

# WELCOME TO THE EIGHTH BIENNIAL SPR STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is created by the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests and is sent to current and recent student and full SPR members.

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## I. ANNUAL SPR CONFERENCE: VANCOUVER HERE WE COME!

This year, SPR will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from October 25-29, 2006 at the [Hyatt Regency Vancouver Hotel](#). Registration, travel, and other conference-related information was mailed out in late May - but don't fret - if you have misplaced your materials, they can be found by clicking on the box below. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please take the time to read through

some of the exciting things that will be going on at this year's meeting. Also, don't forget to check out the featured section below on Vancouver, B.C. highlights!

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#### Junior Suites Available for Student Members

For the upcoming meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, there are 10 junior suites that have been designated for students. The junior suites are comprised of two rooms, one with two double beds and the other with a double Murphy (pull-out) bed. Students also may request an additional cot. The conference rate for a junior suite is \$167 USD per night. To provide this opportunity to as many people as possible, minimum occupancy for a suite is 4 students. Maximum occupancy is 7 students. Reservations for a junior suite CANNOT be made directly through the Hyatt Regency. Instead, you will need to designate one representative for your group and have that person contact Jane Shepard, Director of Meetings, by email at [jshepard@reesgroupinc.com](mailto:jshepard@reesgroupinc.com). In the email message, please be sure to provide your date of arrival, date of departure, and number of occupants. Your credit card number and expiration date can be included in the email or faxed separately to Jane at 1-608-443-2474; reservations will be guaranteed only after credit card information is received.

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Don't forget that there are plenty of opportunities to meet and mingle with other SPR students and members. Here is just a brief sampling of some of the special interests lunches, dinners, and meetings in the works:

The Student Social - A "can't miss"! The Student Social will be held on Friday night at the Atlantis. Time will be finalized within the next few weeks, so please stop back soon!

**The Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests** - We were ecstatic to see so many students attend last year's dinner! All SPR student members are welcome to attend. Do you have suggestions for improvements in student outreach? Would you like to work with one of our many subcommittees on issues relevant to your research? Please come with your appetite and opinions! Let's break last year's attendance record! Time, date, and location will be announced soon!.

**Early Careers Conversation Hour** - A wonderfully informative meeting with a panel of our generous SPR young investigators who share advice, tips, and tricks of the trade. A must attend for any student, postdoc, or young investigator. If you're interested in attending please see the [Update from the Postdoc 'Student' Subcommittee](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

Special Interest Lunches & Dinners - These events are a wonderful way to connect with others who share your research interests. Typically, the events are organized on an ongoing basis and are announced in various ways (over email, on the website, and posted on the message board at the conference), so keep your eyes peeled for topics that pique your special interest. Remember, these are typically no-host meals, which means bring your own funds. Currently known meetings: 1) Women in Psychophysiology (please see [Update from Membership Retention Subcommittee](#) for more information) and 2) International Student Special Interest Luncheon (to be held at Rugby Beach Club Grille, #201 - 950 West Broadway, Vancouver, on Friday 11:30-1:00), and 3) Clinical Psychophysiology.

Please continue to check for updates on the [SPR Upcoming Meeting](#) page.

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We are pleased to announce that the Student Travel Award was a huge success. Congratulations to the following 2006 Student Travel Award Winners:

<b>Michelle Byrne</b> (University of Melbourne)	<b>Sarah Coleman</b> (University of Tasmania)
<b>Wendy D'Andrea-Merrins</b> (University of Michigan)	<b>Jared Dempsey</b> (Texas Tech University)
<b>Remi Desmeules</b> (McGill University)	<b>Monica Dhar</b> (University of Groningen)
<b>Eva Epstein</b> (Temple University)	<b>Karen Hebert</b> (University of Missouri-Columbia)
<b>Ahmed Karim</b> (University of Tübingen)	<b>Madhur Kulkarni</b> (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor)
<b>Gillian Long</b> (University of Tasmania)	<b>Fabiana Lopes</b> (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)
<b>Sarah Lust</b> (University of Missouri-Columbia)	<b>Guillaume Martel</b> (Université de Montréal)
<b>Lauren Maynard</b> (The University of Tulsa)	<b>Klanci McCabe</b> (The University of Tulsa)
<b>Ursula Mochty</b> (University of Tuebingen)	<b>Gillian Munro</b> (University of Waterloo)
<b>Asuka Murata</b> (Hokkaido University)	<b>Cristina Ottaviani</b> (University of Bologna)
<b>Pandelis Perakakis</b> (University of Granada)	<b>Sandra Roth</b> (Stanford University)
<b>Jessica Saenger</b> (Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences)	<b>Susanne Suter</b> (University of Basel)
<b>Jakub Szewczyk</b> (Jagiellonian University)	<b>Ilmo van der Lowe</b> (University of California-Berkeley)
<b>Nathalie Vizueta</b> (University of Minnesota)	<b>Matthias Wieser</b> (University of Wuerzburg)
<b>Terrance Williams</b> (University of California-Los Angeles)	<b>Keiko Yamazaki</b> (Hokkaido University)

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## II. VANCOUVER: SIGHTS TO SEE, THINGS TO DO!

Start planning your trip to beautiful Vancouver, BC today! Special thanks to Tracy Cassels, our local student host, for putting together this wonderful guide of places to eat, things to do, and sights to see. Be sure to try and squeeze in some of these local attractions during your visit:

Good Eats:

- **Banana Leaf:** (820 Broadway West and 1096 Denman Street) Malaysian food that is excellently priced, but not very veggie suitable.
- **CinCin:** (1154 Robson St) Excellent Mediterranean food, but again on the more expensive side. If you feel like treating yourself, it's worth a visit.

- Hell's Kitchen and Nevermind: (2041 4th Avenue West and 3293 W 4th Ave) In essence the same restaurant. Great food, good drinks, TVs with hockey (you are in Canada). Good times are had by all.
- Naam: (2724 W 4th Ave) Vegetarian and vegan fare. Famous in the city for it, but it also can be hit or miss with the meals, particularly for non-vegetarians.
- Sophie's: (2095 W 4th Ave) EXCELLENT diner. Great food, big portions, but expect a wait, particularly on weekends and breakfast/brunch time.
- Taste of Yaletown: Food and wine enthusiasts are invited to relish and feast on the delicious deals offered by Yaletown's premier restaurants during the Second Annual Taste of Yaletown event, October 13-29. Taste of Yaletown will include approximately 25 of Yaletown's spectacular restaurants offering special three-course tasting menus for set prices of \$25, \$35 and \$45. Ten percent of one evening's profits, during the campaign, from each participating restaurant will go towards The Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Visit [Taste of Yaletown](#) for more information.
- **Thai House:** (1116 Robson St and 1766 West 7th Ave) If you like Thai, one of the best in the city. A bit pricier than some of the other places, but definitely worth it and it still won't break the bank.
- The Tapas Tree: (1829 Robson Street) Definitely on the more expensive side, but great food for veggies and non-veggies alike.

Other Recommendations (in no particular order):

Caredero's (1583 Coal Harbour Quay)

Sun Si Wah (3888 Main, Seafood)

Sandbar (1535 Johnston, Seafood)

Wimaan (1063 W Broadway, Thai)

Rangoli's (1488 W 11th, Indian Fusion)

Vij's (1480 11 Avenue West, Indian Fusion, same owners as Rangoli's)

The Reef (4172 Main, Jamaican)

Tomato Fresh Food Cafe (3305 Cambie St)

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#### Places to Go & Things to See

Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park: For those people with a death-wish and no fear of heights, one of the most spectacular things you can do. Located in a rainforest, you won't feel as though you're anywhere near civilization upon entering.

Admission: \$25.95 for adults, \$20.25 for students

Hours: Check website for updates to hours.

<http://www.capbridge.com/>

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden: Based in Chinatown, this garden is based on a 15th Century Chinese garden and named after the founder of China.

Admission: \$8.95 for adults, \$7 for students

Hours: 10am to 4:30pm

<http://www.vancouverchinesegarden.com/>

Gastown: Tourist trap-style shopping and steamclock as well as being Vancouver's oldest shopping neighbourhood.

<http://www.gastown.org/>

Granville Island: This market by the water offers various types of food, live performances, boat rides, shopping, and almost anything else you could ask for.

Admission: Various, but free to show up

Hours: Market is open from 9am to 7pm, but other activities have different hours

<http://www.granvilleisland.bc.ca>

Grouse Mountain: Trams take you up the side of the mountain providing you with an excellent view of the city along with various activities and some good dining once you're up there.

Admission: \$29.95 for adults

Hours: 9am to 10pm

<http://www.grousemountain.com>

Harbour Centre Tower: 40-story tower with an observation deck on top. Smaller than some of the others in the world, but a spectacular view!

Admission: \$11 for adults, \$7 for students

Hours: Not posted yet for October 2006

<http://www.vancouverlookout.com/>

Jericho and Kitsilano Beaches: Both beautiful beaches with park and picnic areas and great views of the mountains.

<http://www.vancouver.hm/beaches.html>

Queen Elizabeth Park: 52 hectares overlooking the city, this park is the highest point in Vancouver. Miniature golf, tennis, sculptures, a rose garden, and more all are contained within Queen Elizabeth Park.

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/parks/queenelizabeth/index.htm>

Stanley Park: Famous enough that it doesn't need an introduction; includes the Sea Wall which is a beautiful walk (or run or bike).

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/parks/stanley/index.htm>

UBC's Botanical Garden: A larger version of the Van Dusen at 44 hectares and includes over 8000 types of plants.

Admission: \$6 for adults, \$3 for students

Hours: Not posted for October 2006

<http://www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org>

UBC's Museum of Anthropology: On the UBC campus (worth a visit itself). Some very amazing artifacts and the totem poles out front are beautiful. (You are then also close to the world famous Wreck Beach where people frolic nude all year round!)

Admission: \$9 for adults, \$7 for students

Hours: Not posted for October 2006

<http://www.moa.ubc.ca>

Van Dusen Botanical Garden: 22 hectares of plants and trees. You can arrange for a tour or just walk around by yourself. In October, East North American and Ginkgo trees, Autumn Crocus, Fatsia, Rubeckia, Asters, and Hydrangeas are all in bloom.

Admission: \$5.75 for adults

Hours: 10am to 5pm

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/parks/vandusen/website/index.htm>

Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre: Located in Stanley Park. As long as you aren't afraid of fish, a very fun place to check out.

Admission: \$18.50 for adults, \$13.95 for students

Hours: 10am to 5:30pm

<http://www.vanaqua.org/home/>

Vancouver Art Gallery: The largest art gallery in Western Canada, it has close to 8,000 works of art in its collection, including more than 200 works by Emily Carr, one of Canada's most prominent artists and a British Columbian herself.

Admission: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday to Sunday 10 am - 5:30 pm; Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 9 pm

<http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca>

Yaletown: The more bohemian shopping area. Very cute neighbourhood with lots of boutiques and restaurants.

<http://www.myyaletown.com/>

And of course, what would a trip to Canada be without catching an NHL game? ;) The Canucks may be in town, tickets are hard to get, but you can try via Ticketmaster.ca or just go to a local bar and catch a game!

\*All photos are from the sites listed.

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### **III. OUR FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS RITZ**

For the SPR Student Newsletter's regular feature, "Interview with an SPR member", we bring you an exclusive interview with Dr. Thomas Ritz from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.. Thanks to Dr. Ritz, Sylvia Kreibig, and the rest of the SPR Student Interview Subcommittee for providing us with a very inspirational and informative interview!

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### **IV. UPDATE FROM THE POSTDOCTORAL "STUDENT" SUBCOMMITTEE**

We are currently planning the 2006 Early Careers Conversation Hour. If you have any questions or would like to help with planning the conversation hour, please contact Rebecca Houston

([rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu](mailto:rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu)) or any member of the postdoctoral subcommittee. So far, here are the details:

Date: Thursday, October 26th

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Location: TBA

Format: First hour will be an informal question and answer session During the second hour we will break into the follow small groups:

- Early grad students - topics might include tips for the dissertation, CV development, student funding opportunities, writing tips, etc.
- Transition grad students/postdocs - topics might include information on job searches, how to decide what type of position to apply for, funding (NRSA, K awards), etc.
- New faculty - topics might include tips for mentoring students, developing your own line of research, promotion and tenure, balancing work and life, etc.

This third group is relatively new this year and should be useful for junior faculty. *We are requesting RSVP by October 12th* (to make sure we have enough food).

Researchers that have agreed to participate this year include John Cacioppo, Bruce Cuthbert, Chris Larson, Erin Hazlett and Denise Sloan.

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## V. UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT WEB SUBCOMMITTEE

Greetings SPR student members! As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the design of the SPR Student Website has changed quite drastically. In addition, the site is now hosted on a new server, so if you have bookmarked the previous SPR Student Website (which, of course, you all have), you may want to note that the new address is <http://www.sprweb.org/student/>. Special thanks to John Hoffman, the SPR Website Committee, and the Rees Group for graciously extending some of their space, time, and resources to us!

Please browse around the SPR Student site, and let us know what you think. Also, while we are taking every effort to ensure a smooth transition, there is always a chance that a link or two will be missed. If you encounter a broken link, a page that no longer exists, or just want to add your \$0.02 about the webpage, please contact Jenny Robinson at [robinson@case.edu](mailto:robinson@case.edu) so that we can fix it as soon as possible.

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## VI. UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP RETENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Announcing WISE (Women in Science Education): The SPR Women's Advisory Council was recently approved by Steve Hackley, President of SPR. This council will assess and work to meet the needs of women in SPR through an initiative entitled Women in Science Education, or WISE. The first step involves the development of a WISE listserv. This listserv is intended to serve as a means for SPR women at all stages of their careers to exchange information, to provide mentoring and support, and generally to foster one another's career development.

Why develop WISE? Whereas female students outnumber male students in SPR, men outnumber women among full members in SPR as well as in academia and industry. Whereas mentoring may occur in graduate school with one's advisor and formally or informally on the job, a woman's mentoring program within SPR can address concerns of particular salience to women psychophysicologists. For example, women who are in later stages of their careers might provide advice to students regarding how to negotiate salaries and start-up money. Women tend to negotiate less effectively than men; and this might, in part, contribute to the disparity in pay between men and women that exists throughout their careers. Through WISE, women might offer advice on how to balance the demands of family and career. In addition, WISE women might provide introductions to other psychophysicologists. Moreover, the WISE listserv could provide a source of information on scientific and technical issues in psychophysiology.

How to Join: Women in SPR may sign up for the WISE listserv by emailing John Hofmann ([jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com](mailto:jhofmann@reesgroupinc.com)) of SPR's management group with the subject "Subscribe SPR-WISE." Once

you've signed up, you can share your ideas regarding how SPR might best serve its female members. Women in Science Panel Discussion at the Vancouver Meeting: Women in Science Lunch Box Discussion, Friday, October 27th, 11:30-1:30. Open to all SPR members. Please join us for a discussion where Dr. Denise Park, cognitive neuroscientist and co-author of the book chapter "Women in Academia" in *The Compleat Academic: A Career Guide*, will discuss experiences unique to women in science and academia based on the research literature. Following Dr. Park's talk, a panel composed of women at different stages in their careers will share their own experiences and answer questions from the audience about negotiating life in academia. Lunch will be provided for the first 75 registrants so register early. ***All are welcome to attend, but lunch can only be provided for the first 75 registrants.*** To register, or if you have any suggestions for this event or have specific questions to which you'd like the panel to respond, please contact Becky Levin ([rllevin@s.psych.uiuc.edu](mailto:rllevin@s.psych.uiuc.edu)).

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## **VII. MEMBERS OF THE SPR COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE STUDENT INTERESTS**

Are your needs being met? Please feel free to contact members of the committee with suggestions, questions, comments, or to bond with a fellow psychophysicologist, click below...

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