

PSI Perceptions and the Sensitive Personality

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Psi researchers often use the term "sensitivity" when theorizing that certain people may be more apt to report anomalous influences than others. Researcher Michael Jawer argues that some individuals are predisposed toward a range of sensitivities that may well be inborn.

Through an original survey investigation (recently published in the *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*), Jawer has found linkages between environmental sensitivities (such as allergies, migraine, chronic pain, and fatigue), a variety of personality factors, and apparitional experience. The findings suggest that environmental sensitivity runs in families, raising the question: does the basis for psi perceptions run in families as well? And could such perceptions be a manifestation of an underlying neurobiological process?

Join us for a look at extraordinary sensitivities and the factors likely to predispose certain persons to be sensitive. This research is at an early stage, so your

comments, personal experiences (if any), and critical observations are welcome.

Michael Jawer is an independent researcher who has been examining the issue of sensitivity for the past 10 years. While always fascinated by psi, his interest in environmental sensitivity was kindled by his investigation of indoor air quality and sick building issues in the 1990s. Jawer's current "day job" is unrelated to this project; he works for the Federal government and lives with his wife and two children in Northern Virginia.

Saturday, April 8, 2006
2-4pm

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April 2006

NCAS Elections—Are You Interested?

NCAS elections are coming up. Eight board positions are up for a 2-year term. Ours is an all-volunteer organization, so we always need people to do some of our regular tasks (such as lining up speakers, producing and distributing NCAS publications, organizing our events, *etc.*)

Anyone interested in running please contact us via e-mail, snail mail, or phone:

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NCAS Board Notes:

- The Board set October as the planned month for our 2006 annual program. April didn't work out this year, but the theme will still be "April Anti-Fools" like last year. (October is antipodal to April Fools on the calendar.)
- Members are encouraged to be NCAS judges at your local county school science fair. No experience or special credentials are needed. Please contact NCAS board member Walter F. Rowe, wfrowe@gwu.edu, 703-494-2916.
- The April NCAS Board meeting will be right after the April 8 NCAS Speaker Forum, as usual. NCAS members are welcome to attend.
- We need members to augment our growing

publicity efforts by posting NCAS announcements on local bulletin boards, *etc.*, and by confirming to the Board that the notices we submit to the Montgomery County library administration have actually been posted in all MC public libraries.

- Please always check the NCAS hotline (301-587-3827) for any last-minute program changes.
- Please contact the NCAS Board any time by email to ncas@ncas.org or at 301-587-3827. 

Smithsonian Resident Associates Program Presents Forensics at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda

Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body. Rather than imitating scenes familiar to modern television audiences, this exhibition focuses on the struggle to develop scientific methods whose visible proofs can testify on behalf of victims and against the guilty.

President Zachary Taylor's death, the Boston Strangler, Confederate soldiers killed at Gettysburg, and the Lindbergh kidnapping are some of the cases investigated by one speaker. Another speaker has been part of a 3-year effort to identify the remains of the thousands of victims of the World Trade Center attacks and whose system makes forensic analyses of DNA testing both rapid and reliable. Conclude the day by gathering and using clues to identify a missing person.

Museum education consultant Sheila Pinsker leads the tour. A catered buffet lunch is included.

Tickets: Gen. Admission \$140, RAP Members \$94

Time: Fri., April 7, 2006, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., by bus from the Mayflower Hotel, Connecticut Ave. and DeSales St., N.W. **Telephone:** 202-252-0012

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