



## 2017 Annual Section Report

<b>Section Name</b>	Section on Clinical Psychology
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<b>Section Executive</b>	
<b>Chair:</b>	Maxine Holmqvist
<b>Chair-Elect:</b>	Aislin Mushquash
<b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	Pamela Holens
<b>Student Representative:</b>	Carley Pope
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Caelin White

<b>Section Membership (To be completed by Head Office)</b>	
<b># of members:</b>	
<b># of student affiliates:</b>	

<b>Annual Convention Activities June 2017</b>		
<b>Section Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	<b>Time:</b> 3:30 pm
<b>Other Activities</b>	<p>The clinical section is sponsoring two preconvention professional development workshops this year: Dr. Candice Monson's <i>Maximizing PTSD Assessment and Treatment by Incorporating Significant Others</i> and Dr. Noah Lazar and Dr. Eilenna Denisoff's <i>Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy for Psychosis</i>.</p> <p>Our convention program also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 master clinician workshops. <i>Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Menopausal Symptoms</i>, offered by Dr. Sheryl Green, Dr. Randi McCabe and Dr. Eleanor Donegan, <i>Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy for Perfectionism</i> offered by Dr. Martin Antony and <i>Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy</i>, offered by Dr. Zindel Segal.</li> <li>• Invited section speaker, and winner of last year's Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award, Dr. David Moscovitch, speaking about his research and clinical work on social anxiety, <i>Understanding and Treating Social Anxiety Disorder: Fresh Insights Bring New Challenges</i></li> <li>• Public talk and panel discussion in partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, featuring Dr. Stephen Lewis talking about his work on Non-Suicidal Self Injury</li> <li>• Section Business Meeting and Reception</li> <li>• Student symposium: <i>Innovative Ideas and Approaches to</i></li> </ul>	

	<p><i>Understanding and Treating Social Anxiety</i>, with Dr. David Moscovitch as discussant. Have worked to raise the profile of this event and highlight by making it the first symposium of the convention and promoting it on our listserv</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 6 additional symposia and more than 20 GIMME-5 presentations on wide-ranging topics</li> <li>• 2 poster sessions</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Section Activities/Projects</b></p>	
<p><b>Past Year (2016-2017)</b></p>	<p><b>CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>A proposal to develop an online resource for Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) for psychologists was presented at the Section Business Meeting and was approved. A CPG working group was formed with Dr. David Dozois, Dr. Martin Drapeau, Dr. George Tasca, Dr. Peter Bieling and Dr. Maxine Holmqvist. An environmental scan of available resources was conducted over the summer; this has been posted on our website. A needs assessment survey was then distributed in the fall. The majority of respondents were section members who highlighted the importance of quality assessment of available guidelines. The CPG working group and section executive agreed that quality assessment of guidelines is a critical issue, but that the scale of work required was beyond the scope of the section's resources. A call for applications to continue work related to CPG guidelines was circulated in early 2017. Information regarding current CPG resources that are available and ways to assess tools to assess the quality of guidelines are being uploaded on to the section website. The executive and CPG working group have communicated about their work with members through articles in the section newsletter and through updates on the section listserv. Findings from the environmental scan and next steps will also be highlighted in a symposium at the upcoming convention: <i>Clinical Practice Guidelines: What Psychologists Need to Know</i> and will be discussed at the section business meeting this year.</p> <p><b>AWARDS</b></p> <p>There were five applications for the Educational Activity Grant; this was awarded to Trista Friedrich from University of Saskatchewan for a Group Psychotherapy workshop.</p> <p>The section will be announcing Ken Bowers Award for Student Research, Best Student Conference Presentation Award and Travel Award winners prior to the convention. The successful candidate for 2017 Ken Bowers Award will be presented with their award at the annual business meeting.</p> <p>There were no nominations for the Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award (SPECA) or fellow status received this year.</p> <p><b>OTHER SECTION ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>The Clinical Section executive held two formal teleconferences (September 14, 2016; 24 April, 2017) and a mid-Winter meeting (January 26, 2017), in addition</p>

	<p>to regular email contact and updates.</p> <p>In response to a request by a student member, and with the approval of the section executive, the section chair wrote a letter to Karen Cohen and the Board of CPA urging CPA to advocate for changes to legislation that would support clinical trainees traveling to the United States for internship/residency.</p> <p>The section executive requested an update from CPA regarding the revised section terms of reference (formerly by-laws). The executive was advised that specific feedback on the proposed changes submitted by the past-chair could not be provided, but that revised templates for the terms of reference would be circulated shortly. To date, these have not been received. The section executive will be proposing some changes to the current terms for executive members- these will be circulated to members shortly for consideration at the section business meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. As requested by CPA, the clinical section has continued to work on decreasing our budget surplus by increasing convention activity for the coming year and dedicating funds (\$5,000) to the CPG initiative (see above).</p> <p>The section executive responded to requests by the organizers for the International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) 2018 conference and proposed several speakers, one of which has been approved to give a Congress Invited State of the Art Lecture (Dr. David Jobes, speaking about innovations in suicide specific treatment). Other updates will be forthcoming.</p> <p>The section website was updated and edited for clarity. The section newsletter, with Dr. Elizabeth Levin and Dr. Andrea Linett as editors, published a fall edition and is currently compiling the spring edition. The section listserv has been maintained by Dr. Caelin White, member at large.</p> <p>The section continues to actively contribute to CPA initiatives, including recruiting members to serve on various committees and task forces and contributing to the review of CPA factsheets.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Year</b></p>	<p>It is anticipated that the section will play a very active role in continuing to plan for the ICAP 2018 convention.</p> <p>The section executive is committed to continuing to work on knowledge translation activities on CPGs, and will be partnering with appropriate groups to move this agenda forward.</p>



Maxine Holmqvist

, Chair