



The President's Column: Behavior Kills: The Control of Misadventures Lewis P. Lipsitt Brown University



With the privilege of the NEPA presidency, I'll speak of something dear to me throughout my career: the critical importance of behavior and therefore of behavior science.

More young Americans die of behavioral misadventures than of all diseases combined, according to data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. How ironic that the major killers, up to age 33, are not germs or diseases, but behavior. Accidents, suicide, homicide, smoking, dangerous drug use, excessive drinking, and bullying are responsible for more child and youth deaths than the aggregate of all diseases in our society today.

In "advanced" societies, deaths and debilities are frequently due to risk-taking, thrill-seeking, rule-avoidance, inadvertence, and anger. Now that modern medicine and public health advances such as sanitation control and mass immunization have brought infectious diseases under good control, we must face the natural next step: the problem of psychologically caused death and debility.

Application of the behavioral and human developmental sciences can be successful in reducing smoking, controlling alcohol consumption and drug use, curbing bullying, and helping young persons growing up under adverse conditions to adjust their behavior to avoid negative outcomes.

Scientists and clinicians can unite to understand the origins and development of behaviors that are based on choices. Behavioral misadventures were addressed as conditions whose causes can be understood through careful study in a symposium at Brown University. Both harmless and dangerous behavior, it was concluded, can be understood in terms of cause-effect relationships. Killing other people is no more a random act than attending school, selecting a spouse, or majoring in journalism.

From birth we experience as gifts of our species the pleasures and annoyances of varied experiences. We

have the capacity to behave and to modify our behavior based upon consequences. Babies' experiences can be studied and understood through their effects on behavioral regularities and predictability. That is the scientific way, whether carried out in the clinic or the laboratory.

People sometimes behave in ways we don't expect, but that does not negate that behavioral events, like other natural conditions, are lawful. If electrical circuits did not operate according to the laws of physics, and if Newton's laws of gravity were not incontrovertibly valid, we would be constantly in a state of catastrophe. In fact, we would not be. The laws of behavior are also always in effect. Just as with physics and chemistry, however, our knowledge in all scientific domains is almost always incomplete.

In the past we have been fortunate to have scientists like the Pasteurs and Jonas Salk to help reduce our ignorance. We have benefited from their refinements in medical technology, reducing mortality from dread diseases. Scientific expertise has built our bridges, designed our aircraft, and immunized us against diseases. Our society needs to realize that now we need more expertise in behavior science, and the application of what we do know, to address behavioral misadventures. Just think of what we psychologists could have done, on the basis of what we already know, to help Gen. Petraeus avoid his personal and public predicament.

Warfare too is a matter of choice behavior. In principle, earth-shaking hazards might be avoided through the application of psychological knowledge. Terrorism and war are *socio-behavioral* consequences which have antecedents.

Behavior is not random, unpredictable, and uncontrollable. We are not mere victims of circumstance. That we are so limited in our knowledge at this stage in human history about the origins and nature of human behavior is deplorable. The engines must be fired up to create a defensible science of human behavior, as powerful as physics and chemistry combined.

Some say it is impossible to know behavior and its origins that well. Others believe it is possible but that to know human behavior too well will lead inexorably to major intrusions on privacy. But remember this: the products of the physical sciences like nuclear fission are major intrusions on our privacy. Only human behavior

can control whether catastrophic nuclear fission will occur or not.

We need a Manhattan Project like that which brought physicists and chemists together during World War II to end the war. Such behavioral initiatives are similarly possible. All we need is to accept that human behavior is caused, that human behavior under the worst of circumstances kills, and that intervention works. The day before he died, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in the midst of his own war fatigue, observed that we are in dire need of a well-developed science of human relationships. This is ever more urgent today.

**Highlights of the Fall 2012
52nd NEPA Annual Meeting
Jeanine Skorinko
NEPA President-Elect**

“Welcome to Wusta!” I would like to thank everyone who attended the 52nd annual NEPA meeting held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester (“Wusta”), Massachusetts. This year we saw one of our largest number of registration and attendees—around 600 people! As I paced the campus back and forth both days of the campus trying to ensure that there were no major catastrophes, I got to see our rooms packed with participants listening to talks, viewing posters, and generally participating. Not to mention, I think this was one of the first NEPA meetings I can remember where it was not raining, snowing, or some other type of foul weather! All in all, I think, based on my observations and everyone’s feedback, this year’s meeting was a huge success!

Friday evening, we enjoyed dinner and welcoming comments by WPI’s Provost Eric Overstrom. Then Dr. Tom Gilovich of Cornell University kicked off the NEPA events with a truly intellectually stimulating keynote address on how happy experiences and material goods make us. He showed fascinating data that demonstrates that people are often happier after paying for an experience (e.g., a concert, trip, etc.,) rather than a material good (e.g. an iPad). Moreover, his data suggests that people can develop stronger relational bonds with others based on experiences rather than material goods as it allows for easy topics for conversation and bonding.

In addition, the APA education directorate generously sponsored Dr. Howard Rachlin from SUNY Stony Brook as the Stanley G. Hall Distinguished Scientist Address. Dr. Rachlin discussed his research on self-control, cooperation, and altruism. Dr. Jack Demick, from Brown University, was the APA-sponsored Science and Society speaker. Dr. Demick presented research on adult development. It was great to

have Dr. Demick speak as he is a familiar face in Worcester—having earned his graduate degrees at Clark University and having taught at both Clark and UMass Medical School. Ethel Tobach, the awardee of the NEPA Distinguished Contribution Award, also provided a talk drawing on her extensive research, applied, teaching, and service experience, representing a broad spectrum of psychology. It was amazing to see her speak as she is over 90! In the NEPA presidential address, Deborah Carroll, Ph.D. presented a riveting talk about the Writing to Learn pedagogy.

Overall, this conference hosted 6 symposia, 8 paper sessions, and 5 poster sessions that showcased almost 200 posters! We awarded 7 students with the Honorary Undergraduate Scholars (HUS) award—including a WPI student! Psi Chi also hosted an award ceremony and reception. It was a great honor to host the NEPA conference at WPI this year. We were happy to have everyone attend, and I would like to give my gracious thank you to everyone at WPI that made this possible, especially Dean Karen Oates. I hope everyone enjoyed their time in Wusta and we hope to see you back soon.

**Secretary's Report of
NEPA Steering Committee Meetings
October and December 2012
Emily G. Soltano, Ph.D.
Worcester State University
NEPA Secretary**

The NEPA Steering Committee met briefly on October 12, 2012 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Ma. The meeting was called to order by Deborah Carroll, PhD of Southern Connecticut University. Emily Soltano, PhD of Worcester State University presented the minutes from the April 2012 Steering Committee Meeting. They were unanimously accepted. Dr. Soltano reported the election results. See the General NEPA meeting report below for results.

John Broida, PhD. of the University of Southern Maine presented the Treasurer’s Report and it was unanimously approved. He reported that NEPA finances are in good standing. He expressed interest in increasing the association coordinator’s salary. This was discussed at the December meeting.

Dr. Carroll reported on several communications she had since the last SC meeting. She reported on her experience at the APA Leadership Conference and about the PsychExtra invitation. She explained that Psychextra is a database and the organization is interested in indexing the newsletter and conference programs for NEPA specifically. The discussion was tabled until the

December 2012 meeting. Dr. Carroll asked the SC to review the email from Rachel Martin about the APA Science Directorate invitation for workshop sponsors for Academic Career workshops at regional meetings. APA will co-host and possibly fund workshops. SC will have an online discussion and vote via online. We will decide by the December meeting when we begin planning the 2013 meeting. As an FYI, Dr. Carroll provided information about an APA grant for internships. Dr. Carroll let the SC know that she will draft a short (~2 paragraph) article for *APA Monitor* about the 2013 meeting which is due 11/1/12. Dr. Carroll reflected that NECTOP was going well today. She also suggested that as a thank you to the hosting campus and students, NEPA could offer free annual membership and conference attendance for two students for the 2013 meeting.

Dr. Carroll suggested the SC review the association coordinator position and responsibilities at the December meeting. The SC also needs to review the submission and review process that was used this year. Along the same ideas, the SC needs to revise the planning book for future meetings.

The 2013 meeting will be held on Oct 18-19 at Housatonic Community College. Dr. Amico is the local coordinator. He will draft information for the newsletter about the area. He has already blocked rooms at the Holiday Inn Express and Hyatt in Milford.

Jackie Alfonso, PhD of Emmanuel College will look into Emmanuel College in Boston for a future meeting. However, parking and hotel costs could be potential problems. It was reported that Kathy Low, PhD of Bates College can also secure space at Bates in Maine. Chris Hakala, PhD of Western New England University also reminded the committee that his institution is a future possibility.

The December Steering Committee meeting was set for December 8 at Brown University in Providence, RI. Lizzie Harwood, PhD of Rivier University will succeed Dr. Skorinko as newsletter editor. This meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

The NEPA Steering Committee met on December 8, 2012 at Brown University in Providence, RI. The meeting was called to order by Lewis Lipsitt, PhD of Brown University. Dr. Lipsitt began the meeting by welcoming the steering committee to Brown and providing a brief history of Brown University and the Psychology Department at Brown. Emily Soltano, PhD of Worcester State University presented the minutes from October 2012 meeting and they minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

John Broida, PhD of University of Southern Maine presented the Treasurer's report. NEPA is financially sound. Dr. Broida commented to the committee that the profit earned from the past meeting needs to be invested. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved with minor changes.

The association coordinator, Gary Brosvic, PhD of Rider University reminded the committee that the NEPA website is a front as a method to disseminate information about the meetings. Few attendees had problems registering using an institutional credit card. The problem was resolved by sending invoices. Dr. Brosvic reported that the 2013 e-mailing has been sent out.

Michael Amico, PhD of Housatonic Community College reviewed the 2013 meeting arrangements. Rooms have been reserved. Dr. Amico will look into having a computer lab available during the meeting. The majority of the meeting will be held in Beacon Hall. We will also use Lafayette Hall. He has secured \$1500 to support the meeting. Given recent budget cuts in state of Connecticut, HCC cannot financially support the Friday night speaker. Hotel rooms have been blocked. Location is ideal— near Amtrak, ferry to Port Jeff, LI, and restaurants. APA will sponsor two speakers this year. They are Daniel Shacter, PhD of Harvard University (G. Stanley Hall Speaker) and Ken Keith, PhD of University of San Diego (Wolfe speaker). Dr. Shacter will be the Friday night keynote speaker.

The SC unanimously agreed that the next meeting tentatively will be Saturday April 6, 2013 at Housatonic.

The committee discussed future conference locations and plans. The 2014 Meeting will be held at Bates College. The DCA Committee chairs, Drs. White and Bombace, asked the SC to recommend nominees for the DCA. Please forward names to either of them by April 1, 2013.

NECTOP will be chaired by Ted Bosack, PhD of Providence College and Barney Beins, PhD of Ithaca College. Jackie Alfonso, PhD of Emmanuel College and Debby Carroll, PhD of Southern Connecticut University volunteered to serve on this committee.

Dr. Broida presented the idea of creating a foundation or endowment. We have \$5000 more this year than last year. He provided suggestions for this money. The SC voted to establish a Long Range Planning Committee to discuss NEPA's mission, budget, and future funding ideas. Dr. Broida was selected as chair. Jeanine

Skorinko, PhD of Worcester Polytechnic, Judy Primavera, PhD of Fairfield University, Dr. Amico and Dr. Lipsitt volunteered for the committee.

The SC considered the organizational membership. There are very few organizational memberships however the cost for an organizational membership is less money than individual membership. The question was raised: What are the benefits of organizational benefit? The SC unanimously agreed to increase the cost for organizational membership from \$30 to \$55.

The SC voted to raise the association coordinator's salary for the next two years and engage in a yearly review of the position.

The following is a recap from the October 2013 meeting and suggestions for improvement. Duncan White, PhD of Rhode Island College and Joan Bombace, PhD of Quinnipiac University reported that Ethel Toback was great as the DCA recipient. Kelly Brownell is the next DCA recipient. Mary Ehmer, PhD of Southern Connecticut University reported that Fellows at the October meeting enjoyed attending the meeting. Dr. Ehmer will contact Fellows for the October 2013 meeting. SC members praised the structure of the HUS/Fellows session in which the presentation of HUS and Fellows presentation were alternated at the October 2012 meeting.

Dr. Brosvic made several suggestions to improve the quality of the program. He suggested that all advertising for NEPA clearly indicate that NEPA begins on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Friday night is a transition from NECTOP on Friday to NEPA meeting on Saturday. We should consider eliminating the evening reception and put the money from it towards subsidizing the Friday evening dinner. Dr. Brosvic suggested that the sit down dinner could become food stations which would reduce the cost and perhaps attract more attendees at the Friday night speaker. Several other suggestions for modifying the dinner were discussed such as having a less formal dinner or merging the food and reception models. The topic will be revisited at the April meeting. It was decided that there will not be wine served at the dinner/reception.

Dr. Brosvic suggested that NEPA have a plan for rotating the location of meeting based on geography. He also recommended that while the program is growing we also need to increase the quality of the program. There was an 8% rejection rate for the 2012 meeting. Sessions are limited based on space. In the future the SC should consider limiting and improving paper and symposia sessions and create a more organized program for the

paper sessions and symposia. The use of Folders for Program Book and Information Distribution will cost about \$1.00 per folder/label. The program book will be included in the folder.

This year the review process for conference abstracts was different than in past years. The association coordinator sent 5 abstracts to all committee members so that the paper and poster committees were not burdened with all abstract reviews. There was a general consensus that the new review process worked well.

Dr. Brosvic reported recent outreach that should result in about 2000 mailing labels and will cost about \$1500. He asked the APA for: (1) Division 2 high school teachers' contact information (get information from TOPSS and PT@CC) and (2) Health and Wellness Division. He also recommends that NEPA use folders for the program book and information. It will cost about \$1.00 per folder/label. He also recommends that the meeting begin at 9am instead of 8am in the future.

Dr. Brosvic would like to have a discussion with Psi Chi about modifying their programming. He would like the SC to consider including Psi Beta, the two-year psychology honor society, to provide programming at the annual meeting.

As far as the NEPA program, it was recommended that the HUS and Fellows sessions should be together but not at the same time as the Presidential Address. The Business Meeting was less attended because it was held immediately before the presidential address.

Several important issues about the SC were raised. A discussion about a performance review of the Steering Committee was introduced. This is an on-going conversation and will be discussed at the April 2013 SC meeting. The issue of three yearly SC meetings was also mentioned. The committee believes that there needs to be three meetings over the year. However, a meeting does not necessarily need to take place at the future host institution (e.g., meet at Housatonic CC). Instead, a subcommittee of SC members could meet at the host institution and report back to the whole committee about the space. The optimal size of the SC was considered. The NEPA SC is typically 20-25 members. Other organizations have steering committees that have 10 members but many subcommittees and task forces. Other "big" issues that will be considered by the SC are: committee structure and responsibilities, apprenticeship model for new committee members, active role(s) at annual meetings and reconsidering overall mission of

NEPA. Long Range Planning Committee will consider these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.

**Secretary's Report of
NEPA Business Meeting & Election Results
October 2012
Emily G. Soltano, Ph.D.
Worcester State University
NEPA Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Carroll, PhD of Southern Connecticut University at 11:40 AM in Salisbury Labs 115 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester, MA. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced that she would no longer be the president.

NEPA members recognized Ethel Toback, the winner of Distinguished Contribution Award.

The following were re-elected to the Steering Committee: Michael Amico, PhD of Housatonic Community College, Rebecca Burwell, PhD of Westfield State University, Donnah Canavan, PhD of Boston College, Marjy Ehmer, PhD, Emerita of Southern Connecticut University, Peter Frost, PhD of Southern New Hampshire University, Terry Lyons, PhD of Salem State University and Duncan White, PhD of Rhode Island College. Barney Beins, PhD of Ithaca College was newly elected to the SC. Jeanine Skorinko, PhD of Worcester Polytechnic Institute was elected President-Elect.

Melissa-Sue John, PhD of Worcester Polytechnic Institute circulated the minutes from the October 29, 2011 NEPA General meeting. They were accepted. John Broida, PhD of University of Southern Maine, presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that NEPA is financially sound. NEPA moved from 12,000 to 36,000. He acknowledged Gary Brosvic's success in outreach. A discussion followed about changing the way that members paid membership fees and conference fees to a one time annual payment of \$50. It was unanimously accepted. Joan Bombace, PhD of Quinnipiac University reported on Kelly Brownell as the Distinguished Contribution Award winner. He is one of the Top 100 influential people in food marketing to children.

**Announcement of the Recipient of the NEPA
2013
Distinguished Contribution Award
Joan Bombace, Ph.D.
Quinnipiac University**



The New England Psychological Association announces its 2013 Distinguished Contribution Award. This year's recipient is Kelly Brownell, PhD. Dr. Brownell is a Professor of Psychology, Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at Yale University and the Director of Yale's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity.

Time magazine has listed Prof. Brownell among "The World's 100 Most Influential People" featuring those "whose power, talent or moral example is transforming the world." He is the author of 15 books and more than 350 scientific articles. Among his other contributions is the Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Book from the American Library Association, for his paper on "Understanding and Preventing Relapse" published in the *American Psychologist*. This paper was listed as one of the most frequently cited papers in psychology.

Prof Brownell "has advised the White House, members of congress, governors, world health and nutrition organizations, and media leaders on issues of nutrition, obesity, and public policy". He was cited as a "moral entrepreneur" with special influence on public discourse in a history of the obesity field and was cited by "Time" magazine as a leading "warrior" in the area of nutrition and public policy. "

Prof. Brownell will receive the NEPA award and give a lecture at the October 2013 meeting.

**Highlights of the Fall 2012
NECTOP Annual Meeting
Ted Bosak
Providence College
Chair, NECTOP Committee**

A change this year in the scheduling of NECTOP events seemed to have been well-received by the more than 80 persons attending the conference. While continuing to offer two plenary sessions and six concurrent, interactive sessions, this NECTOP featured a pair of concurrent sessions in each of three time periods. In recent prior years, there were three concurrent, interactive sessions in each of two periods. Clearly, the new format gave participants an opportunity to attend 50% more concurrent sessions and to network with more

presenters and other participants. The 2013 conference will continue to employ this revised format.

To capitalize on recent interest at prior NECTOPs, this year's conference included a tandem presentation dealing with interteaching. Bryan Saville of James Madison University delivered the first keynote, presenting the theoretical bases of interteaching, his research on it, and emphasizing the features of the method that seem to be most critical for its success. Following Bryan's talk, Robin Musselman of Lehigh Carbon Community College described her application of interteaching to her introductory psychology sections and presented data contrasting performance in these sections with outcomes in more traditional course delivery. Both Bryan's and Robin's data showed that this method, grounded conditioning and cognitive learning principles, produced better student learning outcomes than the traditional lecture approaches. Although students sometimes complain about the work involved, they do seem to profit from the approach.

A later concurrent session conducted by Victor Benassi of the University of New Hampshire and incoming president of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP) also reflected on the application of psychological science to learning in classrooms. Victor presented his own and others' research on the scholarship of teaching and learning (SOTL) that reveals the effectiveness of adapting cognitive psychology principles to practical teaching situations. This session featured the Cognitive Toolbox Project that offers instructors practical advice on using these principles effectively. Victor has made this work the theme of his presidential year in STP and has crafted a program for the APA Convention that emphasizes current discoveries and applications in the area.

Beth Morling of the University of Delaware delivered the afternoon keynote that described her creative efforts in crafting an effective, student-friendly approach to teaching research methods. Using some of the illustrations and ideas in Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* to spice and enrich her course and delivery, Beth offered a conceptual scheme to help students understand various forms of validity. She also provided description of published research that helped to reveal these principles.

Greg Privitera's concurrent session complemented Beth's notions by introducing a teaching strategy that prepares students to actively participate in a research using Excel® and IBM SPSS® software to enter and analyze data, to interpret statistical outcomes and to identify the outcomes in IBM SPSS® output tables, to apply their knowledge of statistics to understand

research design, and to think critically about why they are using a statistic, how it can be interpreted, and what it says about the hypothesis being tested. The combination of these sessions provided a sound basis for teaching research methods and statistics.

Tom Heinzen's (William Patterson University) concurrent session suggested use of an historic theme for teaching scientific thinking in psychology courses. His own clever teaching skills used the example of Clever Hans as a backdrop for exercising care in research design and interpretation.

Sessions by Kathryn Wiezbicki-Stevens (Bay Path College) and Joann Montepare and Loredana Padurean (Lasell College) provided guidance in dealing with particular teaching situations. Kathy described the steps in developing and maintaining successful experiential learning opportunities for students in community settings. She stressed the methods and importance of attending to the needs of the setting, the students, and the college for sustenance of such programs. Joann and Loredana have initiated a program providing learning opportunities for successful senior citizens in a retirement community. In providing this opportunity, the program puts undergraduate students in learning contexts with the seniors resulting in an expansion of horizons for all. Again, the methods and import of careful attention to the needs and unique characteristics of the people and communities were stressed.

The program ended with a session composed of 23 submitted posters and 5 participant idea exchanges. The STP award for the best poster on the teaching of psychology went to Heather Hussey, (Northcentral University) and Bethany Fleck (Metropolitan State College of Denver) for their poster *Creating an Active Learning Environment in Psychology Statistics Using a Hybrid Course Design*.

Plans are forming for the 19th Annual NECTOP at Housatonic Community College in 2013. The scheduling adjustments initiated in 2012 will be maintained, and suggestions resulting from an email survey of those who attended the conference will be applied wherever possible.

**A Look Forward: NEPA's 53rd Annual Meeting
October 18-19, 2013
Housatonic Community College
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Michael Amico, Ph.D.
HCC**

The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held at Housatonic

Community College in Bridgeport, CT. In 1966, Housatonic Community College started as a branch of Norwalk Community College as a result of a Public Act 330. In 1967, HCC became an independent institution. In January, 1971, Housatonic moved to the Singer Metric Building at 510 Barnum Ave. in Bridgeport. In 1997 HCC moved in January to its first permanent campus at 900 Lafayette Boulevard in Bridgeport. Beacon Hall opened its doors for the fall semester in 2008, sharing the campus with Lafayette Hall which housed the administrative, business, registrar, and financial aid offices, classrooms, the HCC Library, and the Burt Chernow Galleries. The academic programs at HCC offer many options. You can choose from one of 66 degree or certificate programs, including the new advanced manufacturing program, or from the many non-credit classes offered year-round. The Psychology Transfer Concentration provides a recommended sequence for those considering transfer to a Baccalaureate program in Psychology.



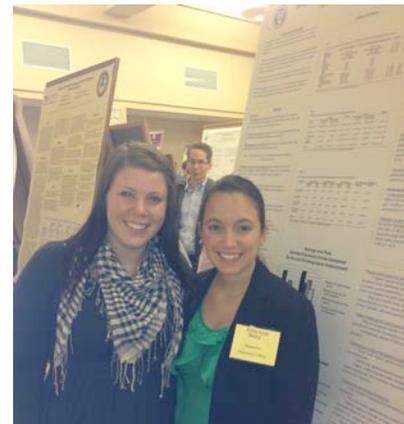
Housatonic Community College is located in the largest city in the state of Connecticut, Bridgeport. Bridgeport is currently home to approximately 145, 000 people. Known as Park City, Bridgeport contains 27 parks. Seaside Park, which lies along the shore, covers 210 acres. Beardsley Park encompasses winding roads and paths through woodlands. With no fewer than 54 Registered Historic Places, Bridgeport is rich in history. Small distances make this an easily walkable city. Lincoln spoke in Bridgeport after his speaking tour as did George W. Bush. P.T. Barnum made Bridgeport his home, wintering his circus here, and serving as mayor. Well-known companies from Bridgeport include Singer Manufacturing Co., Remington Arms Co., Underwood Elliot Fisher typewriters, Dictaphone Corp., Bridgeport milling machines, and Crane Valves. There are many events and attractions. The Barnum Festival is a series of dozens of events such as dances, food fares, galas, concerts, and sports competitions. Captain's Cove Seaport is the largest tourist attraction. Cultural institutions include the Greater Bridgeport Symphony, the Downtown Cabaret Theatre, the Playhouse on the

Green, and Discovery Museum and Planetarium. Admission is free at the Housatonic Museum of Art which houses works by Picasso, Rodin, and Warhol. Sports fans have several outlets to choose from. The Bridgeport Bluefish of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball play at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard. The Bridgeport Sound Tigers AHL hockey team plays at the Arena at Harbor Yard. Bridgeport is approximately an hour from New York City. Bridgeport can be reached by plane, car, train, and Port Jefferson Ferry, the latter of which are only a few blocks walk from the school. While in Bridgeport consider visiting many of the city and surrounding community's great restaurants and activities.



A Look Back: NEPA's 52nd Annual Meeting Photos

Attendees from Emmanuel College



Attendees from Southern New Hampshire State



Our Amazing Association Coordinator—Gary Brosvic:

**Other Photos From the 2012 Conference
(compliments of Melissa-Sue John)**

Dr. Tom Gilovich giving the keynote address:





Deborah Carroll's Presidential Address:



**The Distinguished Contribution Award Winner—
Ethel Tobach:**

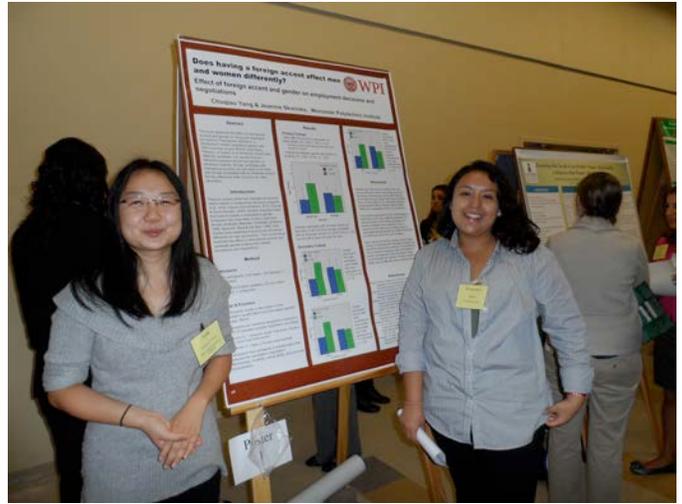


APA Science and Technology Speaker: Jack Demick



Other Photos and Presenters







NEPA Member News, Awards, and Publications

News:

NEPA President Lewis P. Lipsitt, Brown University professor emeritus of psychology, medical science, and human development was elected to the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for 2012-2015.

The Providence Journal published an op-ed by President Lewis P. Lipsitt on December 10th. The op-ed was about psychological lessons inherent in the General Petraeus morality play.

Jackie Alfonso Barry and her Research Assistant Spencer Deschenes had their paper entitled, "Do Drinking Games Matter? An Examination by Game Type and Gender in a Mandated Student Sample" accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal "The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse."

Articles:

Frost, P.J., Nussbaum, G., Loconto, T., Syke, R., Warren, C., & Muise, Christina. (Epub ahead of print.) An individual differences approach to the suggestibility of memory over time. *Memory*.

Alfonso, J. & Deschenes, S.D. (In Press). Do drinking games matter? An examination by game type and sex in a mandated student sample. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*.



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