Section Name | Counselling Psychology

Section Executive

Chair: Ada L. Sinacore
Chair-Elect: Robinder Bedi
Secretary/Treasurer: Anusha Kassan
Student Representative: Jennifer Titus
Other: Freda Ginsberg, Natalee Natalee Popadiuk (Members at Large) Chao-Mei Chiang (WEB Master), Jose Domene & Michael Huston (Newsletter)

Section Membership

# of members: 204 (includes Fellows)
# of student affiliates: 153

Annual Convention Activities

Section Annual Meeting | Date: June 5, 2014 | Time: 3:00 PM – 3:55 PM Room 205B

Other Activities

Last year at the 2013 Convention the Section gave out the following awards:

**Best Doctoral Dissertation**
Shifting Focus: A Videographic Inquiry of Hope and Unplanned Pregnancy
J. Lauren Johnson, University of Alberta

**Best Master’s Thesis (tied):**
Co-constructing Stories of “We” and “Us” With Cohabitating Couples
Marnie Rogers-de Jong
Examining the Moderating Effects of Adolescent Self-Compassion on the Relationship Between Social Rank and Depression
By Jennifer Williams, University of Alberta

**Best Master’s Student Poster:**
Relational Dynamics in Couples Following the Loss of a Child
By Erin Buhr, Trinity Western University & Derrick Klaassen, Trinity Western University

**Best Doctoral Student Poster:**
Adolescents Experience Positive Changes in Distress, Confidence and Clarity
After Single-Session On-Demand Chat Counselling with Kids Help Phone
By Dily Haner, York University & Tina Wilson, Kids Help Phone

At this year’s convention 2014 - We will be adjudicating the same awards as last year. We have also reinstated the Distinguished Member Award which has not been presented in a number of years.

Keynote: Jose Domene will be the Section Keynote speaker and his address is entitled: CANADIAN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY: RECENT ADVANCEMENTS & CONTINUING DEBATES.

As in previous years, the Section Business meeting will precede the Keynote Address and the Keynote Address will be followed by a reception.

In addition, the Section is sponsoring the following:
- Pre-Convention Workshop (1)
- Traditional Posters (32)
- Digital Posters (2)
- Symposia (10)
- Workshop (1)
- Round-Table Conversation Session (5)

### Section Activities/Projects

**Past Year**

As a follow-up and to plan future directions (e.g., a second conference) arising from the Inaugural Canadian Counselling Psychology Conference (ICCPC), the Section sponsored a brunch meeting immediately following the CPA conference in Quebec City. Twenty people attended to discuss the future of the Section. As well, Ada Sinacore (Chair) attended CACUSS in June 2013 with Melissa Tiesson where we presented a session about developing a CPA accredited internship. This presentation resulted in the development of 1 new potentially accredited internship site and 2 additional sites interested in developing internships. Additionally, Robinder Bedi (Chair-Elect) attended the Summit on the Need, Supply, and Demand of Psychologists in Canada (November 8th and 9th, 2013). As well, the Ad-Hoc Committee on Internships has become a permanent committee of the Section with a new mandate to do outreach to potential internship sites. Jose Domene has taken on the role of editing the Section Newsletter. He has revamped and modernized the Newsletter to be more accessible to Section members. The Section has agreed to be part of an international survey of Counselling Psychologists which includes counselling psychologists from; South Africa, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom. This initiative is being headed up by Rob Bedi and Ada Sinacore. Additionally, a student network and Facebook page has been developed to facilitate students ability to have on-going dialogues with each other and the student representative. This initiative was headed up by Jennifer Titus. Jose Domene and Freda Ginsberg have completed the Section Archive Project which is currently available to members on the Section WEB site. Finally, as Chair of the Section I have worked diligently to improve the Sections communications with CPA.
and believe that this has been extremely successful

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<th>As well, the Section will continue to work on the international survey, pursue the development of CPA accredited internships and promote the merits of joining the section to undergraduate, masters and doctoral students. We will continue to develop more effective communications with Section members and students. Additionally, we will be continue to work on developing and maintaining strong and positive relations with the broader CPA organization.</th>
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, Ada L. Sinacore, Chair