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❖ President's Address

Dear friends and members of ISJR!

Time is flying and summer finally arrived providing some spare-time for the family and perhaps some vacation and, of course, time for all the duties we didn't accomplish during the term. With the summer, also the summer newsletter is delivered to you giving me the opportunity to share some news with you.

Our web master, Anette Weidler, re-launched the **ISJR homepage**. Please, visit the homepage and have a look on the new home of ISJR: <http://www.isjr.org>. On the front page, for example, you will find information which will change from time to time. Anette [weidler@uni-trier.de] and I are looking forward to your feedback and your ideas what should be added to the homepage, to the link collection etc.

Deadline for our nominations for our first **Early Career Contribution Award of ISJR** is October 31, 2005. With this award, the society recognizes excellent young justice scholars. You will find the details of the announcement on our homepage <http://www.isjr.org>. Hopefully, we will receive ample excellent nominations for this award. I am counting on your input! Nominations and also self-nominations are welcomed.

Finally, and most important, this summer, we will hold elections. In our last newsletter, I asked for nominations for our new **president**. Today, I am happy to announce two very well qualified candidates for President: **Larry Heuer** and **Linda Skitka**. Please, find below a short presentation of both candidates. In a short while, a ballot will be sent to all members.

If you have any suggestions for ISJR, please send an email to claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de. Any ideas and measures to enhance the exchange within our network are highly welcomed.

Claudia Dalbert, President ISJR

❖ Presidential Candidates – Larry Heuer and Linda Skitka

In our upcoming election, we have two candidates for the office of president of ISJR. In order to provide the voting members with a better understanding of the two candidates, each has been asked to provide a brief statement concerning their backgrounds and goals for the organization. Should you have any specific questions for either candidate, their contact information is also provided.

Larry Heuer

It is truly an honor to be considered for the Presidency of the International Society for Justice Research.

If elected to this position, my first priority would be to strive to maintain the quality of leadership and dedication that has served this Society so well since its inception. I recognize that this Society has been well served by its Executive Boards and a core of committed members, to that point that it currently boasts a stable interdisciplinary and international membership, excellent conferences, a reliable and informative newsletter, a well-equipped and well-managed web site, and an increasingly visible and ISI-accessible journal. Recent efforts by the Executive Committee have produced an ISJR Early Career Contribution Award and a Morton Deutsch Best Article Award from Social Justice Research – two initiatives with considerable promise for greater visibility for the Society and the Journal. I am committed to work respectfully and openly with the other members of the Executive Board and the entire membership, and to direct my efforts toward the continued growth, visibility, and stature of the Society. On that note, I would hope that the Society might make greater inroads in attracting more members from fields other than psychology (psychologists appear to constitute about 70% of the membership) and outside of North America (North Americans appear to constitute about half of the membership).

Having recently completed a 3 and one-half year term as Department Chair at Barnard College, I have learned much about managing the responsibilities of such an administrative position, and I expect the experience would serve me well in this position.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Linda J. Skitka

I received my B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1983, and my Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley in 1989, and am currently a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. My research interests are varied, and include the study of the contingencies when people care more about procedural or outcome fairness with a focus on how identity accessibility influences how people define fairness; ideological differences in how people approach the allocation of public assistance; and the psychology of moral conviction. I am involved in a number of professional activities, such as serving as an associate editor for *Social Justice Research*, and on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, and *Basic and Applied Psychology*. In 2003, Faye Crosby and I edited a special issue of *Personality and Social Psychology Review* to help showcase and promote cutting-edge theory and research devoted to justice. With a similar goal in mind, John Ellard and I have co-chaired and organized an annual justice pre-conference in conjunction with the annual meeting of the *Society of Personality and Social Psychology* for a number of years. If elected, my goals as president of the International Society for Justice Research would be to similarly work to sustain and increase interest in the study of justice, as well as to make the study of justice a more central and visible aspect of scientific inquiry in the many disciplines the society serves. Toward these ends, among other things I would work to (a) increase membership in the society, especially in disciplines outside of psychology and among younger scholars, (b) make ISJR a potentially more interactive community by creating and maintaining a justice researchers' listserv, (c) further develop the resources available for justice scholars on the organization's website, and (d) promote the organization's website in a variety of ways to increase ISJR's visibility and presence in the disciplines it seeks to connect and serve.

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❖ Member Activities

In previous editions of the newsletter, I had appealed to the membership for information about their activities. Regrettably, only two people responded to my appeal. Last month, I resorted to a mass e-mail to the membership, in which I used a tactful combination of pleading and guilt to obtain information. Apparently, this combination is a powerful tool when dealing with justice researchers, as many people responded. To those of you who responded, I thank you greatly!

Presentations & Publications

Athenstaedt, U., Mikula, G. (University of Graz, Austria). “Interactional Justice, Gender Stereotypes, and the Evaluation of Negative Decisions of Male and Female Managers.” 7th Alps-Adria Conference in Psychology (June 2-4, 2005 in Zadar, Croatia)

Faye Crosby (University of California, Santa Cruz) will be delivering the Lewin Address at the 2005 APA meetings in Washington, D.C. (August 18).

Richard K. Caputo (Yeshiva University - Wilf Campus). “Taxable Income from Dividends, Capital Gains, and Wages and Salaries: Taxation and Social Justice in the US, 1978-2002,” Annual Meeting, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Panel on Class Dynamics of Tax and Welfare Policy, Philadelphia, PA, August 12– 14, 2005

Richard K. Caputo (Yeshiva University - Wilf Campus). “Meeting Needs vs. Universal Income Distribution Schemes: The Eclipse of Social Welfare Policy?” Tenth International Karl Polanyi Conference, Social Policy Forum, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, October 13 – 16, 2005

Richard K. Caputo (2005), “Redistributive Schemes that Skirt Poverty: Reconsidering Social Justice in Light of Van Parijs and Zucker,” *Journal of Poverty*, 9(3), 109-129.

Cubela Adoric, V. (University of Zadar, Croatia). “Belief in a Just World and Responses to Injustice in Various Domains.” 7th Alps-Adria Conference in Psychology (June 2-4, 2005 in Zadar, Croatia)

Dalbert, C. (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany) & **Sallay, H.** (Eds.) (2004). *The justice motive in adolescence and young adulthood: Origins and consequences*. London, UK: Routledge.

John Ellard (The University of Calgary) and **Linda Skitka** will be co-chairing The 5th Annual Justice Preconference (pending program committee approval) at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, January 26, 2006 in Palm Springs California. Information about the preconference will be available at www.psych.ucalgary.ca/justprecon/.

Erica Frydenberg (The University of Melbourne) published a biography of **Morton Deutsch** (by The Australian Academic Press). It is entitled, *Morton Deutsch: A Life and Legacy of Mediation and Conflict Resolution*.

Goutas, Nasrédine. (2005). La Sensibilité à l'Injustice et la Croyance en un Monde Juste: Validation Française de la Sensitivity to Befallen Injustice scale et de la Belief in a Just World scale (French Validation of the Sensitivity to Befallen Injustice scale and the Belief in a Just World scale). Colloque international et interdisciplinaire Citoyenneté, Justice & Psychologie, 11-13 July 2005, Lyon (France).

Nasrédine Goutas and **Fabien Girandola** (in press). The Undergone Injustice Sentiment and Aggression : Preliminary Behaviors Results. *International Review of Social Psychology*.

Carolyn L. Hafer (Brock University) & **Bègue, L.** (2005). Experimental research on just-world theory: Problems, developments, and future challenges. *Psychological Bulletin*, 131, 128-167.

Russel Hardin (New York University) recently published "COOPERATION WITHOUT TRUST? (coauthored by **Russell Hardin**, ISJR member, with co-authors **Karen Cook**, an ISJR member, and **Margaret Levi**). New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Russel Hardin (New York University) published an edited volume, "DISTRUST," printed by Russell Sage.

Mikula, G., Jagoditsch, S., Lothaller, H. (University of Graz, Austria). "Evaluations of Justice of Family Work between Women and Men: Antecedents and Consequences." 7th Alps-Adria Conference in Psychology (June 2-4, 2005 in Zadar, Croatia)

Mullen, E. & Skitka, L. J. (in press). Exploring the psychological underpinnings of the moral mandate effect: Motivated reasoning, identification, or affect? *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Otto, K. (University of Leipzig, Germany) and **Dalbert, C.** (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany). "Belief in a Just World as a Buffer against Vocational Risk Perceptions?" 7th Alps-Adria Conference in Psychology (June 2-4, 2005 in Zadar, Croatia)

Sallay, H. (University of Debrecen, Hungary). "Adolescents' Subjective Well-Being: The Role of Perceived Justice and Just World Beliefs." 7th Alps-Adria Conference in Psychology (June 2-4, 2005 in Zadar, Croatia)

Schmitt, Manfred (Universität Koblenz-Landau), **Gollwitzer, M., Maes, J. & Arbach, D.** (2005). Justice sensitivity: Assessment and location in the personality space. *European Journal of Psychological Assessment*, 21, 202-211.

David Schoem (University of Michigan) has recently published two books, "College Knowledge: 101 Tips for the College-Bound Student" (University of Michigan Press) and "Engaging the Whole of Service-Learning, Diversity, and Learning Communities" (OCSL Press).

Skitka, L. J., Bauman, C. W., & Sargis, E. G. (2005). Moral conviction: Another contributor to attitude strength or something more? *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 88, 895-917.

Susanj, Z. (University of Rijeka, Croatia). "Procedural and Distributive Justice in Organizations: Some Empirical Evidence." 7th Alps-Adria Conference in Psychology (June 2-4, 2005 in Zadar, Croatia)

Funding

Jody Clay-Warner (University of Georgia), along with **Dawn Robinson** (UGA) and **Lynn Smith-Lovin** at Duke, were recently awarded an NSF grant (\$220,000). The title is "Collaborative Research Examining the Relationship between Identity, Injustice, and Emotion." They will be examining the extent to which personal identity affects emotional and behavioral reactions to over-reward.

Claudia Dalbert (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany) was awarded a grant by The German Research Foundation (DFG) to study the double dissociation of the implicit and the self-attributed justice motive. This research is based on the assumptions (a) that an implicit justice motive can be differentiated from a self-attributed justice motive and (b) that the implicit justice motive is a better predictor of spontaneous and the self-attributed motive a better predictor of controlled behavior. The specific research goals are (a) to develop ways to assess the implicit justice motive by projective and implicit techniques and (b) the self-attributed motive by questionnaire, and (c) to validate this two dimensions of the justice motive. The research is conducted by **Claudia Dalbert** (claudia.dalbert@paedagogik.uni-halle.de) and **Sören Umlauf** (soeren.umlauft@paedagogik.uni-halle.de).

Joe Oppenheimer (University of Maryland) and **Norman Frohlich** received a 3 year grant from the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Committee (SSHRC) to study what are the systemic and structural attributes of democratic regimes that cause them to vary in the degree to which they deliver justice to their citizens. The project will, to some extent, focus on the contrasting cases of US & Canada.

Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) and **Elizabeth Mullen** (Northwestern University) received a National Science Foundation grant entitled "Ideological differences in public compassion: The role of perspective taking, affect, and suppression on willingness to help."

Lectures

Tom Tyler (New York University) and **Linda Skitka** (University of Illinois at Chicago) have been invited to teach a two-week session on social psychological theory and research on justice at the second annual Summer Institute in Social Psychology (SISP) that will be held at the University of Michigan July 24- Aug 6, 2005. Fifteen graduate students from the U.S. and Europe will participate.

Awards, Promotions, and Recognitions

Jody Clay-Warner (University of Georgia) received tenure and promotion to associate professor and has also been named Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Sociology at UGA (all effective July 1).

Russell Cropanzano (University of Arizona) has been appointed as Editor-Elect of the Journal of Management. His three-year term begins in July.

Faye Crosby (University of California, Santa Cruz) is the 2005 recipient of the Kurt Lewin Award given by Division 9 of the American Psychological Association. Also known as the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), the Division honors one social scientist each year for a life time of work devoted to scholarly activism and activist scholarship.

Claudia Dalbert was appointed by The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) as the incoming Editor of the International Journal of Psychology (IJP): <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/00207594.asp>. Manuscripts for IJP may be sent via the internet to ijp@uni-halle.de.

Michelle Fine (City University of New York) was awarded the first Annual **Morton Deutsch** Award at Teachers College, Columbia University for distinguished scholarly or practitioner contributions to social justice was awarded to Prof. Michelle Fine.

Jerald Greenberg (Ohio State University) won the Herbert Heneman Jr. Award for Career Achievement from the Academy of Management. Award to be presented in Honolulu, August 2005.

Yuen Huo (University of California, Los Angeles) was recently elected to the governing council of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). Additionally, Yuen was just awarded tenure at UCLA and promotion to associate professor.

Jeffrey Pfeifer (University of Regina) has just been appointed the Saskatchewan Law Foundation Chair in Police Studies - it is the first University-level Chair in Canada dedicated to research and teaching in the Field of Policing.

Jeffrey Pfeifer (University of Regina) was recently awarded the University of Regina Distinguished Teacher Award.

❖ Upcoming Events

The 2006 ISJR Conference

The webpage for the 2006 ISJR meetings is now in place. You can locate it at: www.isjr2006.org. If you should have any questions or suggestions, you can also contact the organizers, Stefan Liebig (liebig@isjr2006.org) and Bernd Wegener (wegener@isjr2006.org), who can provide you with information.

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