

♦ POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY BULLETIN ♦ 2006 ♦

## INTRODUCING THE PROSHANSKY-NEWMAN AWARD

### New Award to Honor Population and Environment Psychologists

by Gary Don Gottfredson, Ph.D. (Division 34 President, 2006–2007)

For the first time, Division 34 will present the Proshansky-Newman Award to honor an individual who has made outstanding contributions in population psychology, environmental psychology, or both. The Division plans to award environmental and population psychologists in alternate years, with the award designated the “Proshansky-Newman award” or the “Newman-Proshansky award,” accordingly. This year, the award will be announced during the Division Business Meeting at the APA Convention in New Orleans.

*Sidney H. Newman* was active in an APA Task Force on Psychology, Family Planning and Population Policy established in 1969 that brought population and human reproductive issues to broader attention in American psychology and eventually led to the formation of the Division (Richards, 2000), having edited an influential monograph together with Vaida Thompson in 1976. Among

other positions, Newman served in the U.S. Public Health Service and in the Center for Population Research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (Thompson & David, 1990).

*Harold M. Proshansky* helped give definition to the field of environmental psychology when his “Environmental Psychology in the Real World” was published in 1976. Proshansky abandoned his earlier laboratory research because he saw the methods rather than the problem as driving the research and sought to pursue psychological research on problems of poverty, prejudice and group conflict (Rivlin & Denmark, 1995). Proshansky became provost and then president of the Graduate School and the University Center of the City University of New York.



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**DID YOU KNOW?** The Division of Population Psychology (formalized in 1973) was renamed the Division of Population and Environmental Psychology in 1976.

## APA 2006

### Program at a Glance

8/10 (Thurs) 10:00–10:50 AM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 341  
Differences in Perception of Climate  
and Environmental Vulnerability;  
Susan Clayton, Ph.D. (Chair)

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8/10 (Thurs) 11:00–11:50 AM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 341  
W. Bruce Walsh, Ph.D.

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8/10 (Thurs) 1:00–1:50 PM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 253  
Nancy Felipe Russo, Ph.D.

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8/10 (Thurs) 2:00–2:50 PM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 254  
Susan Clayton, Ph.D.

8/11 (Fri) 8:00–9:50 AM

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 285  
School Environmental Influences on  
Social Competence and Aggression;  
Gary D. Gottfredson, Ph.D.,  
and Amy Silverman, Ph.D. (Co-  
chairs)

8/11 (Fri) 1:00–1:50 PM

New Orleans Marriott, Audubon Room  
Executive Committee Meeting

8/11 (Fri) 2:00–2:50 PM

New Orleans Marriott, Balcony I  
Business Meeting

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## DIVISION ELECTIONS

### Election Results

by Susan D. Clayton, Ph.D.  
(Division 34 President-elect)

Two slots were open for division elections: President-elect, and Secretary. Three candidates were recruited for Secretary and two for President-elect. Susan Clayton will be the next President-elect of the society, and Britain Scott will take over as Secretary. Worth noting is that the number of people participating in the election has gone up in each of the past four years; hopefully this trend will continue.



**Susan D. Clayton, Ph.D.**, is a professor of social psychology at The College of Wooster (Ohio). She received Ph.D.

in 1987 from Yale University. Clayton is a Fellow of the APA and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). She is also on the editorial boards for *Analysis of Social Issues and Policy* (ASAP) and *Human Ecology Review* (HER).

In her election statement, Clayton commented on both the potential and the problems the division faces: although there is a lot of interest in what the division has to offer, she also felt the division had an insufficiently clear identity. She hopes to encourage a stronger sense of what the division represents, and to strengthen connections with other APA divisions with which we share common interests. She looks forward to conversations with division members on ways to accomplish these goals.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Division 34: A Year in Review

by Jack R. Aiello, Ph.D. ('05-'06 Division President)

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of Division 34 this past year. As Division 34 celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, there continues to be no shortage of challenges for us in the field. Whether we are investigating human responses to office- or school-environments; studying the effects and responses to global warming, or natural or technological disasters; or learning more about our connection to the natural environment, Division 34 members are doing research that has the potential to advance our knowledge and make a difference. While this year has passed all too quickly, I can still recall the feeling of excitement those of us on APA's Task Force on Environment and Behavior had as Population and Environmental Psychology emerged.

We meet this year in New Orleans, a city that (only a year ago) suffered our country's worst natural disaster. Eighty-percent of the city was flooded and 1600 people died in Louisiana alone as Hurricane Katrina—a Category 5 storm—packed 175 mph winds, produced a storm surge of 28-feet, and the levees designed to protect the city were breached. Apro-

pos, my presidential address on Friday, August 11 will be the first report of the results of my ongoing NSF-funded research on the post-Katrina recovery process. Our focus has been on leadership and communication factors associated with successful rebounding from the devastation of Katrina.

During this past year we have had several exciting initiatives for Population and Environmental Psychology. I hope that you have recently visited our new web site. The look and feel of the site has been designed to reflect who we are and what we do. I thank Sae Schatz, our Division's editor, for her initiative and energy in redesigning and maintaining the site. I also hope that you have appreciated the engaging exchanges, as well as the news and information, provided on our Division 34 list serve. I thank Robert Gifford for continuing to shepherd this valuable resource.

At our APA business meeting this year we will announce the first recipient of the new Proshansky-Newman Award for outstanding contributions to our field. Next year we will let you know about our Division. 34 student award—stay tuned. New this year, as well, we will hold a Social Hour (co-sponsored with Media Psychology and International Psychology) from 3:00-5:00 on Saturday afternoon. We have an exciting Program for you and I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Conference.

### EDRA 2007 Annual Meeting

May 30–June 3, 2007  
Sacramento, CA  
Online: [WWW.EDRA38.COM](http://WWW.EDRA38.COM)

The theme, "building sustainable communities," will explore the diverse and complex issues that give *sustainability* its richest, fullest meanings.

## DIVISION COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

**A Call**, by Gary Don Gottfredson, Ph.D. (Division 34 President, 2006–2007)

Nominations for participation in the Program Committee, Committee on Awards, and Membership Committee are now being sought. Self-nominations strongly encouraged.

The Program Committee will develop the Division 34 program for the 2007 APA meeting in San Francisco. The program committee reviews submissions for panels and papers, arranges for invited addresses, arranges special events,

and composes the program for the convention. The Committee on Awards will select the 2007 recipient for the Newman-Proshansky Award, and it will develop procedures and criteria for this award and for a new award for student papers in population and environmental psychology.

Please help the Division by nominating yourself (or someone else) to play these important roles for the division. Send nominations

to Gary D. Gottfredson, President-elect, at GGOTTFRE@UMD.EDU.



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## 2005–2006 DIVISION ACTIVITIES

### Division Awareness Initiatives

by Sae Schatz, M.S. (Division 34 Editor)

This year, Division 34 embarked on an initiative to increase awareness of population and environmental psychology. The initiative includes three main goals:



Above: The opening page of the new Division 34 Web site and the front of one of the Division's new marketing postcards.

First: clarify the explanations of population and environmental psychology so that colleagues out-

side of these immediate disciplines are better able to appreciate these important areas of research. Second: step-up marketing efforts so that more people—graduate students, in particular—are made aware of population and environmental psychology. Third: build bridges between our Division and other scientific communities that have similar interests and goals.

We have already begun to make progress, as evidenced by our updated Web presence, reinvigorated *Bulletin*, and marketing campaign. We are moving forward, but we still have many things to do before we reach our goals. This is where we truly need support from Division members. We are seeking subspecialty editors for the population, built environment, and natural environment sections. Next, everyone can help Division 34 by visiting the Web site ([www.apa34.org](http://www.apa34.org)) and becoming more involved with these, and other, Division projects.

### APA 2006, CONTINUED

#### ★ PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

8/11 (Fri) 3:00–3:50 PM  
New Orleans Marriott, Balcony I  
John R. Aiello, Ph.D.

8/11 (Fri) 4:00–4:50 PM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 257  
Architecture and the Psychology of Empires in New Orleans;  
Joseph B. Juhasz, Ph.D. (Chair)

8/12 (Sat) 9:00–10:50 AM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 349  
Unpacking Diverse Land Ethics;  
Joseph B. Juhasz, Ph.D., Lynn Paxson, Ph.D. (Co-chairs)

8/12 (Sat) 11:00 AM–12:50 PM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 241  
Assessing and Influencing Environmental Attitudes and Values;  
John R. Aiello, Ph.D. (Chair)

8/12 (Sat) 1:00–1:50 PM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 240  
Observing and Understanding Distinctive Settings; Gary D. Gottfredson, Ph.D. (Chair)

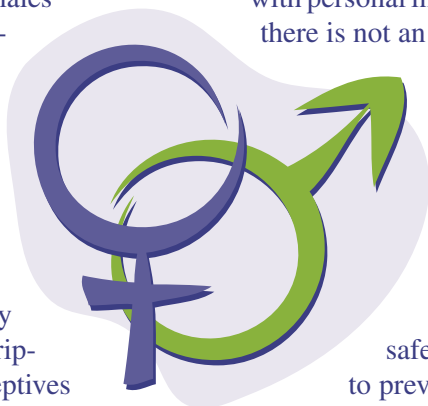
8/13 (Sun) 9:00–10:50 AM  
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 240  
Sibling Effects Across the Life Span; Toni Falbo, Ph.D. (Chair)

## APA 2005 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

### An Information Model of Privacy Applied to Reproductive Behavior

by Gregory H. Wilmoth, Ph.D. (Division 34 President, 2004–2005)

How important is privacy to use of reproductive-related facilities, services and technology? In one study of adolescent females using family planning clinics in Wisconsin, half reported that they would not use the clinics if their parents had to be notified when they requested prescriptions for contraceptives (Kline, J. et al, 1999).



Privacy barriers have broad implications for the design and construction of examining and counseling rooms in school health clinics, family planning clinics, abortion clinics, adoption centers, genetic

testing clinics, fertility clinics, etc.

Most of the literature, laws and regulations on privacy today deal with personal information. Although there is not an explicit “right to privacy” in the Constitution, Congress has passed laws identifying the legal right to specific areas of personal privacy.

I believe three safeguards are needed to prevent disclosure of private, non-criminal information.

First, there must be a law prohibiting disclosure of private, non-criminal information except under narrow, special circumstances. Second, the law needs to provide severe punishments to deter privacy invasion

beyond employment termination for violations of the law. Third, the victim must be given the right to sue for damages from the entity that leaked access to the disclosed data.

The newest questions to consider are how novel reproductive technologies and practices will influence privacy concerns in the future, and how new communication and surveillance technologies may create new privacy concerns. There is an important role for psychologists to play in assessing how these inventions will facilitate or inhibit behaviors, as well as to assess the behavioral, cognitive and emotional side-effects of them.



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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM CPA 2006

### Highlights from the Canadian Psychological Association’s annual meeting

by Sae Schatz, M.S. (Division 34 Editor)

This June, the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) held its annual convention, and the Section on Environmental Psychology sponsored two symposia, as well as a keynote from Robert Gifford, Ph.D., who presented a refreshingly balanced discussion on environmentalism. Gifford’s talk, “Speaking with the devils: Is the global environment in trouble, or not?” reviewed the stances of environmentalists and ‘economists’ who disagree about the status and needs of the environment.

The theme of the first symposium was space travel, featuring

CSA-representative Nicole Buckley, Ph.D., who spoke candidly about the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and its (relatively-new) embrace of psychology. She concluded her presentation by encouraging more psychologists to submit grant proposals to CSA. Following Buckley, Phyllis Johnson, Ph.D., reviewed astronauts autobiographies from a social-psychology perspective, and then Gifford and Cécile Lacombe, Ph.D., presented research about the International Space Station’s environmental design. The final panel offered perspectives on the interface between

education and environmental psychology. Beth Covitt’s, Ph.D., and Enrico Wensing both spoke about ways to encourage environmentalism and Sae Schatz presented the results of a study where a classroom building was redesigned in order to improve the students’ attitudes.

#### CPA’s Environment Section

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Members study behavior and the physical environment, both built and natural. Non-CPA members can join the section as BEING members.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY: PROMOTION

**Space in the Crowded “Psychology Supermarket”** by Richard E. Wener, Ph.D. (Division 34 Former President)

Twenty years ago many texts had whole chapters, or at least major subsections, on environmental psychology. Today, few mention the field. Newer areas, such as health psychology and cognitive science, have supplanted chapters on environmental psychology. (I am speaking about environmental psychology, which I know better, but I assume the same is true for population psychology.) It is important that we fight for space in these books, which are read by so

many introductory students and their teachers. Our situation is not dissimilar to that of a small brand competing for shelf space in a crowded supermarket. Here, our “shelf space” is found in the pages of introductory textbooks.

The Division is exploring the notion of producing “author friendly” brochures—easily-accessible information pamphlets describing the fields and important research, along with links to more in depth informa-

tion. Simply put, we are trying to make it easier for textbook authors to find to incorporate our work into their books.

We are soliciting nominations for studies to include in our first brochures. Each nomination should include a citation, brief, descriptive headline, a short paragraph describing the study and its impact. Send nominations to [RWENER@POLY.EDU](mailto:RWENER@POLY.EDU) or bring them to the Division business meeting.

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SCB CONVENTION

### The Society for Conservation Biology’s annual meeting

by Susan D. Clayton, Ph.D. (Division 34 President-elect)

The Society for Conservation Biology held its annual meeting in June in San Jose, California. This year’s convention included a significant presence by psychologists.

Carol Saunders (Chicago Zoological Society), Amara Brook (Santa Clara University) and Gene Myers (Western Washington University) organized several related events to create a conservation psychology thread throughout the meeting. The first event was a paper session on “Conservation Psychology” moderated by Saunders. In this session, Loraine Lavallee, from University of Northern British Columbia, presented work on environmental values among different stakeholder groups in British Columbia. Elizabeth McCance (McCance Consulting) with Carol Saunders reported on the work of the Chicago Wilderness Group in creating a social science research agenda for protecting biodiversity in the Chicago region. Victor Pantesco (Antioch New Eng-

land Graduate School) and John Fraser (Wildlife Conservation Society), with co-author Cynthia Harris (New Dimensions Consulting), presented an analysis of the possible trauma experienced by conservation professionals. Rebecca Christoffel reported on work with Shawn Riley, her colleague at Michigan State University, on using psychology to enhance snake conservation. Jessica Nolan (University of Arkansas) described work she had done with Wes Schultz (California State University–San Marcos) on using social norms to promote conservation. Finally, Stephanie Dashiell (Urban Ecology Institute) reported the results of a comparison of three approaches to conservation education in the field. The session was very well attended, with close to 150 people in the audience and standing room only.

Two days later, Saunders, Brook and Myers, along with Mike Mascia (World Wildlife Fund) and Susan

Clayton (College of Wooster) led a workshop on “Conservation tools and tips from psychology,” with the goal of defining the conservation psychology perspective and illustrating some ways in which the psychological perspective could inform conservation initiatives and enhance their likelihood of success. This workshop was also well attended, with approximately 80 people in the audience. The strong interest and tangible energy at these sessions suggest that conservation psychology will have an increasing impact among conservation professionals.

Psychologists interested in conservation issues are encouraged to contact Susan Clayton, Carol Saunders or Amara Brook to connect to others with like interests.

### SCB 2007 Annual Meeting

July 1–5, 2007

Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Online: [WWW.CONBIO.ORG](http://WWW.CONBIO.ORG)

This is the first Annual Meeting of the SCB on the African continent. The theme for the meeting is the need to move away from regional territoriality in support of a joint effort to conserve.

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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DIVISION 34?

**Join Today**, by Sae Schatz, M.S. (Division 34 Editor)

Join Division 34 to show your support of Population and Environmental Psychology. As a Division member, you will be added to our email listserv, where members share information about grant and employment opportunities, research ideas, and pedagogical techniques. You will also receive electronic copies of PEPB, the Division Bulletin, and you will be eligible to receive Division recognition awards, such as the new Proshansky-Newman Award.

There is no membership charge at the time you join—your first year is free! Also, you do not need to be a member of APA to join Division 34

After your first year of membership, Division membership fees are

\$11.00 per year. If you are a member of APA, you will be billed through APA. If you are a non-member, then you will be billed directly by Division 34.

Visit the Division Web site ([WWW.APA34.ORG](http://WWW.APA34.ORG)) to join. It takes less than five minutes.



**'05-06 DIVISION PRESIDENT JACK R. AIELLO, PH.D.:**

"I would like to invigorate the membership in Division 34, to bring in new members, to engage those who are already members, and to provide an opportunity for growth. Given the importance of the area, it is essential that we strive to make contributions, in a collaborative way, toward these outcomes. This is an important time for us, and together, I think we can build real momentum within the Division."

**Division Officers, 2006-2007**

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