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***This Week's News and Reflections (10/16/07)***  
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***& Cognitive Sciences***  
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*This email newsletter is sent to members of the Federation plus interested governmental agency officials. Its goal is to inform researchers in the field about Federation activities, 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 [www.fabbs.org](http://www.fabbs.org).*

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### **“HOW VOTERS REALLY THINK AND FEEL” SCIENCE CAFÉ, NEXT WEEK: SEATS STILL AVAILABLE**

FABBS is still accepting RSVPs for its upcoming science café on October 24, open to the public, called “Elections: How Voters Really Think and Feel.” This café will feature presentations by Professors Eugene Borgida (University of Minnesota) and Alexander Todorov (Princeton University), noted experts in the field. The café will be held at the National Press Club in DC and, after a Q&A session, there will be a reception with food and beverages. Please visit the link below to read more about the café and to reserve space. Sage Publications is the corporate sponsor of this event.  
[http://www.fabbs.org/Events/Oct\\_2007\\_Cafe/index.html](http://www.fabbs.org/Events/Oct_2007_Cafe/index.html)

### **HUTTENLOCHER HONORED BY COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, STUDENTS IN SPECIAL FABBS PROGRAM**

Janellen Huttenlocher, PhD, has devoted 33 years of her life to teaching and conducting research at the University of Chicago. Her colleagues, friends, and former students came together to feature her work on the web pages of the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS). One of the first cognitive psychologists, Huttenlocher trained many talented students and trail blazed the field as one of the first women scientists in the field. Professors Susan Fiske (Princeton University), Susan Levine (University of Chicago), Nora Newcombe (Temple University), and Amanda Woodward (University of Maryland, College Park) organized the effort to honor her. To read about this eminent scientist, please visit this link:  
[http://www.fabbs.org/huttenlocher\\_honor.html](http://www.fabbs.org/huttenlocher_honor.html)

### **BROWN LECTURE TO FEATURE BEALE-SPENCER THIS WEEK**

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is about to present its fourth “Brown Lecture” in Washington, DC. Each year they acknowledge the famous Brown v. Board of Education decision by hosting an event with an expert speaking on some aspect of equality in education. This year’s event is to be held Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Ronald

Reagan Building and International Trade Center, at 6:00 pm. The speaker is Professor Margaret Beale-Spencer (University of Pennsylvania) who studies, among other relevant topics, the efficacy of incentives in high-achieving and low-achieving students. In keeping with the series thus far, surely this lecture will be fascinating and engaging for the audience. To learn more about this event, visit:

[http://www.aera.net/meetings/Default.aspx?menu\\_id=22&id=891](http://www.aera.net/meetings/Default.aspx?menu_id=22&id=891)

## **NRC REPORT RECOMMENDS MILITARY SHOULD AT LEAST DOUBLE FUNDS TO BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

A report entitled “Human Behavior in Military Contexts” was released by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies of Science, which makes the case that the behavioral and social sciences are under-funded. In fact, one conclusion that the committee recommended was “doubling or more of the current budget for basic and applied research for the behavioral and social sciences across military research agencies.” They also suggested a focus on “six areas of research on the basis of their relevance, potential impact, and timeliness for military needs: intercultural competence, including second-language learning; teams in complex environments; technology based training; nonverbal behavior; emotion; and behavioral neurophysiology.”

This document was edited by James J. Blascovich and Christine Hartel, with the help and guidance of the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences in the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education of the NRC. The report is available online and the report is, of course, lengthy. However, the Executive Summary is extremely accessible and helpful. Visit the link to gain access to this information:

[http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12023](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12023)

## **HUMAN SUBJECTS' INPUT REQUESTED ON ADULTS WITH IMPAIRED DECISION-MAKING**

**OHRP release:** The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of Public Health and Science, is seeking information and comments about whether guidance or additional regulations are needed to adequately protect adult individuals with impaired decision-making capacity who are potential subjects in research, as announced in Federal Register Vol. 72, No.171, page 50966-50970, dated September 5, 2007. This request for information and comments stems from the recommendation of an HHS working group, generated in response to the report published by the National Bioethics Advisory Commission entitled “Research Involving Persons with Mental Disorders That May Affect Decision-making Capacity” (December 1998), and from subsequent recommendations by the National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee and the current work of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee for Human Research Protections.

### **Submit written or electronic information and comments by December 4, 2007.**

Written comments may be sent to REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RESEARCH THAT INVOLVES ADULT INDIVIDUALS WITH IMPAIRED DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY, Office for Human Research Protections, The Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments also may be sent via e-mail to [impairedcapacityohrp@hhs.gov](mailto:impairedcapacityohrp@hhs.gov), or via facsimile at 301-402-2071. Comments received within the comment period, including any personal information provided, will be made available to the public upon request. The notice can be accessed at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/documents/20070905.htm> or  
<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/documents/20070905.pdf>.

## **FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

Mental Disorders Account for Large Percentage of Adult Role Disability

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/mental-disorders-account-for-large-percentage-of-adult-role-disability.shtml>

Depressed Adolescents Respond Best to Combination Treatment

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/depressed-adolescents-respond-best-to-combination-treatment.shtml>

Scientists May Have Found Long-Pursued Binding Site for Antidepressants

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/scientists-may-have-found-long-pursued-binding-site-for-antidepressants.shtml>

Genes Linked to Suicidal Thinking During Antidepressant Treatment

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/genes-linked-to-suicidal-thinking-during-antidepressant-treatment.shtml>

Workplace Depression Screening, Outreach and Enhanced Treatment Improves Productivity, Lowers Employer Costs

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/workplace-depression-screening-outreach-and-enhanced-treatment-improves-productivity-lowers-employer-costs.shtml>

Cognition and Stress: Advances in Basic and Translational Research

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/2007/cognition-and-stress-advances-in-basic-and-translational-research/summary.shtml>

NIMH Funds Additional New Research on Autism

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/nimh-funds-additional-new-research-on-autism.shtml>

Manic Phase of Bipolar Disorder Benefits from Breast Cancer Medication

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2007/manic-phase-of-bipolar-disorder-benefits-from-breast-cancer-medication.shtml>

### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities Award New Grants to Document Endangered Languages [pr07142]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=pr07142](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07142)

News Releases: Social/Behavioral Sciences

Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering (REESE) [nsf07595]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07595](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07595)

Program Announcements & Information: Education

Center for Research at the Interface of the Mathematical and Biological Sciences

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07597](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07597)

Program Announcements & Information

Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems [nsf07598]

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07598](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07598)

Program Announcements & Information

Universities Report Stalled Growth in Federal R&D Funding in FY 2006 [nsf07336]  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07336](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07336)  
Statistical Reports on U.S. Science: Statistical Reports on Research and Development  
Funding and Performance

Program Provides Blueprint for Recruiting Minorities to Science and Engineering  
[pr07125]  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=pr07125](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07125)  
News Releases: Education

Dear Colleague Letter - United States/Ireland R&D Partnership [nsf07054]  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07054](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07054)  
Program Announcements & Information

National Science Board to Release National Action Plan for 21st Century STEM Education  
[ma07028] [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=ma07028](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=ma07028)  
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Program Provides Blueprint for Recruiting Minorities to Science and Engineering  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=pr07125](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07125)  
News Releases: Education

Dear Colleague Letter - Major Research Instrumentation Cost-Sharing Notice  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07251](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07251)  
Program Announcements & Information: NSF-wide

NSF Announces \$26 Million Solicitation for Projects That Advance Innovative  
Computational Thinking URL :  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=pr07128](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07128)  
News Releases: NSF-wide

Research and Development Bolsters U.S. Economic Growth  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=pr07129](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07129)  
News Releases: NSF-wide

#### **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**

Elections: Further Testing Could Provide Increased but Not Absolute Assurance That  
Voting Systems Did Not Cause Undervotes in Florida's 13th Congressional District, by  
Nabajyoti Barkakati, senior-level technologist, applied research and methods, before the  
Task Force on Florida-13, House Committee on House Administration. GAO-08-97T,  
October 2.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-97T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0897thigh.pdf>

Military Personnel: Number of Formally Reported Applications for Conscientious  
Objectors Is Small Relative to the Total Size of the Armed Forces. GAO-07-1196,  
September 28.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-1196>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d071196high.pdf>

Disaster Housing: Implementation of FEMA's Alternative Housing Pilot Program Provides  
Lessons for Improving Future Competitions. GAO-07-1143R.  
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-1143R>

Influenza Pandemic: Federal Executive Boards' Ability to Contribute to Pandemic Preparedness, by Bernice Steinhardt, director, strategic issues, before the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. GAO-07-1259T, September 28.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-1259T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d071259thigh.pdf>

Small Business Contracting: Observations from Reviews of Contracting and Advocacy Activities of Federal Agencies, by William B. Shear, director, financial markets and community investment, before the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. GAO-07-1255T, September 26.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-1255T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d071255thigh.pdf>

## **FEDERATION SOCIETY NEWS CORNER...**

### ***Upcoming Federation society annual meetings:***

#### ***OCTOBER***

##### **International Society for Developmental Psychobiology**

Oct 31 – Nov 4, San Diego, CA

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

##### **Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology**

October 18-20, Chapel Hill, NC

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

##### **Society for Psychophysiological Research**

October 17-21, Savannah, GA

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

#### ***NOVEMBER***

##### **National Academy of Neuropsychology**

November 14-18, Scottsdale, AZ

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

##### **Psychonomic Society**

November 15-18, Long Beach, CA

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

##### **Society for Computers in Psychology**

November 15, Long Beach, CA

<http://home.scip.ws>

##### **Society for Judgment and Decision Making**

November 17-19, Long Beach, CA

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

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**PLEASE SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL & BRAIN SCIENCES**

No doubt the most significant activity the Federation has engaged in during the past year is the creation of the **Foundation for the Advancement of the Behavioral and Brain Sciences** (FABBS). The Federation developed FABBS as a vehicle for supporting and expanding this work. In short, FABBS was created to take over much of the task of educating the public and their congressional representatives about the behavioral and brain sciences and the contributions these disciplines make to society. FABBS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose work is supported by tax-deductible contributions and grants. We urge you to respond generously as the future health of our scientific enterprise is at stake. *The President of FABBS is James Pomerantz (Rice University), the President-Elect is Susan Fiske (Princeton University), the Secretary is Elaine Hull (Florida State University), and the Treasurer is Judith Albino (University of Colorado).* Please visit: [www.fabbs.org](http://www.fabbs.org).

**NOTE: The current featured scientist on the FABBS site is Dr. Janellen Huttenlocher. To learn more about her, visit: [http://www.fabbs.org/huttenlocher\\_honor.html](http://www.fabbs.org/huttenlocher_honor.html).**

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*Keep those cards and letters coming!*

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Barbara A. Wanchisen, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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