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Members of Division 34/SEPCP are certainly not reticent about sharing their opinions. Our recent member survey was e-mailed to 697 current and former members. Even though most of its questions were open-ended and it required a little time to craft responses, 100 people answered all questions on the survey and an additional 71 responded to some of the questions. As a result, we have lots of great data to analyze and our Division will be able to tune the services it provides to meet your needs. If you’ve thought of any additional info you’d like to share since completing the survey, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address below.

I was just at the HealthCare Design Conference in Phoenix – and so was fellow Division member Ann Devlin (Connecticut College). What conferences are you attending? Send a note to this newsletter and we can arrange mini-Division meet-ups.

Share information about your work with other members of Division 34 in the next Division newsletter. Send a write-up of your latest projects to the newsletter editor (sallyaugustin@designwithscience.com) for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

Also, feel free to send questions you would like to ask other members about research tools or techniques or anything else that’s been puzzling you. The newsletter is electronic, so article length is flexible and we can easily include photos, charts, etc.

We’ll publish news/questions from members in the first newsletter after we receive them – so the sooner you forward your information, the sooner your write-up will get to other members.
Nominate someone deserving for the 2013 Newman-Proshansky Award – info on the award follows in the announcements section of this newsletter.

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**Member to Member**

**From Jennifer Veitch, recent research in lighting at National Research Council of Canada:**

One recent project was a literature review and research agenda concerning the effects of daylight and view through residential windows. Here is its abstract:

A 2004 report from the International Commission on Illumination introduced the concept of a necessary daily light dose that contemporary life in industrialized countries does not deliver, but to which better use of architectural daylighting could make a valuable contribution. Nearly a decade has passed since the last substantive reviews of the health and well-being effects of daylight and windows, making it time for a renewed examination of the literature. Moreover, there has been scant attention paid to the role of daylight in residential buildings, which is the focus here. This review identified three broad processes through which residential windows and skylights can affect people in their homes, for good and ill: visual processes, acting primarily through light detected at the retina by rods and cones; non-visual ocular processes, acting primarily through light detected at the retina by intrinsically photoreceptive retinal ganglion cells; and processes occurring in the skin. This qualitative review revealed that there is no shortage of research questions facing photobiologists, psychologists, architects, lighting designers and others in the broad lighting community, whether their interests are general or specific to daylighting for residences. The report includes a detailed research agenda aimed at furthering the use of daylighting and windows in the service of human well-being.

You can read a short summary of this work (written for construction industry professionals) in my organization’s quarterly newsletter here: http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/ci/v17n3/4.html, or you can download the full report here: http://nparc.cisti-icist.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/npsi/ctrl?action=rtdoc&an=20375039&article=0&fd=pdf.

On Thursday, December 6, I will present a one-hour webinar about this work, primarily aimed at the lighting and architectural professions. The free webinar is offered through the OSRAM Specifiers series. If you wish to join in, you must register at:
From Thomas Doherty, President-Elect, Division 34:

I am soliciting interest in participating for Division 34 Committees for 2013-2014. Identifying members and Chairs-Elect now will give newcomers a chance to observe current activities and have a more efficient transition. I have spoken to several members individually and would like to make sure I am capturing all those who are interested. There are some standing committees that need members or chairpersons, including the Election, Membership, Conference Program, Student, and Fellows Committees. For my presidential year, I am also interested in provisional committees or task forces looking at social media and marketing, and at creating a Division 34 liaison to the APA corporate sustainability office.

I am also interested in locating a member who can contribute graphic design expertise for the 2014 Call for Papers and for other Division 34 projects.

All committees are open to students. The best candidates will be creative self-starters who can independently move projects along and maintain good, collegial communication.

Please contact me directly: thomas@selfsustain.com

Best Regards, Thomas

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If you are interested in suggesting programming for the 2013 APA convention, please contact Sally Augustin (sallyaugustin@designwithscience.com).

Announcements

Call for Nominations: 2013 Newman-Proshansky Award

We are now soliciting nominations for the 2013 Newman-Proshansky Award. The award is the Division’s professional achievement award for career contributions. When it is bestowed to an environmental psychologist, it is called the “Proshansky-Newman award,” and it is the “Newman-Proshansky award” when conferred to a population psychologist. This year, we are looking to make the award to someone who has made a contribution to the population psychology part of the division. Nominees need not be current members of the Division, but their body of work should reflect substantive contributions to population psychology. The award consists of a certificate and an opportunity to present an invited address at the APA convention in the year following the award.

Nominations should include the candidate’s curriculum vitae along with a detailed statement indicating why the nominee is a worthy candidate for the award and supporting letters from others who endorse the nomination.

Send your nominations to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Jennifer Veitch, by e-mail, at jennifer.veitch@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca. The deadline for receipt is Monday, January 7, 2013.

The review panel will include the committee members and a selection of recent award recipients.

About the Newman-Proshansky Award:


Sidney Newman was active in the 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, 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.

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. Proshansky became provost and then president of the Graduate School and the University Center of the City University of New York.

**Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies**

*Job Description:*

Goucher College invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position beginning Fall of 2013 at the rank of assistant professor in Environmental Studies, with an emphasis on solutions to human-environmental interactions. The new hire must be able to mentor students, perform scholarly research, have a strong commitment to teaching within the context of the liberal arts, and provide service to the Environmental Studies Program and the college. Teaching duties include introductory, intermediate, and advanced environmental studies courses.

*Requirements:*

Applicants must have a PhD in the social sciences (environmental studies, political science, sociology, sustainability, geography, anthropology, or a related field) and experience integrating knowledge from multiple disciplines to propose and/or implement solutions to environmental issues. Preferred candidates will have teaching experience and demonstrated expertise using diverse perspectives and methodologies in one or more of the following areas: environmental policy, urban sustainability, environmental justice, and/or urban agriculture. Ability to take advantage of (1) the College’s location through place-based learning and (2) the College’s distinctive attributes, including community service and international perspective, is a plus.

*Additional Information:*

Goucher College is a selective liberal arts college located in Towson, Maryland, twenty minutes north of Baltimore. The college’s strategic plan emphasizes environmental sustainability and international and intercultural experiences. There are opportunities for faculty to develop courses and experiences with an international focus. Goucher College is committed to increasing the diversity of the campus community and encourages applicants that will fulfill that mission.
Application Instructions:

Interested applicants must apply online by December 1, 2012 by submitting (1) a CV, (2) a cover letter, and (3) statements of scholarly and teaching interests, areas of expertise, and teaching philosophy. In addition, three letters of recommendation and official graduate transcripts should be forwarded separately to Provost’s Office, Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD 21204-2794.

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