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## **FEDERATION AND FABBS ANNOUNCE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences and the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences are pleased to welcome Paula R. Skedsvold, JD PhD as the incoming Executive Director for both organizations. Dr. Skedsvold will bring a unique blend of policy and science experience that will further the missions of both the Federation and FABBS. Federation President, Dr. Leaetta Hough, says "Dr. Skedsvold is an exceptional individual, passionate about our sciences. We are very fortunate that she is joining the Federation and FABBS as our new Executive Director. She will be a significant force for our sciences."

Dr. Skedsvold holds a PhD in Experimental Psychology from the University of South Carolina and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. She brings firsthand knowledge of and experience with science policy issues both on Capitol Hill and within federal agencies. She has worked on appropriations and health legislation in Congresswoman Pelosi's office, collaborated in developing research announcements while at the National Institutes of Health's Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, and addressed human research protection issues as senior staff of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Working Group on Human Research Protections, a working group of the former National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee. As Scientist in the Public Interest for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Dr. Skedsvold focused on translating research findings for policymakers and the public.

In the position of Executive Director for the Federation, Dr. Skedsvold will advocate for behavioral, psychological, cognitive, and brain sciences with policy makers and the public. As FABBS Executive Director, she will organize experts to educate and communicate about the value of these sciences. FABBS President Dr. Susan T. Fiske notes, "Paula Skedsvold has an amazing variety of experience that will enable her to connect with all the communities that matter to our sciences. Together with the rest of our talented staff, she brings new ideas, expertise, and energy to the Federation and FABBS."

## **SCIENCE EXHIBITION ON CAPITOL HILL: CORRELL PRESENTS RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF NSF FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES**

On June 25th, the Federation participated in the annual research exhibition on Capitol Hill sponsored by the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF). This year's exhibition had

over 400 attendees, including Members of Congress, congressional staff, National Science Foundation representatives, and others interested in learning about the range of research funded by NSF.

This year the Federation hosted Joshua Correll, PhD, from the University of Chicago. Correll's exhibit on *Police Officers & Racial Bias in the Decision to Shoot* highlighted his research on racial stereotyping in dangerous encounters, as well as the effects of training in reducing bias. To demonstrate the research findings, Correll provided computer simulations similar to those used in his lab. Correll's research has made important contributions and was a highlight of the evening for guests.

Two member organizations of the Federation - the American Psychological Association and the American Educational Research Association – also participated in the CNSF Exhibit and helped to raise the visibility of behavioral science research funded by NSF.

[Learn more about the event, Dr. Correll's research and see a photo gallery](#)

[Coalition for National Science Funding \(CNSF\)](#)

## **NEISSER HONORED IN FABBS' PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING SCIENTISTS**

Ulric Neisser, PhD, the Susan Linn Sage Professor of Psychology, Emeritus, at Cornell University, is featured in the FABBS program which honors outstanding individuals. Drs. James Cutting (Cornell University) and James Pomerantz (Rice University) nominated Neisser for this honor and contacted colleagues and friends to contribute to this effort. Neisser is a founder of the field of cognitive psychology and his research and writings have made lasting contributions and helped shape its present form. His work has focused on human memory, particularly in real-world contexts, on the self, and on intelligence testing, but his impact has extended far into other areas.

[Learn more about Neisser's career and contributions](#)

Also note the gallery of scientists who have previously been honored in this way. Congratulations to Ulric Neisser on this honor.

## **HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTIONS - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENT**

The federal Office for Human Research Protections is requesting comments from the public regarding the training and education of investigators and IRB members in human subject protections. At issue is whether OHRP should issue additional guidance regarding training or whether the Department of Health and Human Services should develop a regulation requiring the implementation of training and education programs. Both the HHS Inspector General and the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections have recommended a federal requirement for training and education. Entities and individuals affected by the potential regulation are encouraged to respond. Written or electronic comments must be submitted by September 29, 2008.

[Read the full text of the federal notice](#)

## **A SPECIAL THANKS**

The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences and the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Norman Bradburn for his service to our scientific communities and his leadership as Interim Director over the last several months. We wish him well as he returns to semi-retirement.

to spend time with his family and continue his work with the [National Opinion Research Center](#).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[ABA International Call for Papers for the 35th Annual Convention to be held May 22-26, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona](#)

[Abnormal Surge in Brain Development Occurs in Teens and Young Adults with Schizophrenia](#)

[Anxious Youth Have Disturbed Brain Responses When Looking at Angry Faces](#)

[Change in Program Contact and Institute Participation for MH-08-070 – Basic and Translational Research Opportunities in the Social Neuroscience of Mental Health \(NOT-MH-08-014\)](#)

[Common Mechanisms May Underlie Autism's Seemingly Diverse Mutations](#)

[International Vocational Outcomes in Traumatic Brain Injury Conference Call for Papers](#)

[Implementation Planning Grants for Educational, Behavioral, or Social Studies for Translation of Genetic Factors in Common Diseases \(U34\) \(RFA-DK-08-003\)](#)

Application Receipt Date(s): November 25, 2008

[Mice Expressing Human Genes Bred to Help Unravel Mental Disorders](#)

[National Institute of Mental Health Strategic Plan](#)

[New Grant Supports Stem Cell-Derived Model of Autism-Related Illness](#)

[NIMH Schizophrenia Initiative Featured in Biological Psychiatry](#)

[Research on Causal Factors and Interventions that Promote and Support the Careers of Women in Biomedical and Behavioral Science and Engineering \(R01\) \(RFA-GM-09-012\)](#)

Application Receipt Date(s): October 22, 2008

[Research on Interventions that Promote Research Careers \(R01\) \(RFA-GM-09-011\)](#)

Application Receipt Date(s): October 30, 2008

[Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers PA-08-191](#)

[Technological Innovations for Interdisciplinary Research Incorporating the Behavioral and Social Sciences \(STTR \[R41/R42\]\) \(PAR-08-201\)](#)

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): September 17, 2008; January 15, 2009; May 1, 2009

[Technological Innovations for Interdisciplinary Research Incorporating the Behavioral and Social Sciences \(SBIR \[R43/R44\]\) \(PAR-08-202\)](#)

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): September 17, 2008; January 15, 2009; May 1, 2009

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## **FEDERATION SOCIETIES' UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

### ***AUGUST***

#### **AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

Boston, MA: August 14 - 17

[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

### ***SEPTEMBER***

#### **HUMAN FACTORS AND ERGONOMICS SOCIETY**

New York, NY: September 22 - 26

[www.hfes.org](http://www.hfes.org)

**SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN PSYCHOPATHOLOGY**

Pittsburgh, PA: September 25 - 28

[www.psychopathology.org](http://www.psychopathology.org)

***OCTOBER***

**SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

Austin, TX: October 1 - 5

[www.sprweb.org](http://www.sprweb.org)

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY**

New York, NY: October 22 - 25

[www.nanonline.org](http://www.nanonline.org)

**SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

Sacramento, CA: October 24 - 25

[www.sesp.org](http://www.sesp.org)

***NOVEMBER***

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY**

Washington, DC: November 12 - 15

[www.isdp.org](http://www.isdp.org)

**PSYCHONOMIC SOCIETY**

Chicago, IL: November 13 - 16

[www.psychonomic.org](http://www.psychonomic.org)

**SOCIETY FOR JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING**

Chicago, IL: November 22 - 24

[www.sjdm.org](http://www.sjdm.org)

**SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Chicago, IL: November 13

<http://home.scip.ws>

***TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON...***

**MASSACHUSETTS NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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[www.massneuropsychology.org](http://www.massneuropsychology.org)

**SOCIETY OF MULTIVARIATE EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**

TBA

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**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. Ulric Neisser. [Learn more about him and his contributions.](#)**

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