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## Recent News

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## Featured Research

### [Experienced poker players differ from inexperienced poker players in estimation bias and decision bias](#)

Linnert, J., Gebauer, L., Shaffer, H., Mourisden, K., & Moller, A. (2010).

This paper investigates the similarity or difference in cognitive bias on a poker task between experienced poker players (EPPs) and inexperienced poker players (IPPs). EPPs were compared with IPPs on probability estimation (estimation bias) and choice (decision bias). It was hypothesized that EPPs would have lower estimation bias and lower decision bias compared with IPPs, and that a player's level of experience could be identified from gambling behavior. Results indicate that EPPs significantly overestimated accepted gambles, but had significantly smaller estimation bias and decision bias compared with IPPs. All players could accurately be classified as "experienced" or "inexperienced" based on their estimation bias and decision bias. It is concluded that EPPs have significantly lower estimation bias and decision bias than do IPPs on the poker task presented in this research study. Despite significantly higher overestimation, EPPs make better decisions than IPPs. These findings are posited to have implications for the study of cognitive bias in pathological gambling and addiction.

## Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

[OPGRC Level II Research Awards](#)

The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre is pleased to announce applications for Level II Research awards are now being accepted. This fiscal year, the Centre will be holding two Level II solicitations and plans to award five awards per solicitation. The solicitation schedule is as follows:

2010-2011 Round 2 Solicitation

September 15th - Solicitation announced

October 15th - Application deadline

December 1st - Funding notifications to applicants

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[McGill University: International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High Risk Behaviour: Post-Doctoral Position Opening](#)

An immediate opening for a post-doctoral fellow focused upon studying youth risk-taking behaviors is available. A doctorate degree in developmental, clinical, school/applied, social, experimental or health psychology, addictions research, or related field is required. Fluency in French is an asset. An understanding of addictions is beneficial but not required. The candidate must have skills in statistical analyses and research methodology, and experience in using SPSS and/or SAS for data analyses. The successful candidate should be highly motivated, have strong library research skills, experience in academic writing, strong analytic skills, and be able to conduct field-based research projects independently. We are searching for someone who is independent, yet who enjoys working in a collaborative environment. We are offering either a one-year or two-year position. Salary is commensurate with other post-doctoral positions.

Deadline for submissions is August 15th, 2010.

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[The Institute for Research on Gambling Disorders: Call for Papers](#)

The Institute for Research on Gambling Disorders showcases new research on gambling disorders at the annual NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction, November 14th-16th, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The poster session, scheduled for Sunday, November 14th, is an opportunity for investigators to report their empirical research and converse with conference attendees about their findings. Young investigators are especially encouraged to submit abstracts. An award for the outstanding poster will be presented at the conference.

Deadline for submissions is September 10th, 2010.

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[The National Center for Responsible Gaming: Nominations for Scientific Achievement Award](#)

The National Center for Responsible Gaming (NCRG), recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of gambling studies annually with the NCRG Scientific Achievement Awards. Nominations may include research investigators at any stage in their career, whose research has made significant contributions to the knowledge base about gambling disorders; educators who have successfully mentored young investigators in the field or have excelled at promoting public awareness and education about gambling disorders and responsible gaming; and a recent publication in a

scientific, peer-reviewed journal that represents a seminal work in the field.

Deadline for submissions is September 17th, 2010.

### **Upcoming Events**

[8th European Conference on Gambling Studies and Policy Issues](#)

September 14-17, 2010 - Vienna, Austria

[Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's Responsible Gambling Conference](#)

October 4-5, 2010 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

[Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling Annual Conference](#)

October 21, 2010 - Westbrook, Connecticut, USA

[National Centre for Responsible Gaming's 11th Annual Conference on Gambling and Addiction](#)

November 14-15, 2010 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

[National Association of Gambling Studies Australia 20th Annual Conference](#)

December 1-3, 2010 - Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

[Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey's 28th Annual Conference](#)

October 7, 2010 - Princeton, New Jersey, USA

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Hope you've enjoyed this edition of Newscan. We'll see you again next week!

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