



CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Section on Environmental Psychology

Section members conduct research and advance theory to understand and to improve interactions between human behavior and the physical environment, both built and natural. Our members' varied interests include: management of scarce natural resources; effects of extreme environments on personality and behaviour; territoriality and personal space; behavioural and mood effects of lighting and noise; perception and evaluation of building function and aesthetics; and, architectural design. Members receive the section newsletter, published three times annually.

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Message from the Editor

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Welcome to a new newsletter! And greetings from your new newsletter editor! After five years behind the keyboard, Cheuk Ng has handed over the editorial hat to me. On behalf of everyone, I'd like to thank Cheuk for all her hard work (both as editor and section chair) over the last few years.

Those of you who read my "getting to know you..." in the Winter 2002 issue already know that I'm relatively new to both Canada and environmental psychology. I moved out to Ottawa 18 months ago from the UK, bringing with me a background in I-O psychology. Since my arrival, Canada has provided me with practical schooling in how the environment affects people – starting with the 30° below temperatures when I first stepped off the plane! The memories of my first week in Ottawa are peppered with environmental surprises and confusion – besides a new workplace, new home and some interesting wayfinding experiences, I was struck by the abundance of space, the lack of sidewalks in the suburbs, and the challenges of finding food in small packages! One of my favourite aspects of living here is environmental too – I love having four distinct seasons punctuating the year, rather than the milder but less variant British weather.

I look forward to serving as newsletter editor. Please help to make the newsletter an interesting and valuable resource, by contributing to its content – information on conferences, publications, research grants, news about your teaching, research or practitioner activities, topics for discussion, or anything else you'd like to throw my way would be gratefully received.

I'd also like to continue Cheuk's initiative of getting to know our members - so, if you haven't already done so, please send in a few lines about yourself, your current work, and why/how you decided to become involved in the person-environment field.

All contributions can be sent to me at:

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New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members:

- Habib Chaudhury
- Doris Milke
- Connie Wark

Our membership now stands at 50 members, including 11 students and 9 BEING members.

2002 Business Meeting

The section's business meeting took place at the CPA convention in Vancouver, on 31st May. The meeting was attended by six members. The 2001-02 annual report and financial report were approved, as was the 2002-03 budget proposal (see Spring 2002 issue for copies of these reports). We also discussed the online distribution of the newsletter (see below for more details), strategies for membership recruitment, and convention events for 2003.

As there were too few members to achieve a quorum, election of this year's officers took place by mail-in ballot. The results are as follows:

- Chair: Jennifer Veitch / Chair-Elect: Luc Pelletier
- Treasurer & Secretary – Mark Sandilands (returning)
- Webmaster – David Eichhorn (returning)
- Newsletter Editor – Kate Charles

Congratulations to all officers!

MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR

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At our Business Meeting in May, I agreed to take on the role of Section Chair for one year, to provide a transition to our Chair-Elect, Dr. Luc Pelletier, who is new to the section although some of us have known of his environmental interests for some time. My goal for this year is simple: To spark communication between members, so that there is a reason for us to continue to belong to the Section on Environmental Psychology or BEING (as the case may be). I see groups like this as being primarily for information exchange and mutual support; my own experience is that one never knows in what unexpected directions such contacts might lead.

My first step in that direction was to set up a formal e-mail discussion list for our members. The infrastructure is provided free from CPA, as one of the supports to Sections. Those members for whom I had an e-mail address are already subscribed, and will have received a few messages already. If you have not, just send me an e-mail (jennifer.veitch@nrc.ca) and I will add you to the list. You can also subscribe online by visiting <http://lists.cpa.ca/mailman/listinfo/enviro.cpa.ca>

Appropriate postings include:

- Relevant messages forwarded from other lists
- Announcements about meetings, conferences and workshops which may interest other members
- Reports of conferences and abstracts of conference papers
- Details of useful resources such as books, articles, websites, ...
- News items
- Questions

My second step of course is to try to make the convention interesting. At the time of writing, nothing is firm, but the Executive is discussing possible invited speakers, either as nominations at the CPA level or as our own keynote address. Having been intimately involved in the choice of both the city and the venue, I can assure you all that Hamilton has a wonderful

convention facility in an interesting part of an often-overlooked city. It's also a lot more affordable than Toronto, and Westjet flies there. The deadline for submissions (on-line only!) is October 14, and I hope many of you will send in an abstract. Visit the CPA WWW site at <http://www.cpa.ca/convention.htm> to view the submissions page. Note that abstracts (maximum 200 words) are all that is required.

The third step is up to all of you. If the Newsletter Editor asks for input, please oblige. Please consider posting a query or a comment to the discussion list, as ideas emerge. We are all volunteers and all hope to benefit from having like-minded others to talk to. Visit the Section WWW page (<http://www.psych.ubc.ca/~enviropsych>) and consider whether you have information that should be posted there to benefit others who are searching for enlightenment from us.

If you have other suggestions or ideas for Section activities, I want to hear it! Besides electronic means, you can also contact me at:
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Website Update

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Most importantly, the website address has changed slightly. The old address still works, but might not forever. The only change is a tilde (~) just before the word "enviropsych". Thus, the address is:

<http://www.psych.ubc.ca/~enviropsych> The change is due to server changes here at UBC psychology. By the way, if you can't wait for the graphically intense main page to load, you can also enter the page at <http://www.psych.ubc.ca/~enviropsych/Topics.html> Please note that, unlike with the previous server, the addresses ARE case-sensitive, so be sure to make the "T" in "Topics" a capital.

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to peruse the section website, preferably with an eye to making suggestions. In particular, the seven general topic pages I've created only contain cursory information at present. I strongly encourage those who feel qualified to pass along better summaries for those pages. The topics are:

- Personal Space
- Architecture and Design

- Landscape Architecture
- Lighting and Noise
- Extreme Environments
- Resource Management
- Perception and Cognition

At the very least, I'd like to receive suggestions for "landmark" references to include under each of the topics. I have my own ideas for some of them, but would greatly value your opinions.

Email Distribution of Newsletter

At the business meeting in May 2002, we discussed the possibility of distributing the newsletter by email. Those present agreed that this would be a more cost-effective and timely method of sending out the newsletter. Therefore, as of the next issue (Winter 2003) we will be sending the newsletter out via email in PDF format. Please ensure that CPA's membership clerk, Sylvia Spallin (cpamemb@cpa.ca), has your current email address, so that we know where to send the newsletter.

NB: BEING members, please send your details to Mark Sandilands (marksan@telusplanet.net).

If you don't have access to email, let the editor know (see address above), and we'll continue to send you a hard copy of the newsletter.

JEP comes to Canada

In March 2002, Robert Gifford became the editor of the Journal of Environmental Psychology. Many congratulations to Bob! Its great to see this influential journal in Canadian hands.

Conference Reports

Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) 63rd Annual Convention – May 30-June 1, UBC, Vancouver.

Environmental psychology was represented at this year's CPA convention by an invited speaker and two symposium sessions.

Our invited speaker, Dr. Gloria Gutman, was replaced at the last minute by her colleague Dr. Habib Chaudhury. Dr. Chaudhury is an assistant professor at the Gerontology Research Centre at Simon Fraser University. He presented an overview of universal design principles, and outlined some of the Centre's recent research in environmental gerontology, including many interesting slides illustrating innovative housing design solutions for the elderly and those with disabilities. The presentation generated many thought

provoking questions, both from those with research interests in the field, and from audience members who wanted to pick up some tips for their own old age.

Robert Gifford, Luc Pelletier, Yuko Heath and Céline Blanchard presented a symposium on new directions for the measurement of environmental attitudes. The speakers provided several theoretical and applied approaches to the measurement of pro-environmental behaviour, based on their recent work at the University of Ottawa and University of Victoria.

The second symposium focused on the effects of open-plan offices on occupant satisfaction. Jennifer Veitch, Kelly Farley and Kate Charles presented field and laboratory findings from a multidisciplinary project conducted at the Institute for Research in Construction.

Victor Catano from St. Mary's University acted as discussant, and provided an I-O perspective on the research.

A number of other conferences that included person-environment research took place recently. Follow the web links below for more information and to search the abstracts. If anyone attended an interesting conference this summer, why not share your experiences in the next newsletter...

[The 2nd Environmental Psychology in the UK \(EPUK\) Conference – 25-27 March 2002, Gilford, UK.](http://www.envpsy.org.uk/abstracts.php)

[EDRA 33/2002: The 33rd Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association – Community: Evolution or Revolution – 22-26 May 2002, Philadelphia, PA.](http://www.telepath.com/~edra/home.html)

[25th International Congress of Applied Psychology \(ICAP\) – 7-12 July 2002, Singapore.](http://www.icap2002.org/)

Hosted and organised by Singapore Psychological Society and National University of Singapore, held under the auspices of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP).

[The 17th Conference of the International Association for People-Environment Studies \(IAPS\): Culture, Quality of Life and Globalization Problems and Challenges for the New Millennium – 22-27 July 2002, Corunna, Spain.](http://www.udc.es/dep/ps)

A post-conference book, featuring a selection of presentations from the conference will be published in October 2002.

<http://www.udc.es/dep/ps>

American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention – 22-25 August 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

A number of presentations were sponsored by Division 34 (Population and Environmental Psychology), including:

- Presidential address (Joseph B. Juhasz): Blood and Soil: The Psychohistory of the American Home.
- Invited address (Rub Tn Martinez): Chicano and Chicana Land Ethics: Sense of Place and the Environment.
- Symposium: Meanings, Emotions, and Identity in the Natural World
- Paper session: Ethics and Accountability in Environmental and Population Psychology
- Paper session: Greening of Psychology
- Paper session: Place of Memory in Psychology

<http://watson.apa.org/convention/>

Call for Networking on Water Quality

Chris Nash is in private practice in Sudbury and has been appointed to represent citizens in his Ward on the Greater Sudbury Lake Improvement Advisory Panel. Sudbury has over 300 lakes within its city limits and the Advisory Panel's task is to advise council on policies that result from science findings about what's happening to the lakes, and citizens' groups that act as stewardship groups.

Chris is interested in hearing from, and contributing to, networks of other social scientists working to understand and make positive changes to public behaviour as it affects the water in lakes. The Lake Improvement group is modelled on land reclamation efforts that were recognised at the Rio conference.

You can contact Chris by email at crone@isys.ca

EDRA Symposium Invitation

This announcement appeared on Environmental Psychology in the UK's (EPUK) discussion list:

Are you thinking of attending the EDRA conference in Minnesota next May? Would you like to join a special symposium bringing together international perspectives on place, community-based actions and politics?

We are arranging a symposium and are looking for 2 further speakers to join us. A draft title and summary is summarised below.

"The personal and the political: Placing community-based action and design"

This symposium would address the unique processes and challenges of community-based design and action projects. It would include an exploration of how place

attachment and identity provide an impetus for citizen participation in a variety of local change efforts, from environmental protection programs, to urban planning and design strategies, to the influence of culture on participatory processes. The goal is to better understand the personal, socio-cultural and political factors that influence community based action and change.

Keywords: community development, citizen participation, place attachment, the politics of place.

If you think that your work is relevant for these themes, please contact us asap - submission deadline is October 1st!

Yours sincerely,

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Invited Speaker for Hire

This announcement appeared on EDRA's Work Environments Network (WENExchange) discussion list:

"How Does Shopping Behavior Influence Store Design? How Does Store Design Influence Shopping Behavior?"

This lecture is a general review of how retail design is influenced by customer behavior and how retail designers use the store to impact what shoppers do/buy. Bill Speer is an architect whose career has focused on designing retail stores for JCPenney, Mervyns, and International Duty Free. He shows how marketing strategies and design decisions affect one another, specifically how knowledge about customer preferences and behavior influence the designer as he/she makes decisions throughout the process of creating a store. Much of the material is entertaining, with ironic and insider notes, which engages the class. Mr. Speer avidly follows all retail and retail design news and developments to keep the lecture current. He gives this lecture annually to "Social and Cultural Factors in Architecture and Urban Design" within the Department of Architecture at UC Berkeley.

Lecture Content:

- Overview of how the design process works in the retail world

- Store design as a key part of the Marketing and Business Plans
- Who shops?
- What do people do in stores?
- How does the store influence shopping and the purchase decision?
- Influences on store design - merchandise, budget, customer target, changing trends, location, etc.
- Trends

Bill Speer is recently retired and is now interested in visiting university campuses to give this talk. He would need travel expenses at a minimum, but his lecture fee is negotiable. For more information, contact: mooshie@attglobal.net

Recent Publications

The latest issue of the Journal of Environmental Psychology – vol. 22, no. 3, September 2002 – contains articles on crowding, resource dilemmas, foliage plants and performance, reasons for relocating, classroom environments and the restorative potential of natural settings.

The previous issue of the Journal of Environmental Psychology – vol. 22, no. 1-2, March/June 2002 – is a special issue on children and the environment.

The most recent issue of Environment and Behavior – vol.34, no. 5, September 2002 – includes articles on place, spatial choice, environmental concerns, evaluation of environmental scenes and noise exposure in industry.

The previous issue of Environment and Behavior – v.34, no. 4, July, 2002 – contains several articles about pro-environmental behaviour (including environmental moral reasoning, environmental activism, environmental risk concern and proenvironmental competency), in addition to articles on the design of signs and commuter stress.

Recent Publications by Section Members:

Ataca, B. & Berry, J.W. (2002). Psychological, sociocultural, and marital adaptation of Turkish immigrant couples in Canada. *International Journal of Psychology*, 37(1), 13-26.

Chaudhury, H. (2002). Place-biosketch as a tool in caring for residents with dementia. *Alzheimer's Care Quarterly*, 3, 42-45.

Chaudhury, H. (2002). Journey back home: Recollecting past places by people with dementia. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 16(1/2), 85-106.

Gifford, R., Hine, D.W., Muller-Clemm, W. & Shaw, K.T. (2002). Why architects and laypersons judge buildings differently: Cognitive properties and physical bases. *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, 19(2), 131-148.

Future Conferences

International Symposium on The Environmental Challenge: A Shared Responsibility: 29 Sept – 3 Oct 2002, Boca del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico.

Organised by the EDRA Veracruz Chapter, University of Veracruz, and the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT). The objective of this symposium is to reflect on the Environmental Challenge as a shared responsibility, and provide a forum for society, economics, productive, civil organisations, academic and government institutions to present and introduce their purposes.

For further information, see: <http://www.uv.mx.edra/>
5th International LRO Research Symposium: Light and Human Health: 3-5 November 2002, Orlando, Florida.

Organised by the Electric Power Research Institute's Lighting Research Office. Physiologists, psychologists, engineers, designers, and policy-makers will share research findings and discuss the implications of this rapidly-changing area for architectural lighting and medical treatment.

For further information, see: <http://www.lightingresearchoffice.org>

International Conference for Universal Design: 30 Nov-4 Dec 2002, International Convention Center and Yokohama Grand InterContinental Hotel, Yokohama, Japan.

For further information, contact +81-45-450-7003 / info@ud2002.org or visit the website: <http://www.ud2002.org/index-e.html>

Work, Stress and Health: New Challenges in a Changing Workplace - The 5th Interdisciplinary Conference on Occupational Stress and Health: 20-22 March 2003, Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, ON.

Organised by the APA, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, School of Business of Queen's University.

For further information, contact Wesley Baker, 202-336-6124 / fax 202-336-6117 / wbaker@apa.org

EDRA 34/2003: The 33rd Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association – People Shaping Places Shaping People: 21-25 May 2003, College of Architecture & Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. The keynote speaker will be Winona LaDuke, Founding Director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project. For further information, see: www.telepath.com/~edra/edra342003callforpapers.pdf or contact the EDRA Business Office, 405-330-4863 / <http://home.telepath.com/~edra>
The deadline for submissions is 1 Oct 2002.

Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) 64th Annual Convention: 12-14 June 2003, Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc, Hamilton, ON. For further information, see: <http://www.cpa.ca/hamilton/> or contact Marlene Kealey at 1-888-472-0657 ext 23 / 613-237-2144 ext 23 / mkealey@cpa.ca
The deadline for submissions is 14 Oct 2002.

3rd Environmental Psychology in the UK (EPUK) Conference: June 2003, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland. Further information will be available shortly at: <http://www.envpsy.org.uk/>

Design and Health – 3rd World Congress and Exhibition (WCDH2003): 25-29 June 2003, Montreal, QC. Sponsored and organised by the International Academy for Design and Health. For further information, see: www.designandhealth.com/images/WCDH2003.pdf

American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention: 7-10 August 2003, Toronto, ON. Further information will be available shortly at: <http://www.apa.org/convention>

Job Opportunities

Position in Social Psychology at Indiana University
The Department of Psychology at Indiana University, Bloomington, seeks applicants for a tenure-track position in social psychology to begin in August, 2003. We are considering applicants at all ranks. Area of research expertise open. Candidates should provide evidence of excellence in research and be strongly committed to teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants should submit their vitae, reprints or preprints of relevant papers and arrange to have three letters of reference sent to: Professor Joseph E. Steinmetz, Chair, Department of Psychology, Indiana

University, 1101 E. 10th Street, Bloomington, IN, 47405-7007. We will begin considering applications on November 1, 2002 and continue to do so until the position has been filled. Applicants from women and minority candidates are encouraged. Indiana University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Executive Director. Carnegie Mellon University, Center for Integrated Study of the Human Dimensions of Global Change.

This position includes coordinating the Center's research efforts, developing new projects (including proposal writing), assembling annual report, convening annual meetings, and maintaining contact with Center members - as well as pursuing personal research. Requirements include demonstrated familiarity with environmental policy, record of scholarly publication, management ability, fund raising, and experience with interdisciplinary work, involving natural and social sciences. The successful applicant should be comfortable with diverse research approaches, including modeling. Disciplinary training in the social sciences preferred. Initial appointment for one year, with a high potential for long-term self-initiated renewals. Salary and benefits are commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please submit a letter of application describing qualifications and plans (for the Center and personal research), a current vita, and contact information for three references to Barbara Bugosh, CIS-HDGC Administrator, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University, 129 Baker Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, bbugosh@andrew.cmu.edu [Center website: <http://hdgc.epp.cmu.edu>] Carnegie Mellon is an AA/EEO employer. Closing date: September 30, 2002.

Submissions

Submissions - including notices of upcoming events, calls for papers, commentaries, short articles, book reviews, recent publications, teaching, research and practitioner news - are all welcome. Send submissions to Kate Charles (see contact details on p.1).

Deadline for next issue: Jan 20th 2003.

Membership

Membership of the section is only \$5/yr and includes three newsletters and access to the new section email discussion list. To join, CPA members can contact Sylvia Spallin: cpamemb@cpa.ca. Non-CPA members can become associate members through the Behaviour-Environment Interest News Group (BEING) – contact Mark Sandilands: marksan@telusplanet.net