

CPASP Newsletter

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Dear CPA Social-Personality Section members, On behalf of the section executive, welcome to the Spring 2010 edition of the CPA-SP Section Newsletter. In this Newsletter we have several important announcements to share with you regarding the upcoming CPA Annual convention and section pre-conference in Winnipeg, updates to the section executive membership, and other general section news. The Social-Personality section remains an active and vital part of CPA – and this is quite evident in the high quality of submissions to this year’s Convention! CPA meetings scheduled for Western Canada sometimes experience a dip in attendance but our section continues to do well in terms of both membership and financial standing.

Before proceeding, I would like to give some well-deserved thanks to those who have helped and/or contributed to this year’s SP section pre-conference and the Annual Convention. Thanks to all who submitted work to the Annual Convention – we have another exciting program this year and the details and highlights of the 2010 convention SP program

are provided on the Convention Highlights page (page 5). Thanks also to all those who took the time to review abstracts for the Annual convention, and a special thanks to Susan Boon for once again coordinating the review process. Susan will be moving on from this executive position in 2010-11 and we will be actively recruiting our membership to help fill this position, along with a few others opening (see Section Executive vacancies on pp. 2-3.). Finally, thanks to Jessica Cameron for organizing the lineup for this year’s section pre-conference, and thanks also to those who agreed to present. More information about this year’s exciting pre-conference line-up can be found on page 6.

Last, but not least, thank-you to all who volunteered their time to the section by serving on the executive committee this past year, and anyone else who helped with the continuing success of the SP section. See you in Winnipeg!

Sean Moore

Chair, CPA Social-Personality Section

Section Announcements

This year appears to be quite a transitional one for the S-P section. Although a number of the executive members have agreed to stay on for the 2010-11 year, there are several crucial positions on the section executive that need to be filled. These include the Chair-Elect, the Student Representative, the Convention Abstract Review Coordinator, the Student Awards Coordinator, and both the Faculty and Student Newsletter Coordinator positions. Please see below and page 3 for detailed descriptions of these positions and the responsibilities associated with each role. Next year's CPA Convention scheduled for Toronto will likely prove to be a busy one for all sections, so it is imperative that we fill vacant executive positions ASAP to help plan our section's programming. If you have any interest in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Sean Moore (semoore@augustana.ca) or any of the other section executive to express your interest.

We would also like to invite and encourage all members (both students and faculty) to attend and contribute to the **Section Business Meeting** on Thursday June 3, from 1:00 to 1:55 pm. At this meeting we will present the Student Awards and discuss important issues affecting the section. Some of the issues that will be discussed include convention programming, proposed uses of section website, announcement of new executive members, and announcements about changes to the student awards guidelines. The meeting will also provide members an opportunity to brainstorm about possible speakers, nominations for Section fellows, or symposia for the 2011 Convention in Toronto. Hope to see you at the Delta Winnipeg in a few weeks!

Description of Vacant Executive Positions for 2010-11

Chair Elect

The term for the Chair Elect is one year, and this position then becomes Chair in year two and Past Chair in year three. There are several key duties associated with this position. First, the Chair Elect is responsible for organizing the Social and Personality Pre-conference. This involves selecting speakers, with an aim to balance Social and Personality talks, finding a location for the pre-conference, and arranging catering. The 2011 preconference will be held in Toronto, Ontario in early June. Second, the major tasks of the Chair include lobbying for a Section invited speaker, invited symposia, and Section fellow, when appropriate. The Chair also acts as the Section program coordinator and attends a CPA business meeting the day prior to the Convention. Please see the Operations Manual for Chairs of CPA Sections at <http://www.cpa.ca/sections/> for complete details. Finally, the Past Chair provides mentorship to the Chair and Chair Elect.





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Abstract Review Coordinator

The term for the Abstract Review Coordinator is one year and can be renewed annually. The primary duty of this volunteer is to organize the review of abstracts that have been submitted for presentation at the Annual Convention. As part of this role, the coordinator contacts potential reviewers, manages the online review system, reviews the proposed Convention schedule of accepted submissions, and communicates with the Chair and CPA head office about the status of the review process.

Awards Coordinator

The term for the Awards Coordinator is one year and can be renewed annually. The primary duty of this volunteer is to manage the process of awarding our 2 section student awards (B.G. Rule graduate student award & K. L. Dion undergraduate student award). As part of this role, the coordinator solicits applications for the awards from the pool of Convention presenters, identifies a group of awards judges, compiles applications, oversees the adjudication process, and communicates with the Chair and Treasurer about the status of the awards process.

Newsletter Coordinator – Faculty & Student Position

The terms for both the Faculty and Student Newsletter Coordinator positions are one year and can be renewed annually. The primary duty of both volunteer positions is to compile and publish Newsletters to be distributed to section members. The Faculty Coordinator communicates with section executive about potential Newsletter items, compiles stories to be included in the Newsletter, edits Newsletter content, and assists in the design and publication of each Newsletter. The Student Coordinator primarily assists in the editing and design of the Newsletter and also ensures that items relevant to our student membership are included in the Newsletter. Historically, the section has published two Newsletters per year (Spring & Fall).

Student Representative

The term for the Student Representative is one year. The student rep is primarily responsible for organizing a student and/or faculty Symposium at the Annual Convention. Please contact the current student rep, David Kille (dkille@uwaterloo.ca), for more information about the specific duties of this position.

Recruiting Online Research Participants?

Consider R²P²

As more and more research shifts to the internet, researchers have been struggling with the issue of recruiting potential participants. CPA recently launched the Recruit Research Participants Portal (R²P²) to assist members in directing potential participants to their online studies. For more information about how the portal works and how to include your studies in the system, point your browser to <http://www.cpa.ca/science/promotingpsychologicalscience/> and access the portal using your CPA member number.

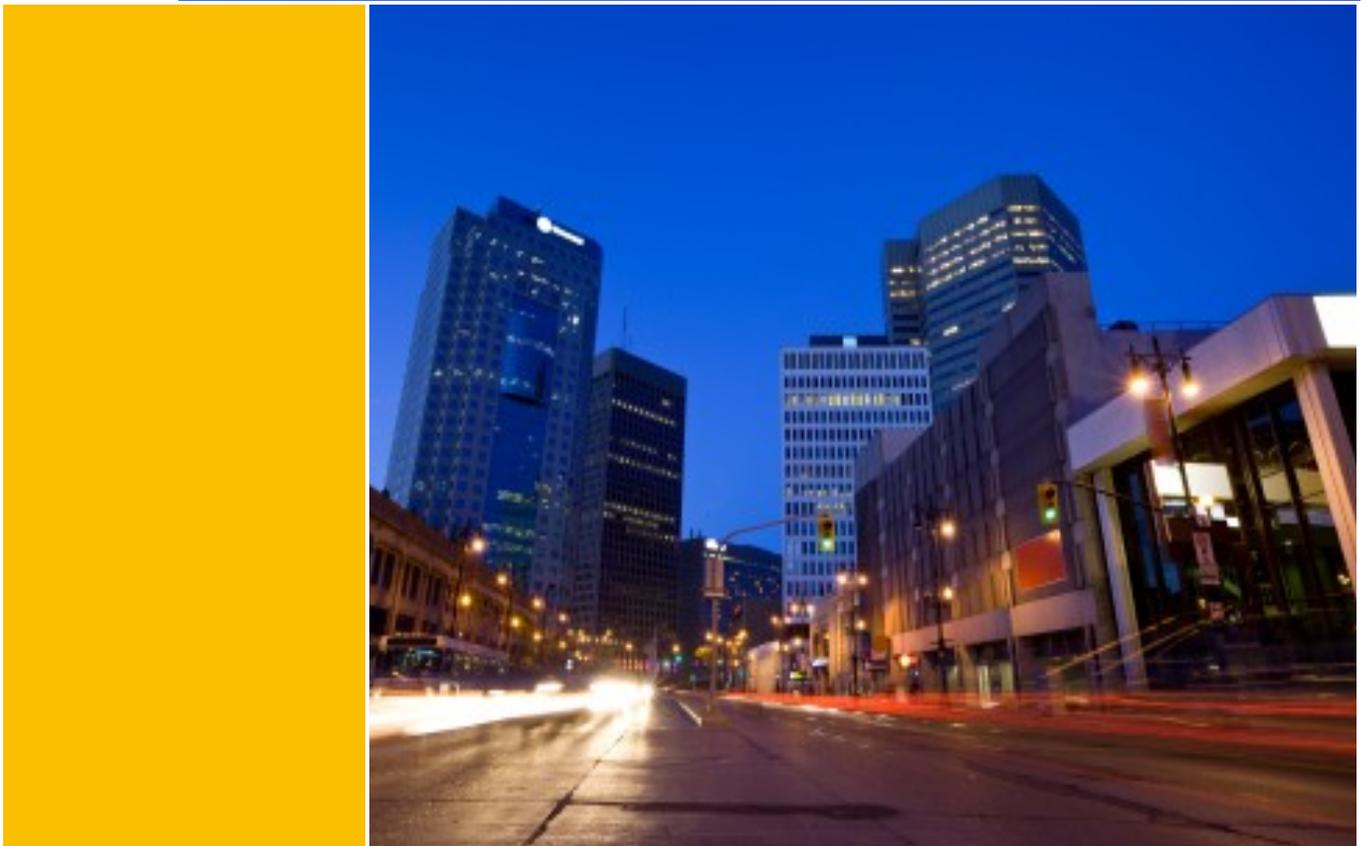


Section Website and Listserv

The CPA Social-Personality is still going strong and serves as the main point of communication between the executive and our membership. Thanks to our webmaster, Johanna Peetz, for maintaining the site! Johanna has worked hard to keep the website up to date with the most current information available to us and helps with the registration portal for the annual preconference.

For up to the date information on all section happenings, please point your browser to the section web site, <http://www.cpaspc.ca>

We also encourage you to use the section listserv, maintained by John Ellard to communicate any significant happenings to our membership. Instructions on how to subscribe and post to the listserv are included on the section website.





Convention Highlights

As mentioned, there was once again a wealth of interest in S-P members taking part in the Annual Convention. There were nearly 100 submissions to the Section for this year's Convention and many were accepted. There will be 76 poster presentations and roughly 15 oral presentations, many as part of symposia sessions. Thanks to David Kille for organizing two of the symposia in his role as section student rep! We hope you will make the time to attend some of the following events:

Thursday, June 3rd

- Section Business Meeting (1:00-1:55PM in Talbot Room) – presentation of student awards and discussion of planning for 2010-11 section events.

Friday, June 4th

- Student-Organized Student Research Symposium, "Exploring 'New' Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Ways of Coping with Discrimination" (10:00 - 11:55 am in Meeting Room 5)
- *The Family of Psychology Keynote Address*, Robert Sternberg, "Why So Many Leaders in Society are Rotten and What We Can Do about It, If We Really Want To" (11:30-12:25PM in Meeting Room 2E-F)
- Social and Personality Psychology Poster Session (12:30-2:25pm in Grand Ballroom)
- Symposia Session, "Partner- and Relationship- Enhancement and Relationship Quality in Romantic Relationships" (4:00 - 5:25 pm in Campaign Room)

Saturday, June 5th

- Symposia Session, "Canadian Perspectives on Forgiveness" (1:30-2:55pm in Pan Am Room)
- Student Organized Faculty Research Symposium, "What's Love got to do with it? New Directions in Relationship Science" (4:00 - 5:25 pm in Albert Room)

Section Preconference 2010

Date: Wednesday June 2, 2010

Time: 8:45AM — 3:30PM

Location: Cross Common Room, 108 St. John's College, University of Manitoba
(see pre-conference web site for directions and a map)

Last year's pre-conference in Montreal was very well attended, with nearly 60 attendees. We have another engaging lineup of speakers slated for this year's pre-conference. As usual, the lineup includes an array of social-personality researchers from across Canada. We will once again host a "Swap'N'Talk" poster session for faculty and students to share recent research findings. The pre-conference will also include a served lunch.

8:45-9:00	Welcome & Morning Coffee
	Jacque Vorauer, University of Manitoba
9:00-9:30	"Effects of Salient Intergroup Ideology in Threatening Intergroup Interactions"
9:45-10:15	Joanne Wood, University of Waterloo
	"The Perils of Positive Self-Statements"
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:00	John G. Holmes University of Waterloo
	"A Dual Systems Model of Risk Regulation in Relationships"
11:00-11:30	Steve Smith, Saint Mary's University
	"You Can't Always Get What You Want – But You Can Avoid, and Forget, Information you Don't Want"
11:30-12:00	Sean Moore - Section News & Issue Discussion
12:00-1:30	Lunch - Hot lunch served in Cross Commons Room
1:30-2:30	Poster Presentations Coffee Available
2:30-3:00	Takahiko Masuda, University of Alberta
	"East Asians' Context-Oriented Mode of Attention vs. North Americans' Object-Oriented Mode of Attention: Comparing Cultural Variations in the Ways of Seeing Things"
3:00-3:30	Jeremy Biesanz, University of British Columbia
	"The Social Accuracy Model of Interpersonal Perception: Assessing Individual Differences in Perceptive and Expressive Accuracy"

Due to the good financial standing of our section, we have once again opted to waive any registration fees for the pre-conference. Although the pre-conference is free, we still ask that you confirm your attendance by registering on the pre-conference web site so that we can get a rough idea of how many people will attend and can make the appropriate meal and hosting plans.

<http://www.cpassp.ca/precon.htm>

Registration for the pre-conference is open until Friday, May 21, 2010. Interested parties can also submit abstracts for this poster Swap'N'Talk session on the registration page.

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