Social Psychology Guest Panel

On Tuesday, November 25, we will host a special guest panel of social psychologists. Our guests have generously agreed to answer any questions you have about social psychology, including questions about graduate school and careers in social psychology, topics not covered in the textbook or lectures, or topics about which you'd like to hear multiple perspectives. Everyone is invited to bring in questions and actively participate in this unique opportunity!

Sarah Carney
Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr. Carney graduated from the City University of New York Graduate Center in 2004 with a Ph.D. in Social and Personality Psychology. She is currently in her third year as a visiting assistant professor in the psychology department at Wesleyan (where she was once an undergraduate), and in her fourth year as a consultant to the Connecticut Capital Defense Unit. Her past research has been grounded in an examination of cultural understandings about criminal responsibility -- who gets blamed when things go wrong, and equally important, who gets forgiven -- and she has several ongoing research projects that explore this topic. More recently, she and her students have been studying cultural representations of crime and criminals in children's television programming. Additionally, she has worked as a consultant to public defenders in the Capital Defense Unit on four death penalty cases.

Henry Danso
Assistant Professor of Psychology
Dr. Danso received his Ph.D. in 2001 from the University of Western Ontario and joined the Wesleyan University faculty in 2003. He is currently pursuing two lines of research on intergroup relations. The first line of research focuses on group-relevant influences on the intellectual achievement of minority and majority group members. One part of this research examines how stereotypes of intellectual ineptitude undermine the intellectual achievement of members of certain minority groups. Another part of this line of research focuses on how a perceived threat of competition from members of minority groups creates increased ascendancy motivation among dominant group members. His second line of research investigates factors that influence social attitudes on immigration, and explores ways of modifying attitudes toward immigrants and immigration.

Jill Morawski
Professor of Psychology
Dr. Morawski received her Ph.D. in 1980 from Carleton University and joined the Wesleyan faculty later that year. She is interested in the psychology of gender and the history of psychology, and her publications include studies of theories of gender and sex differences and methodological problems related to the study of sex differences. Her research in the history of psychology focuses on 20th Century American psychology and programs to develop experimental techniques. In addition to conducting research and teaching in the Psychology Department, Dr. Morawski is Director of Wesleyan's Center for the Humanities, and she is a faculty member in Wesleyan's Science in Society Program as well as the Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program.
Patricia M. Rodriguez Mosquera  
*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

Dr. Rodriguez Mosquera grew up in Latin America and was educated in Spain (B.A./M.Sc. in Psychology, Autónoma University of Madrid) and the Netherlands (Ph.D. in Social Psychology, University of Amsterdam). Dr. Rodriguez Mosquera's research examines emotions in their social and cultural context. She is especially interested in the emotions people feel when they are valued and respected (or devalued and disrespected) by others. In her research of a wide range of emotions -- from pride, happiness, and satisfaction to anger, shame, envy, and humiliation -- she studies how cultural values, norms, and practices influence the experience, expression, and social implications of emotion.

Karl Scheibe  
*Professor Emeritus of Psychology*

Dr. Scheibe received his Ph.D. in 1963 from the University of California–Berkeley and joined the Wesleyan faculty later that year. Dr. Scheibe's primary research interests focus on the psychology of self and identity and the relationship between psychology and theater. He is working on a new book, called *Deep Drama*, that extends the arguments and concepts presented in his earlier book *The Drama of Everyday Life*. The new book will cover questions normally considered within the domain of depth psychology, including chapters on Fear, Trust, Anger in Men, Dramatic Turning Points, and Subtexts of Ordinary Conversation. In addition to being a social psychologist, Dr. Scheibe is licensed to practice clinical psychology, and he has a private practice in which he sees clients. Dr. Scheibe's clinical research interests include problems of substance abuse and other excessive appetites.