

CPASP Newsletter

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Dear CPA Social-Personality Section members:

It's May and that means we're releasing the Spring 2011 edition of the CPASP Newsletter! In this edition, we have several important announcements to share with you about the upcoming CPA Annual Convention and Section Preconference in Toronto, a call for volunteers to serve on the 2011-12 Section Executive, information about the new CPA website, and other general section news. The Social-Personality section is very well represented at the 2011 Convention -- not only are many of the keynote speakers in Toronto social-personality researchers, but we also have a full slate of symposia and TWO poster sessions!

Before presenting these news item, I would like to extend some much deserved thank yous to everyone who has helped and/or contributed to this year's SP Section Preconference and the Annual Convention from the Section Executive. Thanks to all presenting authors who submitted work to the Convention -- we have another exciting and full S-P program scheduled for Toronto (see **page 5** for Highlights). Many thanks to our colleagues in the International and Cross-Cultural section and in the Environmental sections for propos-

ing joint sessions. Thanks also to all those who took the time to review abstracts for the Convention. A special thank you is extended to Stacey MacKinnon for overseeing and coordinating the 2011 abstract review process. Stacey will be vacating this role for the 2011-12 conference cycle year and we will be actively recruiting from our membership to help fill this position along with some other openings (see Section Executive vacancies on **page 2**). When you see him, please give Geoff MacDonald a big thank you for organizing the lineup for this year's Section Preconference. I also want to thank all those who agreed to present at the Preconference. More information about the speaker lineup and schedule for the 2011 Preconference can be found on **page 6**.

Last, but not least, thank you to all who volunteered their time to the S-P section by serving in Executive roles this past year, and anyone else who helped with the continued success of our section within CPA. Hope to see you all in in Toronto!

Jessica Cameron

Chair, CPA Social-Personality Section

Section Announcements

After the numerous changes that occurred last year in terms of Executive membership, it appears that there will be a lot more stability in 2011-12. A number of the Executives have agreed to stay on for the coming year, although there are still two very important positions that need to be filled. The two most critical roles that need filling are the Chair-Elect and the Abstract Review Coordinator for the Annual Convention. Please see below for descriptions of duties for these positions. Next year's CPA Convention is scheduled for Halifax so we will be actively seeking volunteers from the East Coast to fill some of these roles (particularly the Chair-Elect position). If you have any interest in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Jessica Cameron (cameron2@cc.umanitoba.ca) or Geoff MacDonald (gmacdonald@psych.utoronto.ca).

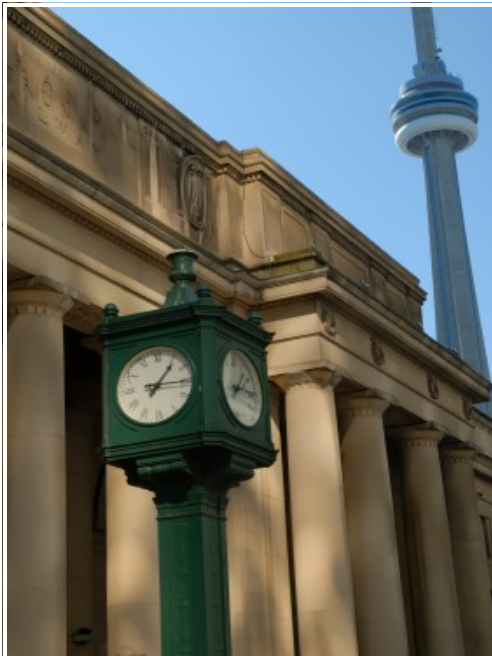
Description of Vacant Executive Positions for 2011-12

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 Preconference. This involves selecting speakers, with an aim to balance Social and Personality talks, finding a location for the Preconference, and arranging catering. The 2012 preconference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia 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 <http://www.cpa.ca/aboutcpa/cpasections/sectionchair/> for complete details. Finally, the Past Chair provides mentorship to the Chair and Chair Elect.

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.





Section Business Meeting

If you're attending the Annual Convention in Toronto, please mark your calendar and plan to be at the scheduled Section Business Meeting (**Thursday, June 2 from 12:30-1:25PM** in the Kenora Room at the Convention). Any interested Convention attendees (both students and faculty) are welcome to attend and contribute to the meeting.

At the meeting, we will be presenting the Student Awards to the winning authors (see below) and will also be discussing important issues affecting the section. Some of the issues to be discussed include future Convention programming, as well as issues related to the recruitment and appointment of new Executive members. The meeting will also provide SP members an opportunity for to brainstorm about possible speakers, nominations for Section fellows, or symposia for the 2012 Convention in Halifax. Please try to attend this important event and share your ideas with the Executive!

Student Award Winners

Breaking news hot off of the press! The 2011 Annual Student Awards process has been completed and we've already posted the names of the winning submissions on the Section website at <http://www.cpassp.ca/awards.htm>. As you may know, we hold a competition each year for the best Convention submissions authored by student researchers. The best graduate student submission is awarded the Brendan Gail Rule Award and the best undergraduate submission receives the Kenneth Dion Award. This year's winners will be recognized at the Section Business Meeting and will receive their awards from the Section Chair. Please join me in congratulating the following student award winners!

Brendan Gail Rule Award: (winner) Sean P. Mackinnon, Dalhousie U., (finalist) Régine Debrosse, McGill U.

Kenneth Dion Award: (winner) An Gie Yong, Wilfrid Laurier U.

Abstracts of the winning submissions are now posted to the Section website. Thanks to all who submitted their work and to the Awards judges for taking the time to review applications. Finally, a big thank you to Leanne Son Hing for overseeing the entire process in her role as Awards Coordinator.

Launch of the New CPA.ca

Frequent visitors to the main CPA website <http://www.cpa.ca> may have noticed some significant changes in the past few months. Head office has completely overhauled the CPA website in order to provide members, students, and the wider public more information that is easier to find. Visitors can now browse the site using the main menus that appears at the top of all pages. There are separate sections for researchers, practitioners, students and the public. You can also access CPA journals with your membership number. CPA will try to keep this website up to date with the most relevant information that is available.

Of particular interest to S-P members, researchers should take a look at the information CPA has provided about their lobbying efforts to the grant funding agencies in Canada. There's also the recently launched R^2P^2 service for recruiting research participants and the *Researcher Hub* that promotes social networking of researchers with interests in similar areas.

Students should check out the informative *Career Information* page as well as the *Resources* page that provides invaluable information about awards, graduate school information, and detailed information about psychology programs on various university campuses across Canada. Anyone planning on applying to graduate school should not miss checking out the annual *CPA Graduate Guide* available at <http://www.cpa.ca/students/resources/graduateguide>.

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Convention Highlights

The Annual Convention is going to be a “not-miss” kind of event for anyone interested in social or personality psychology. Submissions for the section were outstanding and a number of keynote or invited speakers at the Convention are eminent social-personality psychologists. Additionally, there will be two large social-personality poster sessions along with 8 symposia sessions during the 3-day meeting. Thanks to the Environmental psychology and International and Cross-Cultural Psychology sections for jointly planning some of these events. Also thanks to Crystal Tse for organizing two of the symposia in her role as Section Student Rep!

Thursday, June 2rd

- *Section Business Meeting* (12:30-1:25PM in Kenora Room) – Presentation of student awards and discussion of planning for 2011-12 section events.
- *Symposia Session*, “New Directions in Research on Apologies, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation” (2:30-3:55PM in Kenora Room)

Friday, June 3rd

- *Keynote Address*, **John Gottman** “The Science of Trust and Betrayal” (9:00-9:55AM in Osgoode Ballroom)
- *Symposia Session*, “New Directions in Stereotype Threat Research: Stereotype Threat Spillover, Social Influence, and Interventions” (10:00-11:25AM in Conference Room G)
- *Honorary President’s Address*, **Susan Fiske** “Envy Up, Scorn Down: How Status Divides Us” (11:00AM-12:25PM in Osgoode Ballroom)
- *Social and Personality Section Psychology Poster Session* (12:30-2:25pm in Dominion Ballroom)
- *Section Invited Speaker*, **Richard Lalonde** “Exploring Bicultural and Biracial Identities: The Challenges of Mining Cultural Comparisons” (3:00-3:55PM in Conference Room B)
- *Symposia Session*, “Bringing Together Environmental, Personality, and Social Psychology Approaches to Sustainability” (4:30-5:55 pm in Conference Room G)

Saturday, June 4th

- *Keynote Address*, **Ed Diener** “New Scientific Findings on Subjective Well-Being” (9:00-9:55AM in Osgood Ballroom)
- *Section Invited Speaker (w/ International and Cross-Cultural Section)*, **Romin Tafarodi** “What Makes a Good Life? A Four Nation Study” (10:00—10:55AM in Simcoe/Dufferin Room)
- *Social and Personality Section Psychology Poster Session* (10:30-11:55pm in Dominion Ballroom)
- *CPA Gold Medal Award*, **Peter Suedfeld** “Are We Still Indomitable: Homo Invictus 14 Years Later” (11:00-11:55AM in Essex Ballroom)
- *Donald O Hebb Award*, **Robert Vallerand** “From Motivation to Passion: In Search of the Motivational Determinants of a Meaningful Life” (12:00-12:55PM in Essex Ballroom)
- *Symposia Session*, “The Malleability of the Self and Identity” (12:00-1:25PM in Wentworth Room)

....And many more exciting sessions that we couldn’t fit here! See the **Full Convention Program** online at <http://www.cpa.ca/convention/conventionprogram>

Section Preconference 2011

Date: Wednesday June 1, 2011

Time: 9:45AM — 3:00PM

Location: George Ignatieff Theatre, Trinity College (15 Devonshire Place), University of Toronto

(see [Preconference website](#) for directions and a map)

The 2010 Preconference in Winnipeg was a smashing success, with nearly 50 attendees taking part at the University of Manitoba event. This year, the Section Chair-elect (Geoff MacDonald) has arranged for yet another engaging lineup of speakers for this year's event scheduled for the beautiful University of Toronto campus. As usual, the lineup includes an array of social-personality researchers from across Canada. We will once again host a poster session for faculty and students to share recent research findings over the lunch and coffee time period. The preconference will also include a served lunch.

9:45-10:00	Welcome & Morning Coffee
	Bertram Gawronski , <i>University of Western Ontario</i>
10:00-10:30	"When and Why Are Automatic Evaluations Context-Dependent?"
10:30-11:00	Elizabeth Page-Gould , <i>University of Toronto</i>
	"Why Cross-Group Friendship Improves Intergroup Relations"
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	Delroy Paulhus , <i>University of British Columbia</i>
	"The Dark Tetrad of Personality"
12:00-12:30	Debbie Moskowitz , <i>McGill University</i>
	"Modeling Fluctuations in Interpersonal Behaviour: The Case of Interpersonal Spin "
12:30-2:00	Lunch - Posters and Coffee Beginning at 1:00PM
2:00-2:30	Beverley Fehr , <i>University of Winnipeg</i>
	"Intimacy in Same-Sex Friendships"
2:30-3:00	Maryanne Fisher , <i>St. Mary's Univeristy</i>
	"Women's Strategy Use in Competition for "Good Men"

For further information about the event, please visit the Preconference page on the S-P Section website.

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

Breaking news! We've had so many people interested in attending this Preconference that we have had to close online Registration. Our limited budget for the event only allows us provide lunch to certain number of attendees. If you still wish to attend the talks but are OK without being provided lunch, please contact Geoff Macdonald (gmacdonald@psych.utoronto.ca).

Details about the poster presentations will be provided on-site on the day of the Preconference.

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