



# ISPPNews

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*The purpose of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) is to facilitate communication across disciplinary, geographic and political boundaries, among scholars and concerned individuals in government and public posts, the communications media and elsewhere, who have a scientific interest in the relationship between politics and psychological processes. In so doing, ISPP aims to continue to advance scholarship in political psychology, and to contribute to the usefulness of work in political psychology.*

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

**F**irst, I want to introduce Summer Espinoza, our new Central Office Manager. Laurie Babcock was scooped up by another department at Pitzer which provided Laurie a much wider scope for her skills and a significant salary upgrade, so Summer Espinoza stepped in to pick up the ball after our annual meeting in Boston. Summer is a recent graduate of the University of Redlands, and is working toward a teaching credential at Cal Poly in nearby Pomona. Summer is working full time for ISPP, our first full time staff member, and in her short tenure she is proving to be a fast, efficient, and dependable colleague. If you have any problems with your membership, journal subscription, or just want to ask a question or say hello, you can contact Summer directly at: Summer\_Espinoza@pitzer.edu.

### Boston

We are still working on some of the accounts, but it looks like we emerged from the Boston meeting in the black. Turn-out was down a bit from our record attendance in Berlin, but we have nevertheless managed to make a small profit on the meeting. I should emphasize that our goal is not to make money at the annual meeting, but rather to price events so we can cover costs, and this year we succeeded. Attendance at Boston was 342 registrants, compared to 448 in Berlin, 377 in Cuernavaca, 406 in Seattle, 404 in Amsterdam, and 271 in Krakow.

### Lund

Next July I hope at least 400 of us will fly into Copenhagen and take the 40 minute train ride to Lund, Sweden where Katarina Kinnvall and Ned Lebow have already lined up a number of significant events for our Annual meeting which

will take place from July 15-18, 2004. More information about Lund is contained herein, but be sure to get your paper, workshop, poster session, and symposia proposals as soon as possible. You can access the call for papers and the submission forms at <http://ispp.org/lund/lund.html>.

### Membership

Over the past two years the trend toward increasing mem-

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bers has stalled. While we continue to recruit new members at relatively high rates, renewal rates have not been as robust as we had hoped. We are trying to understand the reasons behind this trend and are hoping our members can provide some feedback. We are exploring several possible reasons for the renewal downturn, including the recent increase in membership fees, the online publication of our journal, generally tight economic conditions, reluctance to travel after 9/11 (thus, not picking up members who renew during years they attend annual meetings), disappointment in the quality of the journal, disappointment in the quality of annual meetings, and so forth. We would greatly appreciate hearing thoughts on this issue from our members and former members. Please feel free to contact me directly at [dward@pitzer.edu](mailto:dward@pitzer.edu) with any comments you might have. Despite the weaker renewal rates, as of October 23, 2003 we have 774 members. As you can see below, membership seems to have dropped by roughly 100 members since the 1999-2001 highs.

Year	Total	New Members
1991	635	88
1992	701	140
1993	790	192
1994	724	151
1995	776	146
1996	841	178
1997	675	112
1998	796	147
1999	905	192
2000	900	160
2001	901	162
2002	818	120
2003*	774	225

\*As of October 23, 2003

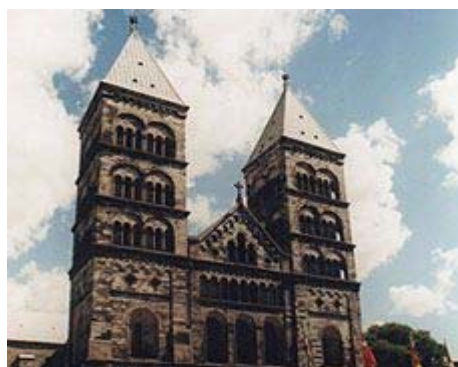
If the trend holds, it looks like we will end the year at about the same place as we did in 2002. On the other hand, if we are able to increase renewal rates, we might be able to end the year closer to the 1999-2001 levels. Consequently, if you are reading this and have not renewed, please help keep ISPP healthy. It is increasingly important to maintain our membership rates because under our new contract with our publisher, ISPP revenues will increase relative to overall subscriptions. That increased revenue will help us expand our programs, improve the annual meeting (for example, by inviting noted speakers), support travel grants for members from economically strapped regions of the world, and other improvements.

Although there are a few clouds, the overall health of the Society is strong and improving. We are expanding the journal to six issues a year, our revenue should increase

dramatically next year, the journal continues to gain greater respect, and we are starting new initiatives, including hosting a day of panels during our midwinter officers' meeting which will be held January 17, 2004 in Claremont, California. If you are in southern California next January, be sure to save January 17 for panels on Harold Lasswell, Deliberative Democracy, War, Leadership and more.

Dana Ward  
Executive Director

LUND CATHEDRAL



(FROM: [HTTP://WWW.LUND.SE/ENGLISH/07\\_TURIST/6\\_PICTURES.ASP](http://www.lund.se/english/07_turist/6_pictures.asp))

ISPP 27th Annual Scientific Meeting

*“The Political Psychology of Hegemony and Resistance”*

**Lund, Sweden**  
**July 15-18 2004**

Program Chair: Catarina Kinnvall

Call for Papers and Symposia at:

<http://ispp.org/lund/lund.html>

**Deadline for Submissions:**  
**December 31, 2003**

**FAREWELL**

Dear ISPP Members:

I am now at the end of my formal time as president and would like to use this, my last column, to thank all those with whom I've worked in the last year for their help and support. As I look back on the year, I am particularly pleased that we were able to establish the Alexander L. George Book Award, honoring a scholar and an outstandingly decent and generous man. The combination is rare in my experience.

I am very appreciative of all the people who helped make the Boston meeting a success—Herb Kelman, Petra Hesse, Barbara Kellerman, Robert Gilbert, Linda Patton and Heather Gillespie. And my special thanks goes out again to Peter Suedfeld, program chair and friend for all his fine work as Program Chair.

My presidency followed that of Helen Haste, an enthusiastic energetic supporter of ISPP, and will be followed by Ned Lebow who I know will devote himself energetically and wholeheartedly to our organization. It is in very capable hands. It has been my honor to serve as President of ISPP.

*Stanley Renshon*

**HAIL FROM THE PRESIDENT**

ISPP had a very successful Boston meeting, and we owe a big thanks to everyone who had a hand in its organization. We are looking forward to an even more exciting meeting next July in Lund, Sweden. The general theme of the meeting is the Political Psychology of Hegemony and Resistance. As always, we will also have many interesting topics on unrelated subjects. Our pre-conference reception will be held at Kronborg's castle (Hamlet's castle), and will include a lecture on the political psychology of Hamlet by Lars-Håkan Svensson, Professor of English Literature at the University of Lund. There will be two day-long symposia, on European and American politics, led respectively by Martin Hall and Joe Montville. We plan a special meeting for junior scholars, funded by publishers, a banquet for all participants at Lund's Grand Hotel and a closing reception at Svaneholm's Castle. Dana Ward and Pitzer College have graciously volunteered to host the mid-winter meeting, which will take place in Claremont, CA. from 16-18 January. For the first time, we will sponsor a day-long series of panels, on Saturday, the 17th. So far we have lined up sessions on Harold Lasswell with Bill Ascher and Paul Roazen, on deliberative democracy with Shawn Rosenberg, on the nature of international order with Ned Lebow, and probably a session on leadership. We cordially invite all of you to attend, and this should be readily feasible for members within driving distance. For more information, please contact our Executive Director, Dana Ward. There are other new initiatives being undertaken by the Society, including the Alexander L. George Prize, described in the following pages.

The only gray cloud on the horizon is membership. It is down from the past, and I assume that we, like other professional associations, are victims of the economic downturn. That said, I urge all of you to talk up the many virtues of ISPP to friends and colleagues who might have an interest in attending a meeting, subscribing to our journal and becoming new faces in our organization. As all political parties know, the most important thing in an election is getting the faithful to come out to the polls. This is also true of ISPP. I urge all of you who have not renewed to do so now, and help us and yourself get on with our research and educational mission. I wish you all a happy and successful academic year—I wish I could say peaceful as well—and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Claremont and Lund.

*Ned Lebow*

### ISPP Extends Condolences

Upon the death of Sweden's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Anna Lindh, who was to speak at next year's meetings, ISPP President Ned Lebow sent the following message of sympathy on behalf of the society:

To the Family of Anna Lindh, her colleagues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the people of Sweden:

I write to express condolences on behalf of the International Society of Political Psychology. We are holding our next annual scientific meeting in Lund in July, and Minister Lindh was to open the proceedings with a talk on the principal theme of our conference: the political psychology of hegemony and resistance. We are certain that her talk would have been thought-provoking. Members of the ISPP — who come from over sixty countries — have been thinking about her in recent days and she will be present in our minds at the meeting. Many members have emailed me to ask that I extend condolences for the Society.

The tape of history cannot be rewound to undo horrible events of this kind. But we can hope that a continuing commitment to foster conditions of peace, of the kind displayed by Minister Lindh, will make such occurrences less frequent in the future.

With heartfelt sympathies,

Richard Ned Lebow  
President  
International Society of Political Psychology

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### ISPP AWARDS

#### BREWER RECEIVES LASSWELL AWARD

#### STAUB RECEIVES SANFORD AWARD

Each year ISPP presents the Harold Lasswell Award for distinguished scientific contributions to political psychology and the Nevitt Sanford Award for distinguished professional contributions to political psychology. This year's selection committee consisted of John Duckitt (chair), Leonie Huddy, Janice Stein, Fred Alford, Daniel Bar-Tal, Fred Greenstein and Judith Torney-Purta. At the annual meeting in Boston the 2003 Lasswell Award was presented to Marilyn Brewer, Eminent Scholar in Social Psychology at Ohio State University, and the Sanford Award to Ervin Staub, Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Fred Alford presented both awards on behalf of the committee.

Marilynn Brewer has made path-breaking contributions to the understanding of intergroup relations, social identity and the self, stereotyping and prejudice, and person perception. Her books include *Ethnocentrism and intergroup attitudes: East African evidence*, which she co-authored with Donald Campbell (1976), *Scientific inquiry in the social sciences*, co-edited with B. Collins (1981), *Groups in contact: The psychology of desegregation*, co-edited with N. Miller (1984), and *Intergroup Relations*, co-authored with N. Miller (1996). She has contributed major theoretical or review chapters to the *Psychological Bulletin*, *Annual Review of Psychology*, *Handbook of Social Psychology*, and *Handbook of Social Cognition*.

During her career, Marilyn Brewer has served as President of the American Psychological Society (1993-1995), and as President of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (1990-91), and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (1984-85). She is a recipient of the 1995 Kurt Lewin Award from SPSSI, and the Donald T. Campbell Award for Distinguished Research in Social Psychology in 1992. She has been editor of the journal *Personality and Social Psychology Review* and is currently associate editor of *Psychological Review*.

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Ervin Staub has studied helping behavior and altruism, and passivity in the face of others' need. On these topics he authored *Positive social behavior and morality* (Vol. 1 Social and personal influences, 1978; Vol. 2. Socialization and development, 1979. Academic Press) and co-edited two volumes (*Development and maintenance of prosocial behavior: International perspectives on positive morality*, Plenum, 1984; and *Social and moral values: Individual and societal perspectives*, Erlbaum, 1989). He also edited *Personality: Current Issues and Basic Research* (Prentice-Hall, 1980). Since the early 1980s, he has also been studying the origins of human destructiveness. His book *The roots of evil: The origins of genocide and other group violence* (Cambridge University Press, 1989) develops a conception of the origins of genocide and mass killing and applies it to four instances. His recent books are *Patriotism in the lives of individuals and groups* (co-edited with D. Bar-Tal, Nelson Hall, 1997) and *The psychology of good and evil* (Cambridge, in press).

He is past President of the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence: Peace Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association (1999-2000), (from which, he also received the "Award for life-long contributions to peace psychology," 2002) and of the International Society for Political Psychology (2000-2001). Among his awards are the 1990 Otto Klineberg Intercultural and International Prize of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and the Chancellor's Medal, the highest distinction at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Ervin Staub has applied his work to raising caring and non-violent children, the prevention of genocide and other collective violence, healing and reconciliation, racism, police violence, and to countering the passivity of bystanders and finding ways to mobilize bystander intervention. These applications have included many academic and public lectures, interviews with journalists, radio and T.V. appearances, creating a training program for police (to reduce unnecessary force) and teachers (to understand and reduce violence and promote caring and helping in schools), and projects to prevent collective violence by working with high level leaders and promoting healing, forgiveness and reconciliation in Rwanda.

*For the committee,  
John Duckitt*

## SHAFER RECEIVES ERIKSON AWARD

This year we had several truly outstanding candidates nominated for the Erikson Award. I would like to thank Donald Robert Brown, Michael Neblo, and Michelle Slone for serving on the Committee with me to make this difficult decision. Following his participation in the Summer Institute in Political Psychology at Ohio State University, he completed his Ph.D. with concentrations in international relations and comparative politics at Arizona State University. Dr. Stephen Walker, his dissertation advisor, consented to my quoting from his letter nominating Mark for this award: "Professor Schafer's doctoral research explored the social-psychological dynamics of the Interactive Conflict Resolution approach pioneered by John Burton and Herb Kelman. In his post-doctoral research, Professor Schafer has turned his attention to the analysis of within-group dynamics.... Building on the research of Irving Janis dealing with the "groupthink" syndrome, these investigations into the antecedents of groupthink dynamics and their effects on the quality of foreign policy decisions show that the information-processing errors associated with groupthink dynamics are due to structural conditions within the group and are not related to situational factors such as high stress or short decision time. Structural flaws such as biased leadership, group insulation, and group homogeneity increase the frequency of information-processing errors, leading to foreign policy decisions associated with unfavorable political outcomes and increased international conflict. Because such structural factors are under the control of leaders, Schafer concludes that prescriptions to improve the quality of foreign policy decisions are feasible and worth doing... To sum up, Professor Schafer has compiled a distinguished record as a young scholar over the past nine years since receiving his Ph.D. degree in 1994."

*For the committee,  
Cheryl A. Koopman*

**SIGEL AWARD WINNERS FROM BERLIN CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED**

At the Boston conference, the 2002 Roberta Sigel Graduate Student Paper Awards were presented. These were both papers presented at the Berlin meetings. Winning in the category for a paper written solely by a junior scholar was Michael Neblo, for his paper, "Three-fifths a Racist: Context and Meaning in the Race Politics Debate." The other award conferred to the best paper with a Junior Scholar first author (this award allows, but does not require non-Junior Scholar co-authors), was given to J. Celeste Lay, for "Patriotism and Political Participation Among Russian and American Adolescents," (with Dr. Judith Torney-Purta).

*For the committee,  
Andrea Grove*

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ISPP AWARDS**

The chairs of the awards committees seek your help in identifying suitable candidates. Please send your nominations to the central office, along with a letter that summarizes the candidate's accomplishments. Inclusion of supporting information, such as a current vita, is helpful, though not essential. You may also indicate the names of other colleagues who could provide information about the nominee.

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**ERIK H. ERIKSON EARLY CAREER AWARD:** Given to a junior scholar whose work exemplifies excellence and creativity in the field of political psychology. Candidates should not be more than ten years beyond their doctorate.

**HAROLD D. LASSWELL AWARD:** Given for distinguished scientific contribution in the field of political psychology.

**SANFORD AWARD:** Given for distinguished professional contribution in the field of political psychology.

*Report from*

**The 2003 Summer Institute in Political Psychology**

by Thomas Dolan, Marilynn Brewer and Richard Herrmann, The Ohio State University

The 2003 Summer Institute in Political Psychology, held from 11 July to 1 August at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, was another success. Fifty-five students from thirty different universities from eleven countries came together to interact with a series of distinguished scholars, work together on research projects of their own devising, and develop professional and personal bonds with others interested in political psychology. Through colloquia, workshops, and informal discussions, participants were exposed to cutting-edge research in the field, acquired new approaches to hypothesis generation, conceptual measurement, and research methods, and became better acquainted with the requisites of successful interdisciplinary research. Working together in project teams, the participants explored a wide variety of topics, including attitudes toward war and peace, collective mobilization, and electoral decision-making. Through their interplay of ideas and questions during formal sessions, and through their many contacts during unstructured moments of the Institute, the participants benefited from the diversity of disciplines, methodological training, and substantive interests, becoming not only colleagues but comrades and—in many cases—friends.

This year's Summer Institute was co-directed by Marilynn Brewer, Professor Psychology and Richard Herrmann, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Mershon Center at the Ohio State University. Tom Dolan served as the Assistant Director, and four graduate students from political science and psychology (former SIPP participants themselves) served as facilitators of discussion and research projects. This year's guest lectures were Kathleen McGraw (Ohio State), Joe Bond (Harvard), Donald Sylvan (Ohio State), Michael Young (Social Science Automation), Jon Krosnick (Ohio State), Arthur Lupia (University of Michigan), Philip Tetlock (UC-Berkeley), Paul Sniderman (Stanford), Barry O'Neil (UCLA), George Marcus (Williams), Faye Crosby (UC Santa Barbara), Emanuele Castano (New School), and James Sidanius (UCLA).

Details about SIPP 2004 will be posted at [www.mershon.ohio-state.edu/sipp](http://www.mershon.ohio-state.edu/sipp) shortly after the New Year and will be covered in the Spring edition of the ISPP newsletter.

### **New ISPP Award Announcement: The Alexander L. George Book Award**

The International Society of Political Psychology is pleased to announce the establishment of the Alexander L. George Book Award. Beginning with the 2004 ISPP Annual Scientific Meeting, this award will be given for the best book published in the field of political psychology during the previous calendar year. (The first award will be for the best book published in 2003). Befitting the extraordinary and far-reaching contributions to scholarship of Alexander George, the award winning work should be one that demonstrates the highest quality of thought and makes a major substantive book-length contribution to the field of political psychology, broadly defined. As judged by the award committee, the book should increase substantially our understanding of an issue (or issues) that is central to the concerns of political psychology and the world in which we live.

The award winner will be determined by an interdisciplinary committee consisting of at least four members, at least two of whom are normally drawn from lists of past winners of ISPP major awards—Sanford, Lasswell, Erikson, and former ISPP presidents. Nominations, along with a copy of the books being nominated, should be sent to each of the award committee members. Inquiries should be addressed to the chair of the award committee, Robert Shapiro. The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2003.

#### **AWARD COMMITTEE**

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### **Lecture Announcement**

The Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction is pleased to announce the First Annual Volkan Lecture on Saturday, November 15, 2003, 1:00pm, Rotunda Dome Room, University of Virginia. Leo Rangell, M.D. will be the inaugural speaker for this lecture series, which honors the career and work of CSMHI's founder, Vamýk Volkan. Dr. Rangell will speak on the nature of group psychology:

*Affects: In an Individual and a Nation*

Even if Freud had not produced his life-work on the psychology of the individual, his contributions to group psychology would be significant in themselves. Since Freud's beginnings a century ago, group psychopathology has exploded in complexity and portent. How much of psychoanalytic theory can we extrapolate and apply to groups? Do countries react to anxiety with defense and pathological outcomes? Does a people have a character? Do nations feel sad, or happy, or worried? Can a state negotiate and be reasonable?

Dr. Leo Rangell is Honorary President of The International Psychoanalytic Association; Past President of The American and the International Psychoanalytic Associations, and Clinical Professor, UCLA and University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Rangell is the author of over 450 publications on almost every aspect of psychoanalytic theory and practice.

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Among his books are: *The Mind of Watergate: An Exploration of the Compromise of Integrity*; and *Psychoanalysis at the Political Border: Essays in Honor of Rafael Moses* (Editor, with Rena Moses-Hrushovski).

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**Roberta Sigel Graduate Student**  
**Paper Award**

This award honors Professor Sigel, who has been a distinguished professor of political science at Rutgers University since 1973. She is author and editor of seven books and many articles and book chapters, mostly in the areas of political socialization and democratic citizenship. She has had many leadership roles in the American Political Science Association and has served as program chair, Vice-President, and President of ISPP. The Sigel award has been dedicated to support Junior Scholar travel to the 2003 ISPP Annual meeting in Lund, Sweden. All Junior Scholars who present papers at the Lund conference are eligible to be considered for this award. Junior Scholars are all students (graduate or undergraduate) and faculty who received their Ph.D. within the last five years.

Two prizes are awarded: the first award will be given to the best paper written by Junior Scholars only (especially in the case of multiple authors, all co-authors must be Junior Scholars); the second award will be conferred to the best paper with a Junior Scholar first author (this award allows, but does not require non-Junior Scholar co-authors). Papers will be selected strictly according to scientific excellence and their contribution to research in political psychology. The winners will receive an award of \$250 each.

After the Lund conference, send three copies of papers nominated for this award to:  
Dr. Christopher M. Federico  
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**PROGRAM & JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Psychology Department at the University of Massachusetts is starting a new Ph.D. concentration in "*The Psychology of Peace and The Prevention Of Violence*," initiated by a generous endowment. The program will be located in the social-personality psychology division of the Department, but aims to draw on a broad range of psychology as well as related fields. As a first step, we are planning to appoint a new faculty member. This is a tenure track position, at the advanced assistant or associate professor level. The specialization in peace psychology aims to equip students to conduct research, including research in the real world, on the origins and prevention of violence between individuals and groups and nations and on ways to promote cooperation and peace, as well as to apply knowledge to prevent violence and promote peace in the real world. It also aims to prepare students to teach peace psychology, and to teach in the rapidly growing field of peace studies. We hope to appoint a person with a record of academic research and scholarship in peace psychology, broadly defined, (but including concern with intergroup and/or societal level phenomena.). The candidate should also have experience in real world settings involving issues of violence and peace and be willing to help administer the program. Salary commensurate with background and experience, with a maximum starting salary of \$68,000. Please send a letter describing background and interest and curriculum vitae, and arrange for 3 to 4 letters of recommendation to be sent to Ervin Staub, Director, Program in the Psychology of Peace and Prevention of Violence, Department of Psychology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Tobin Hall, Amherst, MA 01003 USA. Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2003 and will continue until the position is filled. Letters nominating potential candidates are also welcome. The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and members of minority groups are highly encouraged to apply.

The first students in this new program are to start in the fall of 2004; interested persons should apply in the fall/winter of 2003.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Dr. Shimon Samuels is calling for proposals or proposed papers on *The Psycho-Dynamics of Jewish Self-Hatred in Israel and the Diaspora* for an eventual conference and to be edited for publication. Please contact him by email at either (or both): CSWEUROPE@Compuserve.com or sts018@aol.com with your proposals.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### Middle East North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology

13-18 December 2003 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

President: Dr. Raymond H. Hamden  
Chair of Scientific Committee: Dr. Hassan K. Khan

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website: www.menarcp.net

### 7th European Conference on Psychological Assessment

Sponsored by the European Association of Psychological Assessment, the Seventh European Conference on Psychological Assessment will convene in Malaga, Spain, 1-4 April 2004. The official languages will be English and Spanish. For more information, see the website at <http://www.uma.es/petra/eapa2004/index2.html>.

### Understanding Traumatized Societies

November 15 & 16, 2003  
University of Virginia

Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction

On November 15 and 16, 2003, the Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction (CSMHI) is hosting an interdisciplinary seminar, UNDERSTANDING TRAUMATIZED SOCIETIES. Please visit the website at <http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/csmhi> for a detailed program of events that includes descriptions of each speaker's presentation; biographical information about each speaker; registration, lodging and travel information; and a seminar registration form.

### Stigma and Group Inequality: Social Psychological Approaches

The Twenty-First Annual Claremont Symposium on Applied Social Psychology Saturday, April 3, 2004, Claremont, California

Social psychological research on stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination has typically focused on the views and responses of members of majority groups to members of minority groups. Recent efforts to focus attention on the perspective of stigmatized groups have led to theoretical and methodological innovations in the study of prejudice. This year's Claremont Symposium will feature an array of outstanding researchers who are active in the study of stigmatized groups. Our goal is to provide a forum for stimulating new collaborations and new directions for research on stigma and group inequality (there will not be parallel sessions).

This one-day symposium will take place on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California (35 miles east of Los Angeles). Thirteen speakers are scheduled for the meeting (Jennifer Crocker, Michael Inzlicht, Cheryl Kaiser, Brenda Major, Tracy McLaughlin-Volpe, Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton, Carol Miller, Diane Quinn, Toni Schmader, Nicole Shelton, Stacey Sinclair, Janet Swim, and Linda Tropp), and a book with the contributions will be published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. In addition to the above speakers there will be a small poster session, and informal papers will be available during the evening reception. Researchers with work highly relevant to the theme of the conference are invited to submit a poster or informal paper proposal by sending a title and 500-word abstract (with names, institutional affiliations, and addresses of each author) by February 1, 2004 to Shana Levin (Department of Psychology, Claremont McKenna College, 850 Columbia Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711-6420).

For more information on the conference, including registration materials, please call the Claremont Graduate University Psychology Department at (909) 621-8084. For additional information on the conference program, please contact one of the program chairs:

Program Chairs:  
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& Colette van Laar ([CVLAAR@FSW.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:CVLAAR@FSW.leidenuniv.nl))

Organizers: Mark Costanzo (Claremont McKenna College), Shana Levin (Claremont McKenna College) & Colette van Laar (Leiden University, The Netherlands)

## BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***The Microanalysis of Political Communication: Claptrap and Ambiguity***

Peter Bull

Routledge International Series in Social Psychology,  
March 2003

How do politicians cope with questions and interruptions? How do they invite applause and audience appreciation? How often do they avoid replying to questions, how and why do they do this, and what are the consequences of their evasions? Such questions are posed and answered by this series of original studies of political speeches and televised political interviews conducted by the author and his colleagues. They were based on the Annual Party Political Conferences (1996-2000) and the last five General Elections (1983-2001) in the UK. Both verbal and non-verbal features of communication are examined, including hand gesture, applause, interruptions, questions, replies and non-replies to questions. As a result of applying the techniques of microanalysis, we have a greater awareness of how applause can occur both invited and uninvited in political speeches. We can evaluate more effectively the interview skills of both politicians and political interviewers. We have a better understanding of how and why politicians equivocate, handle interruptions, and seek to present themselves in the best possible light. It is often the case that political speeches are dismissed as mere "claptrap", while politicians are castigated for their evasiveness in interviews. But the detailed microanalytic research presented here brings fresh insights into the role played by this apparent "claptrap and ambiguity" in the underlying political process.

This unique and highly contemporary study provides a rare interdisciplinary view of politics, communication and microanalysis. It will be valuable reading for advanced students and academics within the fields of social psychology, linguistics, political science, communication studies and sociology.

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### ***The Tormented President: Calvin Coolidge, Death and Clinical Depression***

Robert E. Gilbert

Praeger Publishers, Westport, CT, 2003

This book is the first to examine Calvin Coolidge as a president who was overwhelmed by a crippling psychological breakdown. During his lengthy political career, including his first year as the nation's chief executive, he had been hard working, shrewd and progressive. In July, 1924, however, his sixteen-year-old son died of blood poisoning. Vulnerable to this loss because of his earlier bereavements, Coolidge entered into a state of unrelenting clinical depression. His personal behavior became so peculiar that his physician saw him as seriously disturbed. Also, as shown here in detail, he lost interest in politics and the presidency, deferred to Congress, lost touch with the policy process and served out his term as a broken - and heartbroken - man. The book concludes, then, that Calvin Coolidge should be seen as a sick, rather than an incompetent president.

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continued

*Auckland Unplugged: Coping with Critical  
Infrastructure Failure*

By Eric Stern, Lindy Newlove, and Lina Svedin

Lexington Books, March 2003 (ISBN 0-7391-0486-1)

Virtually all of the socio-technical systems that maintain public order, quality of life, and commerce depend on a reliable electric supply, and critical infrastructure failures such as "blackouts" have profound implications for citizens and for those who govern in their name. Social scientists have noted the impact of such failures on society, and undertake the study of crisis management to improve our knowledge of why critical systems fail and how such systems can be made more reliable. *Auckland Unplugged* is a major contribution to this field. Using the 1998 blackout of the central business district of Auckland, New Zealand, as a case study, the authors reveal a number of important insights into the central challenges of crisis governance in post-industrial, democratic societies. These challenges include:

- Finding an appropriate division of responsibility and labor between public- and private-sector actors.
- Crafting and coordinating a crisis response that addresses perceived threats to community values and avoids the twin perils of underreaction (e.g., passivity or paralysis) and overreaction (e.g., "crying wolf" or political grandstanding).
- Coping with competence/authority discrepancies under stress: Those who have expert knowledge of the technical issues rarely have the authority to make policy; those who have the authority generally lack the technical expertise to comprehend the subtleties and uncertainties of the issues at stake.
- Maintaining credibility and legitimacy when facing acute, ill-structured problems in politicized, publicized, and highly uncertain environments.

Such challenges are by no means specific to Auckland or to the problem of coping with urban "blackouts." *Auckland Unplugged* clearly describes and carefully explores general and recurring problems faced by crisis managers around the world.

*Alleged Palestinian Collaborators with Israel  
and their Families: Study of Victims of Inter-  
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