

New Psychological Science Associate Editor Reid Hastie

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Reid Hastie cuts straight to the point like it's his job. And as new associate editor of *Psychological Science*, it will be.

"I much prefer short empirical reports to the bloated carcasses that are common in most other journals," said Hastie, an APS Fellow and psychology professor specializing in judgment and decision-making at the University of Chicago. "And [*Psychological Science*] is the best, and almost the only, journal that publishes empirical reports that span the full range of psychological research."

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Hastie completed his PhD at Yale under Endel Tulving and has served on the editorial board of 17 journals. "I love to figure out what's really important in results from my home fields," Hastie said, "and to communicate the message within and between subfields."

Self-proclaimed as "pathologically inter-disciplinary," Hastie prefers to focus on judgment explanation. Understanding trial judge and jury decisions, how bettors decide who will win on NFL Sunday, the hot hand versus the gambler's delusion, and consumer choice are just some of the his current undertakings. He also follows the role of emotions in risky decisions and changes in decision-making competencies and habits across the later years of the life span. Hastie will use this range of study to fulfill *Psychological Science's* cross-cutting aim.

But his newest attraction is undoubtedly, for the moment anyway, his fondest. "I'm proud to be associated with APS," Hastie said. "I think it's the premier professional society for research psychologists. ... [And] I like *Psychological Science's* scope, and because it's at the top of the heap, it publishes lots of interesting and important findings. I enjoy getting a monthly dose of the most interesting 'behavioral phenomenon' articles."

As for his goals for the position, it comes as no surprise that they are decidedly focused: "A courteous, dispassionate, responsive attitude; quick 'up and down' decisions; and brief, but useful feedback to prospective authors."

Profiles of the other *Psychological Science* associate editors appeared in the October and November *Observers*.