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This email newsletter is sent to scientists who are members of Federation societies, affiliates, plus interested governmental agency officials. Its goal is to inform researchers in the field about Federation activities, federal funding issues, and other relevant topics.

If you would like to learn about the Federation's foundation, i.e., Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral & Brain Sciences, please visit <http://www.fabbs.org>.

"WORK AND AGING" SCIENCE FORUM: LAST CHANCE TO RSVP

Next Friday, March 14th, the Federation, along with the [Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology](#) (SIOP) will host a science forum entitled *Work and Aging:*

Psychological-Organizational Science Contributions to the Management of an Aging Age-Diverse Workforce. Industrial and organizational psychologists, federal agency representatives and other interested parties will gather to discuss current and future research directions to help the U.S. in business practices and competitiveness.

This event will be held at Union Station, Columbus Club Meeting Space, from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Please visit http://www.fbpcs.org/events/2008_SIOP to RSVP and see the complete agenda. Call or email Meghan McGowan, the Federation's Policy Specialist, at 202-336-5922 or mmcgowan@fbpcs.org for additional information.

FEDERATION NAMES BRADBURN INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Meghan McGowan reports: Norman M. Bradburn, PhD, joins the Federation and FABBS DC office as the Interim Executive Director. He replaces Barbara Wanchisen, PhD, until a search can be conducted to name a full-time, permanent replacement. Dr. Bradburn serves on the faculties of the Harris School, the Department of Psychology, the Graduate School of Business, and the College at the University of Chicago.

Many in our community will remember his tenure as the assistant director for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation (2000-2004). Bradburn is currently a senior fellow at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC). Associated with NORC since 1961, he has been director of NORC and president of its Board of Trustees.

For a complete bio, please see our press release:
http://www.fbpcs.org/docs/FBPCS_press_release-bradburn.pdf

HEARING ON NSF FUNDING: BAIRD AGAIN SPEAKS OUT FOR BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Last week, the Research and Science Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Technology held a hearing on the oversight of the National Science Foundation. The two witnesses were Dr. Arden Bement, Director of the National Science Foundation, and Dr. Steven Beering, Chairman of the National Science Board. Of course, this subcommittee is highly supportive of the NSF and so it was overall a “love fest” of sorts as the Members of Congress pledged support, asking good questions to further understand various initiatives, and the witnesses provided engaging information on current and future directions of the NSF.

Notably, Brian Baird (D-WA), who holds a PhD in Psychology, repeatedly mentioned the behavioral and brain sciences (and education), as being important and relevant to such initiatives as the America COMPETES Act and said he wanted to know how much the NSF will include these sciences going forward. He also mentioned Hurricane Katrina, saying that this catastrophe was more about “getting people to listen” and yet the Social, Behavioral, and Economic (SBE) Directorate will receive the smallest budget increase. Bement agreed with the importance of our sciences, also raising homeland security and terrorism as other relevant research areas. However, Bement noted that “all programs have to get a good bump” and that the increase for ‘09 is a generous one for SBE.” (Thanks go to Brian Baird!)

Vern Ehlers (R-MI), a physical scientist, and a long-standing supporter of basic science funding, strongly rejected the idea of another omnibus bill because this means NSF eventually gets cut for the sake of other programs “and Congress does not have to do its work.” He said he spoke with President Bush about this and will fight it should we be faced with that “solution” again for the ‘09 budget.

NIGMS HIRES SOCIAL SCIENTIST

Juliana Blome, PhD, was appointed to the position of Chief, Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation at the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) at the National Institutes of Health. Blome will handle two grant programs: institutional training at the interface of the biomedical and behavioral sciences, and research on the efficacy of interventions to promote research careers. She has conducted research in epidemiology on risky health behaviors in adolescence at Columbia University and came to NIGMS from the Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the Director at NIH. We are thrilled to have her presence at NIGMS! By the way, I met with Blome recently and found her to be very engaging and open to discussion. She can be reached at: blomeju@mail.nih.gov.

REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Information Technology: Significant Problems of Critical Automation Program Contribute to Risks Facing 2010 Census, by David A. Powner, director, information technology management issues, and Mathew J. Scire, director, strategic issues, before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. GAO-08-550T, March 5.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-550T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08550thigh.pdf>

Reprocessed Single-Use Medical Devices: FDA Oversight Has Increased, and Available Information Does Not Indicate That Use Presents an Elevated Health Risk. GAO-08-147, January 31.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-147>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08147high.pdf>

Information Security: Securities and Exchange Commission Needs to Continue to Improve Its Program. GAO-08-280, February 29.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-280>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08280high.pdf>

Catastrophic Disasters: Federal Efforts Help States Prepare for and Respond to Psychological Consequences, but FEMA's Crisis Counseling Program Needs Improvements. GAO-08-22, February 29.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-22>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0822high.pdf>

National Disaster Response: FEMA Should Take Action to Improve Capacity and Coordination between Government and Voluntary Sectors. GAO-08-369, February 27.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-369>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08369high.pdf>

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Memory on Trial

The U.S. legal system has long assumed that all testimony is not equally credible, that some witnesses are more reliable than others. In tough cases with child witnesses, it assumes adult witnesses to be more reliable. But what if the legal system had it wrong?

Researchers Valerie Reyna, human development professor, and Chuck Brainerd, human development and law school professor-- both from Cornell University -- argue that like the two-headed Roman god Janus, memory is of two ...

More at http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=111230&govDel=USNSF_51

Communicating Hurricane Information (CHI)

Available Formats:

HTML: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08551/nsf08551.htm?govDel=USNSF_25

TXT: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08551/nsf08551.txt?govDel=USNSF_25

PDF: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08551/nsf08551.pdf?govDel=USNSF_25

Virtual Organizations as Sociotechnical Systems (VOSS)

Available Formats:

HTML: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08550/nsf08550.htm?govDel=USNSF_175

TXT: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08550/nsf08550.txt?govDel=USNSF_175

PDF: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08550/nsf08550.pdf?govDel=USNSF_175

FEDERATION SOCIETIES' ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

MARCH

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

New York, NY: March 24 - March 28

www.aera.net

APRIL

SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

San Francisco, CA: April 10 - 12

www.siop.org

MAY

ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY AND BIOFEEDBACK

Daytona Beach, FL: May 15 - 18

www.aapb.org

ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS INTERNATIONAL

Chicago, IL: May 23 - 27

www.abainternational.org

JUNE

INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY

St. Thomas, VI: June 17 - 22

www.ibnshomepage.org

BEHAVIOR GENETICS ASSOCIATION

Louisville, KY: June 25 - 28

www.bga.org

JULY

COGNITIVE SCIENCE SOCIETY

Washington, DC: July 23 - 26

www.cognitivesciencesociety.org

SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL NEUROENDOCRINOLOGY

Groningen, Netherlands: July 7 - 10

www.sbn.org

SOCIETY FOR MATHEMATICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Washington, DC: July 26 - 29

www.cogs.indiana.edu/socmathpsych

AUGUST

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Boston, MA: August 14 - 17

www.apa.org

SEPTEMBER

HUMAN FACTORS AND ERGONOMICS SOCIETY

New York, NY: September 22 - 26

www.hfes.org

SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

Pittsburgh, PA: September 25 - 28

www.psychopathology.org

OCTOBER

SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Austin, TX: October 1 - 5

www.sprweb.org

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

New York, NY: October 22 - 25

www.nanonline.org

SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sacramento, CA: October 24 - 25

www.sesp.org

NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY

Washington, DC: November 12 - 15

www.isdp.org

PSYCHONOMIC SOCIETY

Chicago, IL: November 13 - 16

www.psychonomic.org

SOCIETY FOR JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING

Chicago, IL: November 22 - 24

www.sjdm.org

SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

TBA

<http://home.scip.ws>

TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON...

MASSACHUSETTS NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TBA

www.massneuropsychology.org

SOCIETY OF MULTIVARIATE EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

TBA

www.smep.org

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

The Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) is an educational, non-profit organization established to promote and enhance understanding of the behavioral, psychological, cognitive, and brain sciences. Created to take over a substantial part of the educational mission of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences on behalf of its constituent sciences, FABBS focuses its efforts in three directions. One is to educate the public about the contributions of these important fields to the well-being of individuals and society. A second is to educate Congressional staff and others in the Federal Government about our sciences (as distinct from lobbying them, which is the sole purview of the Federation). The third is to facilitate productive dialogue between scientists and relevant stakeholders in the public and private sector on topics at the intersection of science and public policy, such as human subject protections and new but risky scientific directions. We urge you to respond generously as the future health of our scientific enterprise is at stake. The President of FABBS is Susan Fiske (Princeton University).

Please visit: <http://www.fabbs.org>

NOTE: The current featured scientist on the FABBS site is Dr. Roger Shepard. To learn more about him, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/shepard_honor.html

Keep those cards and letters coming - I appreciate hearing from you.

Barb

Barbara A. Wanchisen, PhD
Executive Director

For a list of our complete leadership, visit: <http://www.fbpcs.org/leadership.php>

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