The Psychological Record Announces a Call for Papers for a Special Issue on Translational Research on Discounting

The Psychological Record invites the submission of manuscripts for a planned Special Issue on Translational Research on Discounting, scheduled to appear in early 2011. Editors of the special issue are Leonard Green (l.green@wustl.edu), Joel Myerson (j.myerson@wustl.edu), and Thomas S. Critchfield (t.critchfield@ilstu.edu).

Investigations of discounting have improved our understanding of choice and decision-making, and thus delay and probability discounting have acquired a prominent status in behavior theory, behavioral and experimental economics, neuroscience, and decision theory, among others. Translational extensions -- in which the discounting framework is applied to issues of clinical and practical significance --- have complemented more theoretically driven investigations.

Translational efforts have not advanced as quickly as basic research. For further progress to be made, it no longer is sufficient to show that certain populations discount differently than controls, or that discounting follows a common form in different populations. For the Special Issue, we seek manuscripts that emphasize innovation in the quest to understand how discounting principles inform the study of real-world problems, and how real-world problems inform the study of discounting.

Primary empirical reports, papers on research methodology, and conceptual or theoretical reviews all are suitable for the Special Issue. Submissions should conform to the journal's general author guidelines (see http://thepsychologicalrecord.siuc.edu/). In advance of submitting, authors are strongly encouraged to contact the special issue Co-Editors to explore whether the focus of a given manuscript is suitable for the Special Issue.

To be considered for the Special Issue, a manuscript must be submitted by May 1, 2010. Manuscripts may be submitted electronically to psychrec@siu.edu, or by mail to The Psychological Record, Mailcode 4609, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-4609. Submissions should be accompanied by a cover letter requesting that the manuscript be considered for the Special Issue on Translational Research on Discounting.