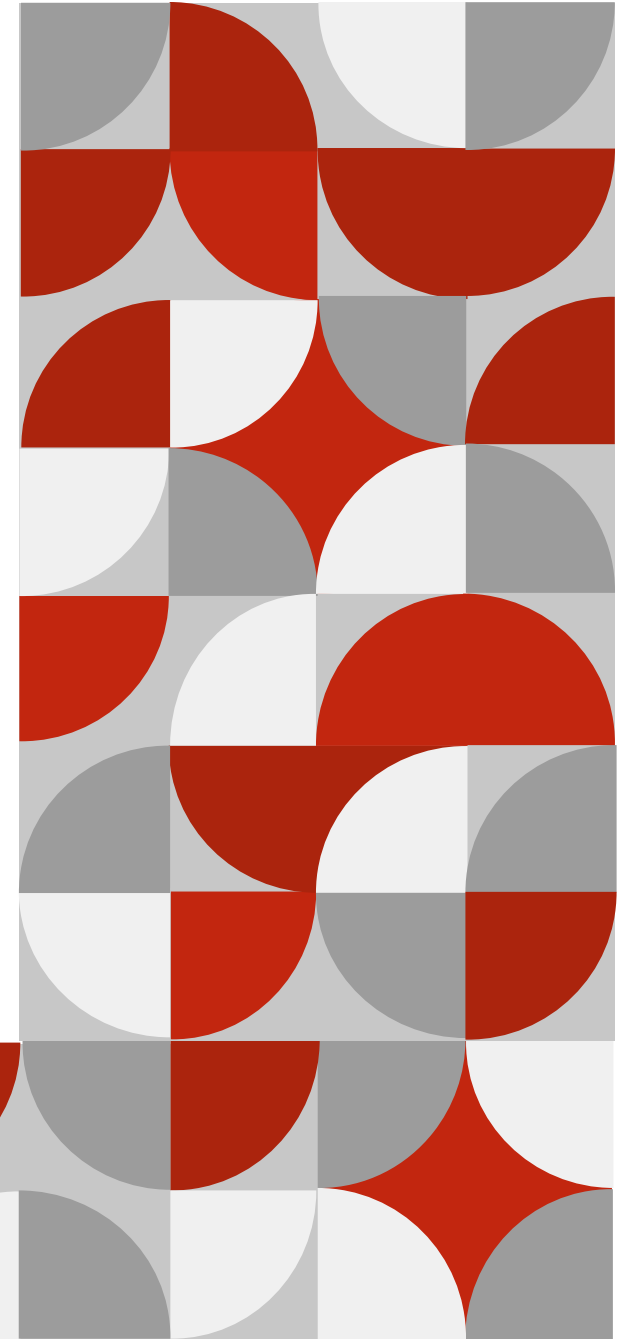
Dr. Madon represents the CPA on the steering committee for a five-year project to develop a National Plan for Health Workforce Well-Being that is funded by Health Canada.

Strong Minds Strong Kids Psychology Canada

Conversations with Strong Minds Strong Kids Psychology Canada focused on ways in which the CPA could promote their webinars, increase applicants to their research grants, and promote both their awards and their educational offerings. At their ask, the CPA also took over financial oversight of the Mary J. Wright Fund which is an award administered by the CPA's History, Theory and Qualitative Inquiry of Psychology Section.

Veteran's Affairs Canada (VAC) Health and Well-being Advisory Group

Dr. Madon represents the CPA on this Advisory Group, whose mandate includes supporting the well-being of veterans and their families.



CPA'S 2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 12- 14, 2025 (ST. JOHN'S, NL)

Total Attendees
1,530

12-Minute Talks
154

Scientific
Program Streams
35

CPA Honorary
Presidential Address
1

Exhibitors
& Sponsors
45

In-Convention Professional
Development Workshops
26

CPA Keynote
Addresses
2

Pre-Convention Professional
Development Workshops
5



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Internship/Job Fair

2



CPA Presidential Address

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Panel Discussions

23

Section-Featured Speakers

26



Symposia

57



5-Minute Snapshot Presentations

119

25-Minute Review Sessions

17

Papers within a Symposium

173

Committee Meetings

6



Conversation Sessions

42



Posters

518



OUR 2026 CPA AWARD WINNERS

CPA Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Canadian Psychology



Dr. Janel Gauthier

CPA John C. Service Member of the Year Award



Dr. Lesley Graff



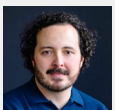
Dr. Sean Kidd

CPA Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Science



Dr. Penny Pexman

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology in Canada



Dr. Jeffrey Ansloos

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession



Dr. Heather Hadjistavropoulos

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology



Dr. David Dozois

CPA Award for Public, Community Service and Human Rights and Social Justice in Psychology



Dr. Katherine Starzyk

CPA President's New Researcher Award



Dr. Audrey-Ann Deneault



Dr. Sharon Hou



Dr. Sabrina Syan

OUR 2026 CPA FELLOWS & BEST JOURNAL ARTICLE AWARD WINNERS

CPA Fellows



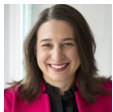
Dr. Christopher Bowie



Dr. Mary Ann Campbell



Dr. Jacqueline Cohen



Dr. Kim Corace



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Dr. Karen Dyck



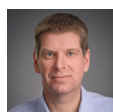
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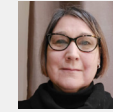
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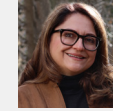
Dr. Lindsay McCunn



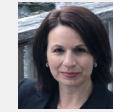
Dr. Martin Provencher



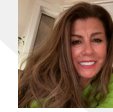
Dr. Christine Purdon



Dr. Christina Rinaldi



Dr. Elisa Romano



Dr. Saba Safdar



Dr. Katherine Starzyk

Section Newsletter Award Winner

Asian Psychology Section: *Tapestry* (December, 2025), Issue #2.

Best Journal Article Award Winners

Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science (CJBS) / Revue canadienne des sciences du comportement (RCSC): Vallée, A., Turgeon-Arès, M., Beaulieu, N., Brassard, A., & Péloquin, K. (2025). Depressive symptoms as a potential mechanism for the association between perceived autonomy support and optimal commitment in long-term couples [Volume 57, Issue 3, pp. 181-189].

Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology (CJEP) / Revue canadienne de psychologie expérimentale (RCPE): Peetz, J., LeBlanc, C., Wells, T., Zohar, E., & Sidhu, D. M. (2025). On top of the hour: Preference for scheduling and starting tasks at the beginning of the hour. Advance online publication.

Canadian Psychology (CP) / Psychologie canadienne (PC): Zheng, Y., Meyer, Z., & Wu, Y. (2025). Taking stock and moving forward: Synthesizing ethnic-racial diversity in Canadian social genomics research [Volume 66, Issue 3, pp. 247-263].

CPA STUDENT GRANTS: RESEARCH, CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Research Grants			
Grant	Recipient	Title of Research Project	Affiliation
BMS	Georgia Gopinath	The Prevalence and Impact of Loneliness in Older Adults Living with Serious Mental Illness	University of Manitoba
BMS	Anik Obomsawin	Impacts of and Engagement in Community-Based Indigenous Healing Programs Among Toronto's Urban Indigenous Communities	Toronto Metropolitan University
BMS	Yufei (Mandy) Wu	Understanding the experiences of Sanctuary Scholars in Ontario, Canada: A community-based participatory research project with youth navigating precarious migrant status	Toronto Metropolitan University
CPA-SAC	Rachel Cluett	Resilience as a Moderator of Discrimination-Related Cortical Thinning: A Neuroimaging Investigation of Social Determinants of Health	McGill University
CPA-SAC	Gabriela de Miranda Murphy	Uncovering support processes in romantic dyads experiencing depressive symptoms	Western University
CPA-SAC	Kyra Farrelly	Examining the Role of Conditioned Craving in the Relationship Between PTSD and Simultaneous Alcohol and Cannabis Use: A Cue Exposure Paradigm	York University
CPA-SAC	Jessica Gaudette	Evaluation of the Integrated Correctional Program Model (ICPM) within the New Brunswick provincial correctional service environment	University of New Brunswick
CPA-SAC	Kelsey Haczkevicz	The Influence of a Single-Session, Online, Self-Guided Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Intervention on Informal Caregivers of Long-term Care Residents: A Randomized Controlled Trial	University of Regina
CPA-SAC	Harley Harwood	The Turing Test of talent? An examination of the psychometric properties of large language models scoring job interviews	Saint Mary's University

Research Grants

Grant	Recipient	Title of Research Project	Affiliation
CPA-SAC	Jaiden Herkimer	From symbolic gestures to meaningful actions: Ideological moral credentialing and selective support for truth and reconciliation among non-Indigenous Canadians	Toronto Metropolitan University
CPA-SAC	Chung-Hui Huang	Exploring the Interactions of Emotion Beliefs and Mental Health Across Cultures: The Role of Self-Construals	University of Windsor
CPA-SAC	Yash Joshi	Adjustment to Different Life Phases in Emerging Adults: A Mixed-Methods Analysis	University of British Columbia
CPA-SAC	Liran Leidershnaider	Leveraging Prompt-Based AI to Enhance Writing Quality in Typical and Struggling Adolescent Writers	University of Toronto
CPA-SAC	Stephanie Penta	Momentary Motives of Simultaneous Alcohol and Cannabis Co-use: Investigating the Effectiveness of Motive-Congruent Risk Communication	Toronto Metropolitan University
CPA-SAC	Kailey Roche	Neurodiversity and Sexual Attraction	University of Ottawa
CPA-SAC	Jade Stobbart	Navigating Overlap and Distinction: The Influence of Bodily Self Malleability on Empathy	McGill University
CPA-SAC	Cheryl Trask	Examining Mechanisms of Post-Traumatic Growth in Women After Intimate Partner Violence	University of Saskatchewan
CPA-SAC	Chloe White	Can a single-session intervention decrease risk for eating disorder symptoms in young adults? A preliminary investigation of treatment feasibility & acceptability	Simon Fraser University
CPA-CSBBCS	Natasha Vogel	Regulation of Simultaneous Emotions in Daily Life: An Ecological Momentary Assessment Study of Emerging Adults	University of Guelph
Student Section	Narissa Byers	Tracking the Difference: Oculomotor Reading Patterns in Healthy Aging vs. Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)	University of New Brunswick, Fredericton
Student Section	Simonne Mastrella	When the Invisible Becomes Visible: Disclosing an Invisible Disability During Selection	University of Guelph
Student Section	Li-elle Rapaport	Improving Mental Health System Navigation in Older Adults' Primary Care Providers	University of Manitoba

OUR SECTIONS

Our Sections play an important role in meeting the needs of our members, affiliates, and associates. They are integral to filling our convention programming, assist in the development of professional development offerings, send regular newsletters to their Section members, review submitted fact sheets, and participate in the development of policies and positions in their areas of expertise. The following are highlights from some of our Sections.

Addiction Psychology

Dr. Beáta Bóthe

- Launched a new webinar series featuring invited speakers who present on addiction-related topics
- Launched a LinkedIn page for the Addiction Psychology Section to strengthen communication, increase visibility, and share news, opportunities, and resources with our community
- Established the Addiction Psychology Section's Student Manuscript Award to recognize outstanding trainee research in addiction psychology (2025 winners: Camille Zolopa and Nolan Gooding), and continued to offer the Diversifying Addiction Psychology Travel Award and the Addiction Psychology Best Oral/Poster Award to support and recognize excellence among trainees in the field

Aging and Geropsychology

**Dr. Natasha Gallant (Chair),
Dr. Colleen Millikin (Acting Chair)**

- We published the second issue of our Aging & Geropsychology Newsletter. In this issue, we included section updates, information about upcoming events, training and funding opportunities, and highlights of innovative research and practice across Canada and beyond. The newsletter can be accessed here: <https://cpa.ca/docs/File/Sections/Aging/Ag-ing&Gero%20Newsletter%20Nov25.pdf>
- We launched our new Aging & Geropsychology Mentorship Program. This initiative was designed to strengthen connection, collaboration, and growth across the diverse landscape of aging and geropsychology. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or being a mentee, please email Jennifer Meszaros at jmeszaros@uvic.ca
- We began compiling a comprehensive list of aging researchers and clinicians across Canada. We hope that this resource will be used to foster research collaborations, find dissertation committee members, and suggest external reviewers during journal submissions. Aging researchers and clinicians can add their names to the list: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yfRB-Kg0-vtkY5kxSuhMr6lty6GJ65tjnmfTodLoavsE/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

Asian Psychology

Dr. Fred Chou

- The section formalized three standing committees (Research, Practice and Training, and Membership Coordination) and established

a Student Working group. Each committee includes members of the leadership team and section members to support initiatives related to research, community connection, and resource sharing.

- The Research Committee has established consistent meetings known as “Life and Learning” events. The Practice and Training Committee has maintained ongoing culturally responsive case consultations. The Membership Coordination Committee has launched the Asian Psychology Section LinkedIn group. At the same time, the Student Working Group hosted several community events.
- For upcoming initiatives, the section has developed a framework to launch a mentorship program for students and early-career scholars/practitioners. For Asian Heritage Month in May 2026, the focus will be on the theme “Celebrating Contributions to Asian Psychology in Canada,” with an event featuring a keynote speaker.

Black Psychology

Dr. Linda Iwenofu

- Launched the inaugural national BPS student mentorship program for Black applicants to graduate psychology training. Running from October 2025 to June 2026, the first cohort included 35 mentees and 7 mentors, all of whom were licensed racialized psychologists practicing in Canada.
- Hosted engaging, well-attended monthly webinars on topics including student and early-career mentorship, equity, diversity

and inclusion in CPA accreditation, and Black children's mental health, creating meaningful opportunities for learning, connection, and professional development across our membership.

- Celebrated Black History Month through impactful scholarship and advocacy, including a webinar featuring APA President Dr. Wendi Williams on liberatory leadership praxis, publication of Dr. Linda Iwenofu's public-facing piece on racism in Canada, and renewed calls to action addressing anti-racism in psychology.

Brain and Cognitive Science

Dr. Vanessa Morris

- Dr. Heath Matheson gave a talk on "Embodiment, predictive processing, and psychopathology: Understanding the mind and the brain", at the 2025 convention in St. John's.
- A total of five students were recognized with awards.

Clinical Neuropsychology

Dr. Nicolás Francisco Narvaez Linares

- The section successfully completed its first national bilingual survey of Canadian Clinical Neuropsychologists, recruiting a representative sample across provinces and practice contexts. Participation exceeded initial targets, underscoring strong national engagement, and the profession's shared interest in clarifying the current state and future direction of clinical neuropsychology in Canada.
- In partnership with the CPA, the Section established CPA-accredited continuing

education webinars, enabling clinical neuropsychology-focused professional development to qualify for CE credits. These webinars will remain available for future reference, supporting ongoing knowledge dissemination and expanding access to specialized neuropsychological training nationwide.

- The Section, with CPA Board approval, established a national working group to develop national standards for Clinical Neuropsychology in Canada. This marks the first coordinated, pan-Canadian effort to examine theoretical and clinical training expectations for clinical neuropsychologists, to promote consistency, clarity, and professional standards across provinces.

Clinical Psychology

Dr. Megan Ames

- Supported student development through grants and awards, including the Ken Bowers Student Research Award and Clinical Section Travel Awards. These initiatives help enhance students' educational experiences and career growth.
- Held elections for open positions on the Clinical Section Executive Committee – we will be welcoming Dr. Eli Cwinn (Chair-Elect), Dr. Joan Hillson (Secretary), Dr. Larah Maunder (Member-at-Large), and Brittany Shov, Isabel Shapiro, and Stephanie Andreasen (Student Representatives) to the 2026-2027 Executive!
- Are continuing our speaker series for Clinical Section and CPA members. In the Spring, Dr. Alexis Fabricius, will speak to the use of mental health apps and AI scribes in note taking.

Counselling Psychology

Dr. Danika Overmars

- Our section maintained a strong financial position, which has allowed the section to offer student travel awards for the 2026 convention. The budget also includes research and distinguished member awards, convention programming, educational webinars, and supporting our working group's efforts to propose revisions to the definition of counselling psychology.
- There was a significant increase in the number of submissions (approximately 100) for the 2026 CPA Convention and the quantity and quality of submissions demonstrated the strength of our section's efforts in research and practice; we are grateful to the volunteers who offered their time and expertise to review submissions.
- As a section, we endeavor to engage members from varying contexts, including practice, research, and education. We are excited and honored Dr. Mikaela Gabriel presented "Indigenous Knowledges and Approaches to Safe, Effective Counselling for and with Indigenous Peoples" as the Counselling Psychology Section keynote speaker at the 2026 Convention.

Criminal Justice Psychology

Dr. Jeremy Mills

Developmental Psychology

Dr. Andrea Howard

- The Developmental section sponsored the "mentoring lunch" for students at Development 2026, a conference taking place immediately prior to the CPA's annual convention. Developmental Section students were offered priority access to a complimentary lunch with senior scholars in the field.

- At the 2025 Convention, the Developmental section awarded monetary prizes to the best student paper presentations, best student posters, and issued travel awards to students traveling longer distances to the Convention.

Educational and School Psychology

Dr. Steven Shaw (Chair),

Dr. Maria Kokai (Acting Chair)

- An Educational and School Psychology Professional Practice Guidelines Working Group has been established.
- An Educational and School Psychology Working Group has been created to develop a series of key messages and policy “asks” of specific target audiences that are provincial-specific.

Environmental Psychology

Dr. Natalia Cooper

- We continued our commitment to supporting students by offering the Robert Sommer Memorial Award and Undergraduate Student Research Award to recognize outstanding research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students in environmental psychology topics. We awarded two awards to students during the CPA’s 2025 Annual Convention.
- Worked to publish our new newsletter for May 2025 and November 2025. Key contributions included highlighting the release of Lindsay McCunn’s new book, *Becoming an Environmental Psychologist*, as well as sharing information on conference opportunities, student awards, and relevant social media content and podcasts related to environmental psychology.

- We launched the Climate Action Working Group focused on climate change advocacy and developed a survey examining attitudes, knowledge, and behaviours related to climate change and the role of psychology in addressing the issue. Findings will inform the CPA’s efforts to integrate climate considerations into research, practice, and policy.

Extremism and Terrorism

Dr. David Nussbaum

- Section Symposium at the CPA’s 2025 Convention - as the Section accomplished for its 15-year existence, it featured a Symposium authored and presented by Section Executive Members that illuminated key, contemporary points, in expanding understanding of the Psychology of Extremist Ideologies across the political spectrum, and their expressions in terrorism.
- Informing the academic, professional and lay public of the utility of research regarding the psychology of extremism and terrorism
- The paucity of Psychology Departments dedicated to Extremism and Terrorism, incurs difficulty attracting members to Section Membership, or actively participating at Convention. However, contemporary assault on global integrity, safety and structure induced by extremist ideologies make the present ripe for pursuing this interesting and nuanced domain.

Family Psychology

Dr. Jen Theule

- Started our “Basics of Family Psychology” Series for live (and in the future, on-demand) continuing education credits for section members in

conjunction with the CPA. This series of short lunch ‘n’ learns introduces attendees to basic overarching concepts in family psychology, such as family systems and attachment relationships.

- Awarded our Outstanding Contributor to Family Psychology award to Dr. Jean-François Bureau of the University of Ottawa. He will be presenting our section invited talk at CPA2026. We also awarded our outstanding thesis award to Gillian Shoychet of York University and our poster award to Imogen Sloss from University of Waterloo.
- Hosted our Section Featured Speaker: Andrea Gonzalez of McMaster University who presented on “Promoting Healthy Families: Triple P and Circle of Security vs. Treatment as Usual - Evaluation Findings and Key Insights.”

Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

Dr. Kharah Ross

- Awarded six travel awards to support the cost of travel to attend the CPA’s 2025 Annual Convention. Of the five awards, one award was allocated for a submission in French and another to an early career researcher.
- Released two outstanding issues of our Section newsletter ‘Health Notes’ led by our newsletter Editor, Dr. Vincent Gosselin Boucher. Newsletters featured our section award winners, job postings, awards, knowledge translation, professional development opportunities, and research conducted by Health Psychologists and Behavioural Medicine providers in Canada.
- Continuing to work on a needs assessment being led independently by Dr. Kharah Ross to better understand barriers and facilitators to

health psychology and behavioural medicine professional network participation in Canada.

History, Theory, and Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (HTQ)

Dr. Kathleen Slaney

- This past year has been a time of continued growth for the HTQ Section. The HTQ Executive and advisory committee have met several times to discuss themes for convention programming and potential mechanisms for community connection and building.
- The HTQ program of Convention 2026 bridges themes of interdisciplinarity, metascience, and a Canadian perspective on history, theory, and qualitative inquiry, and applied qualitative research on a range of topics. Once again, we are convening a panel at the Convention exploring cross-disciplinary connections between qualitative and quantitative researchers.
- The 2025 winner of the Mary J. Wright student paper award was Marianne Laprise Falardeau. The winners of the 2026 Convention student travel awards are Catherine Hall and Azadeh Naimi.

Indigenous Peoples' Psychology

Dr. Iloradanon Efimoff

- We hosted an online panel discussion with supervisors of Indigenous students in clinical psychology. We had 60 attendees. Panellists spoke about their experiences supervising clinical psychology students who were Indigenous and how to create a supportive environment, among many other topics.

- We hosted an online panel discussion with Indigenous graduate students in clinical psychology. We had 46 attendees. The event was very well-received, evidenced by multiple messages from attendees afterwards, asking to share the recording with others/sharing positive feedback. The panellists discussed supervision from their perspectives.
- We have accepted approximately 30 abstracts to our section, our largest number ever! We are also working hard to organize section activities for this year's upcoming convention.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dr. Anja Krstic

International and Cross-Cultural Psychology

Dr. Colin Scott

- Awarded this year's John W. Berry Award for the best student paper presentation to
 - Jude Nachabe (PhD Candidate, Concordia University) - "From Berlin to Montréal: Mapping Brazilian migrants' sense of belonging in urban space"
- Awarded this year's Marta Y. Young Award for best student short presentation at the annual convention to Jessica Li (PhD student, University of Victoria) - "Immigrant solidarity and policy support for Indigenous Peoples in Canada: Examining profiles of victimization, knowledge, and views on fairness"

Jewish Psychology

Dr. Ada Sinacore

Psychologists and Retirement

Dr. Juanita Mureika and Dawn Hanson

- A narrative summary of our survey of provincial registrars on ratios of psychologists to population was published in the December issue of *Psynopsis*. Detailed results were shared with the CPA, since our data was more current than the CIHI data used in the policy primer, *Where to From Here?*
- The monthly virtual meetings of SPAR members have continued this year, and we have found them to be excellent opportunities for members to connect and support one another. We have initiated various projects, as well, to better understand the state of, and challenges to, psychology in Canada today.
- Our Section remains focused on the experiences and challenges of retirement, as well as supporting and promoting well-being and resilience for retiring Canadian psychologists.

Psychologists in Hospitals and Health Centres

Dr. Lesley Graff

- Through the Task Force on Health Sector Recruitment and Retention initiated by our section in partnership with the CPA, led the preparation of a position paper which provides recommendations to strengthen the psychologist workforce in publicly funded health services. This is due to be released in spring 2026.
- Co-authored a response commentary to a *Canadian Psychology* article on clinical training, clarifying the skills and scope needed for professional psychology practice in hospitals and health centres, and the relevant

contribution of foundational scientist-practitioner doctoral training in these clinical settings. The paper has been accepted and is in press.

- As guest editor and reviewers, prepared the fall 2025 *Psynopsis* issue on evidence-based psychological intervention and assessment: mental health and health psychology applications. The articles emphasized innovative methods for delivering clinical care to enhance access and focused services to address clinical presentations that are often underserved.

Psychology Careers and Professionals Vacant

Psychology in the Military

Dr. Cindy Suurd Ralph

- We are pleased to have Dr. Annie Vallières (Université Laval) present her work at this year's convention. Her talk is entitled, "Under Pressure and Out of Sync: The Toll of Atypical Work Schedules on Sleep and Mental Health"
- Since 2016, we have presented a monetary award (\$250) and certificate to a graduating Honour's Psychology student at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) with the best honours thesis at RMC; this will continue for 2026.
- The section decided to postpone our 4th annual Virtual Undergraduate Student Conference co-organized with the Department of Military Psychology and Leadership, Royal Military College until April 2027. The conference will showcase undergraduate student research with an application to military psychology.

Psychopharmacology

Dr. Amir Ali Sepehry

- We have published newsletter articles
- We have submitted several posters and symposium abstracts
- We are sitting on the CPA's RxP task force

Quantitative Electrophysiology

Dr. Elizabeth Hartney

Quantitative Methods

Dr. Sean P. Mackinnon

- Published a new issue of the Section's newsletter, *Psychostatistics*, which contains a wealth of useful information, such as Consulting Corner, Visual Insights, and QM Laugh.
- Organized the yearly QM Undergraduate Recruitment Event on November 7th, 2025. This event offered crucial information to undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in QM across Canada.
- The Featured Speaker for the QM Section at the CPA's convention was Dr. Jonathan Fawcett, who gave a great talk on Bayesian meta-analysis. We also gave out two student awards for "Best Presentation" and "Best Research" that came with a small monetary award.

Rural and Northern Psychology

Dr. Veronica Hutchings

- Dr. Shelley Goodwin, a very active member of our section and previous chair was awarded the honour of CPA Fellow during the CPA's 2025 convention. Congratulations Dr. Goodwin and thank you for all you have done for rural and northern practice!

- Two new members were acclaimed to executive positions of our section. Charlene Bradford, the 2025 recipient of the Distinguished Contributions to Rural and Northern Practice Award, was named chair elect and Julia Hall a recent graduate of MSVU's school psychology program was named secretary-treasurer.
- Our virtual grand rounds and watercooler conversation series is in its third year! Originally funded by a research grant and now organized by section volunteers, this series permits section members to attend between 8-10 CE workshops for which members receive formal CPA approved CE credits.

Section on Women and Psychology (SWAP)

Dr. Nicole Jeffrey

- We will award our annual Distinguished Member Award, Feminist Mentoring Award, and Student Awards (Paper, Presentation, and Travel) at the 2026 CPA Convention.
- We continued our recent efforts to further document and publicize our section's history, including digitizing old section newsletters for our online archives.
- We are planning for future virtual events to engage our members and the public in discussions around feminist psychology topics.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGII)

Dr. Erin Leigh Courtice

- SOGII welcomed a new chair (for the first time in over a decade) - Dr. Erin Leigh Courtice! Dr. Blair stepped into the Past Chair role. Moving forward, Chairs will serve for 2 years as chair and 1 year as past-chair.

- The invited symposium at CPA2025 focused on SOGII's history with the section's founder, Todd Morrison, as an invited speaker. Dr. Blair presented statistics on the increase in LGBTQ+ content at the CPA's convention over the past two decades, including the proliferation of such content being presented OUTSIDE of the SOGII section.
- The section began the process of transitioning its website to the CPA website and will be shutting down its external website as a cost savings method due to the increase in hosting fees over the last several years.

Social and Personality

Dr. Frederick Grouzet

- Congratulations to the 2025 student award winners!
 - Brendan Gail Rule graduate student award: Tayler Wells (University of Toronto) for "Public displays of affection: Relationship-relevant posting predicts positive outcomes."
 - Kenneth Dion undergraduate student award: Renee Pi (University of Calgary) for "Tuned In: Music Preferences, Music Listening Duration, and Personality."
- On November 11, 2025, Dr. Frederick Grouzet (University of Victoria) has volunteered to serve as the Interim Chair of the Social and Personality Section. The Section would like to thank Dr. Cheryl Harasymchuk (Carleton University) for her dedicated work as Chair of the Section for more than 5 years.

- While the Section's pre-conference was not offered in 2025, it returns in 2026. This is a good way to start the CPA convention and get together for meaningful knowledge exchange.

Sport and Exercise Psychology

Vacant

Students

Ms. Alzena Ilie

- The Student Mentorship Program is now in its 11th year and continues to be a strong success. This year, the program included 82 participants, with several returning mentees and mentors. The Student Representative Program continues to show strong engagement, with 105 active student representatives across 38 universities in Canada
- The Section Executive organized six student-focused sessions for the CPA's 2026 Convention. Highlights include Dr. Sherry Stewart as the Section Featured Speaker, panel discussions on the future of psychology in Canada, self-disclosure in academia, Francophone psychology, and graduate school funding, and a workshop on strategies to strengthen academic motivation
- The Section continues to support student development through several awards and funding opportunities, including:
 - Convention Best Poster Awards (\$150 x3)
 - Convention Travel Awards (\$250 x20)
 - Student Research Grants (\$500 x3)
 - Campus initiative Grants (\$750 x2)

- Campus Representative Award (\$100)
- Mentorship Recognition Awards (\$50 x2)

Teaching of Psychology

Dr. Alice Kim

- Developed a diverse convention program focused on learning and teaching in psychology, including the section's featured speaker address, "Using Generative AI to Efficiently Provide Spaced, Elaborative, Interleaving Formative Assessments" by Dr. Simon Lolliot.
- Continued to offer section awards recognizing excellence in teaching and scholarship of teaching and learning.
- Planned the inaugural section journal club series, including coordinating paper authors to join and engage in the sessions.

Traumatic Stress

Dr. Marie-Eve Daspe

- Organized our annual award competitions, the Excellence in Psychology Award, the Early Career Award, and the Student Thesis Awards.
- Created and distributed three Section newsletters, providing key updates on the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, the Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress, award recipients, trauma-related conferences, recent scientific publications, and training opportunities.
- Developed the Section's programming for the CPA's annual convention, featuring invited talks by Dr. Paul Frewen, our 2025 Excellence in Psychology award winner, and Dr. Noémie Bigras, our 2025 Early Career award winner.

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