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Introduction to this Issue:

Current Directions

This is the second “Current Directions” issue published in *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*. Our Current Directions issues are not themed issues, but rather they are a collection of current research reports, special perspectives, and other publications. In this issue of Current Directions, there are five traditional research report/special perspective articles:

- Frederick, “Mixed Group Validation: A Method to Address the Limitations of Criterion Group Validation in Research on Malingering Detection”
- Cooper & Hall, “Reaction of Mock Jurors to Testimony of a Court Appointed Expert”
- Cascardi, Poythress, & Hall, “Procedural Justice in the Context of Civil Commitment: An Analogue Study”
- Cauffman & Steinberg, “(Im)maturity of Judgment in Adolescence: Why Adolescents May be Less Culpable than Adults”
- Mossman, “The Meaning of Malingering Data: Further Application of Hayes’s Theorem”

There also are two reviews of forensic risk assessment manuals produced by forensic clinicians from the Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute of Simon Fraser University (*HCR-20: Assessing Risk for Violence, Version 2*, and *The Manual for the SVR-20*). Dr. Douglas Mossman, an academic forensic psychiatrist, and Dr. Phillip Witt, a practitioner forensic psychologist, examined the risk assessment tools. The *BS&L* editors — Dr. Ewing, Dr. Felthous, and I — would be interested in reader feedback regarding whether these kinds of instrument reviews are useful.

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