



2008 Champions of Psychology

1:00-2:00 PM Saturday, May 24 in Michigan (A&B)



**Elizabeth
Loftus**

Dr. Loftus is Distinguished Professor at the University of California, Irvine and an expert on issues involving human memory and the law. Her research has focused on human memory, eyewitness testimony, and courtroom procedure. She has published 20 books and over 400 scientific articles, served as an expert witness or consultant in hundreds of court cases, and been recognized for her contributions to psychological science by many organizations and societies, including the National Academy of Sciences. She was President of APS during 1998-1999.



**Claude
Steele**

Dr. Steele is the Lucy Stern Professor of Psychology at Stanford University and a leading authority on stereotype threat. His research interests include how people cope with self-image threats, how group stereotypes can influence intellectual performance, and addictive behaviors. He has received numerous awards, including the William James Fellow Award from APS, and he is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Education, and the National Academy of Sciences. He has served on the APS Board of Directors.



**Gordon
Bower**

Dr. Bower is the Albert Ray Lang Professor Emeritus at Stanford University and an expert on human memory. His research interests include mnemonic devices, retrieval strategies, recoding strategies, and category learning. He has also studied cognitive processes, emotion, imagery, language and reading comprehension as they relate to memory. He has received numerous honors for his contributions to psychological science, including the National Medal of Science in 2005. He served as President of APS during 1991-1993.



**Susan
Goldin-Meadow**

Dr. Goldin-Meadow is the Beardsley Ruml Distinguished Service Professor in Psychology at the University of Chicago and an expert on the role that gesture plays in communicating, thinking, and learning. Most recently, her research has focused on gesture's role in creating language in deaf children who have not been exposed to usable linguistic input, as well as its role in learning language and other cognitive skills in hearing children and adults who do have a conventional spoken language. She is member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and she was just elected to serve on the APS Board of Directors.



**Richard
Thompson**

Dr. Thompson is the Keck Professor of Psychology and Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California and his research focuses on the neurobiological substrates of learning and memory. He discovered the essential role of the cerebellum in basic procedural memory. He has also characterized processes of synaptic plasticity in the hippocampus and its role in elementary forms of declarative memory. He has earned many honors over his career, including election to the National Academy of Sciences. He served as President of APS during 1995-1996.



**Robert
Levenson**

Dr. Levenson is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the UC-Berkeley and conducts research in the areas of human psychophysiology and affective neuroscience, both of which involve studying the interplay between psychological and physiological processes. Much of his work focuses on the nature of human emotion, in terms of its physiological manifestations, variations in emotion associated with age, gender, culture and clinical pathology, and the role emotion plays in interpersonal interactions. He served as President of APS during 2004-2005.



**Henry L.
Roediger, III**

Dr. Roediger is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor at Washington University in Louis and an internationally recognized scholar of human memory. His research interests include such topics as memory illusions and false memories, implicit memory, and, most recently, applying cognitive psychology to improving learning in educational situations. Earlier this year, he was awarded the Howard Crosby Warren Medal for contributions to experimental psychology by the Society of Experimental Psychologists. He served as President of APS during 2003-2004.