

WELCOME TO THE TENTH SEMI-ANNUAL 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: SAVANNAH!

As you are most likely aware, SPR will be held in Savannah, Georgia from October 17-21, 2007 at the [Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel](#). We look forward to seeing you all there! Please take the time to read

through some of the exciting things that we are working on bringing to this year's meeting. Also, don't forget to check out the featured section below on Savannah highlights!

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SPR Student Travel Award Winners Announced

This is the second year for the SPR Student Travel Award program. SPR has allocated funds for 30 travel awards, 15 of which were specifically reserved for non-North American members. Award winners within North America will receive \$500 to assist with their travel and accommodations while attending SPR, and those traveling from outside of North America will receive \$1000. To be eligible, student members must: 1) reside outside a 500 mile radius from the annual meeting; 2) be the first author on a poster or paper accepted for presentation at the SPR annual meeting; 3) be up to date with dues, or have applied for for new membership status; and 4) still have pre-doctoral status (i.e. must not have received their Ph.D. by the time of the meeting). Moreover, student members with travel funds available from the laboratory in which they work are not eligible.

This year, 124 student members submitted abstracts on which they were the first author, and which were then accepted for presentation. A lottery among these student members was conducted, and eligibility was verified with advisors, resulting in the recipients listed below. Recipients will receive a check in their registration packets at the meeting in Savannah.

Congratulations to this year's travel award winners:

North American Winners	Samantha Neufeld (Arizona State University)	Non-North American Winners	Irma Khachidze (Beritashvili Institute of Physiology, Georgia Tbilisi)
Emily Bartley (University of Tulsa)	Jennifer Russell (University of Tulsa)	Mir Ali Khatibi Tabatabaei (Tehran, Iran)	Gr-inne McLoughlin (King's College London)
Amanda Colby (Baylor University)	Arthur Sandt (Temple University)	Antje Gerdes (Universität Würzburg)	Asuka Murata (Hokkaido University)
Wade Elmore (University of Missouri-Kansas City)	Emily Slocombe (Tufts University)	Theo Gruendler (Trier University)	Meike Pappens (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
Daniel Goldman (University of Minnesota)	Benjamin Turner (Ohio State University)	Yuki Hamamoto (Fukuyama University)	Sibylle Petersen (Hamburg, Germany)
Valerie Hobson (Texas Tech University)	Uma Vaidyanathan (University of Minnesota)	Anne Hauswald (Universität Konstanz)	Risa Sawaki (Hokkaido University)
Avram	Ana Wyman (Long	Roelie Hempel	Chun-Yu

Holmes (Harvard University)

Katrina Koslov (Harvard University)

Island University)

Xin Zheng (Brock University)

Erasmus (Medical College, Rotterdam)

Shun Itagaki (University of Tokyo)

Tse (Hong Kong)

Katja Weber (Universität Konstanz)

Finally, the special assistance of the following postdoctoral members of the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests should be acknowledge, as they assisted Committee Chair John JB Allen in determining the eligibility of prospective travel award winners. Many thanks to: Jim Coan, Rebecca Houston, Chris Larson, Stephan Moratti, Catherine J. Norris, & Allison Waters.

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 - Tentatively planned for Friday night. Time and location will be finalized 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! Tentatively planned for Friday night before the student social. Time and location will be announced as we get closer to the meeting.

Early Careers Conversation Hour - Early Careers Conversation Hour - An opportunity to pose (and get answers to) all of your questions about getting a job and establishing your career. Please click [here](#) to read more...

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 checking back for topics that pique your special interest. Remember, these are typically no-host meals, which means bring your own funds.

W.I.S.E. - Women In Science Lunch Box Discussion (Friday, October 19th, 11:30am-1:00pm). Please join us for the Second Annual Women in Science Lunch Box Discussion. All SPR members, including men, are invited to attend. The discussion topic will be focused on negotiation skills involved in obtaining a competitive salary, sufficient start-up costs, and lab space for new faculty and continuing negotiations relevant to later career stages. Women tend to struggle with negotiation and are more than two times as likely than men to self-report that they feel apprehension and pessimism about the negotiation process. Compared to men, women typically negotiate for less and receive less when they do negotiate ([Read more here](#)). The discussion will be facilitated by a panel of invited speakers composed of academic leaders from different workplace environments (e.g., medical setting, research university, small college). Registration for this event is required and lunch will only be provided to registered participants. To register, please contact Becky Levin (rlevin@cyrus.psych.uiuc.edu). Additionally, if you would like to join the W.I.S.E. listserv, please email John Hofmann (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.

Roundtable Discussions (All occurring Thursday, October 18th, from 11:30-1:00pm)

These roundtable discussions are over lunch and include lunch for those that register. Registration is limited to about 10 people per roundtable discussion. To register, please RSVP to Edelyn Verona (everona@uiuc.edu) for all but the Clinical Psychophysiology Luncheon, for which one should RSVP to Julie Hall (halljl@umich.edu). Please note that the EMG methodology roundtable is almost reaching capacity.

RSVP TO everona@uiuc.edu:

Perspectives on EEG Asymmetry: Different Measurement and Conceptualization Issues (Wendy Heller and Jim Coan)

EMG Methodology: Startle and Post-Auricular Reflex (Terry Blumenthal and Steve Hackley)

High Density EEG: Autonomic Control of Cognition (Don Tucker)

Setting Up a Psychophysiology Laboratory (John Curtin)

Ambulatory Psychophysiology: Bringing the Lab to Real Life (Frank Wilhelm)

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Clinical Psychophysiology (Julie Hall)

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II. SAVANNAH: SIGHTS TO SEE, THINGS TO DO!

Start planning your trip to Savannah today! Special thanks to Eynav Accortt, our 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:

Lodging:

As Savannah is considered a top U.S. 'walking' city, it is important to book lodging within the Historical District - SPR's preferred hotel, the Hyatt is located within this district. However, if you are looking for alternative lodging for a more 'local' feel and often cost effective trip, consider rentals by owner. The preferred agent for these rentals is Savannah Getaways. Rentals can be viewed at [here](#) (choose browse rentals, browse ALL listings and then choose the number of bedrooms, bathrooms, location etc., email to inquire about the rates and availability, and you may want to inform them if you will be female and traveling alone, as they do attempt to place you in a safe area. My preference is to stay closer to Bull Street, preferably East, and North of Gaston as the area is always hopping with tourists (areas nearer to Forsyth Park tend to grow a little shady after dark).

Good Eats (By Location):

- Along River Street
 - **[Boar's Head](#)**: (1 North Lincoln St.) New American cuisine with a Southern flair. Reservations are recommended.
 - **[Shrimp Factory](#)**: (313 E. River Street) A casual, friendly, fine dining restaurant overlooking the Savannah River, where you can "Watch The Ships Go By!"
- East Bay Street:
 - **[B. Matthew's Eatery](#)**: (325 E. Bay Street) Home of the famous blackeye pea cake sandwich.
- East Broad Street:

- [The Pirate's House](#): (20 E. Broad Street) Has an excellent lunch buffet. Arrrrrh!
- City Market:
 - [Belford's](#): (315 W. St. Julian Street) Seafood and steak! Casual fine dining.
- Bull Street Between Chippewa and Madison Squares:
 - **Six Pence Pub**: (245 Bull Street) You can drop into this authentic-looking English pub for pub grub along with homemade soups, salads, and sandwiches. On Sunday an ale-and-mushroom pie is featured. Drinks are discounted during happy hour Monday through Friday 5 to 7pm. It's open Sunday through Thursday 11:30am to midnight, Friday and Saturday 11:30am to 2am.
- Other:
 - [Lady & Sons](#): (102 W. Congress Street) Food Network chef Paula Deen's restaurant! Usually a long wait—reservations may be made at the door in advance for lunch starting at 9:30am and for dinner at 3:30pm .
 - [Mrs. Wilke's Dining Room](#): (107 W. Jones St.) Family style seating, Southern home cookin'!

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Places to Go & Things to See

Shopping: Savannah has several excellent little shops at Factor's Walk on East Bay Street. On River Street, more touristy gifts can be found. City Market also has several galleries with a mix of tourist shops as well. Don't forget to visit museum gift shops such as the [Telfair Museum of Art](#) on Telfair Square and [Davenport House](#) on Columbia Square. Savannah also has shopping malls located along Abercorn Street.

Places to go: For first-time visitors, I would highly recommend taking a [Grayline tour](#) (approximately 2 hour tour of the district with 'on and off' privileges and free admission to a house or museum, ~\$20-25).

You may consider driving to [Tybee Island](#), ~12-14 miles away to see the Tybee Island Lighthouse and a view of the Atlantic.

Don't forget to take a ghost tour! I highly recommend '[Ghost Walk, Ghost Talk](#)' (~\$10 for 90 minutes)...Just a stroll around the district with a storyteller. They are the most entertaining and supposedly, the most "legitimate".

Visiting the cemeteries also is very interesting in order to grasp the history. Bonaventure Cemetery (located off Victory Drive) is absolutely beautiful. Laurel Grove (off MLK) and Colonial Park (in the District) also is the final resting place of many of Savannah's prominent.

Travel down a drive lined with Live Oak trees at the Historic Wormsloe Site located on the Isle of Hope just off Skidaway Road.

Please click [here](#) for a map of the district.

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III. UPDATE FROM THE INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The interview committee brings you an informative interview by Dr. Andreas Keil. Dr. Keil was recently hired by the University of Florida and is currently working with Peter Lang on studying emotions and attention. Read the interview [here](#).

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IV. UPDATE FROM THE POSTDOCTORAL "STUDENT" SUBCOMMITTEE

We are currently planning the 2007 Early Careers Conversation Hour. If you have any questions or would like to help with planning the conversation hour, please contact Cat Norris (cnorris@dartmouth.edu) or any member of the postdoctoral subcommittee. So far, here are the details:

Date: Thursday, October 18th

Time: 8:15 to 10:15 pm (Dinner will be served)

Location: TBA

Format: First hour will be an informal question and answer session. During the second hour we will break into the following 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.

We are requesting [RSVP](#) by October 11th (to make sure we have enough food).

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V. UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT WEB SUBCOMMITTEE

Greetings SPR student members! The Student Web Subcommittee is currently soliciting all 2006 Tursky Award Winners to submit their posters to [Jenny Robinson](#). All posters will be placed on the website in .ppt or .pdf file. Also, please be on the lookout for several changes in the upcoming months - we plan on adding an Early Careers Resource Page in addition to a W.I.S.E. website. If you have any comments, suggestions, or thoughts regarding the direction that either of these web partitions (or the main student site) should go, please feel free to contact [Jenny](#).

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VI. UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Looking to broaden your horizons? Consider SPR's exchange program, where you can swap labs with another Ph.D. student. Check it out [here](#), or add your lab to the list of potential participants.

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VII. UPDATE FROM THE CLINICAL PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Are you interested in research that integrates psychophysiology and clinical science? Do you conduct basic psychophysiology or fMRI research that has clinical applications? Do you use psychophysiology or fMRI methods to study clinical populations? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider joining the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee. The aims of this committee are to create networking opportunities among clinical psychophysiologicalists, to facilitate discussions about clinical applications of psychophysiology and fMRI research, and to stimulate collaborations among clinical psychophysiologicalists across the world.

This year at the SPR Convention, the Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee will host an Education and Training Roundtable Discussion. During this luncheon, students will have the opportunity to have lunch with several prominent clinical psychophysiologicalists. If you are interested in attending the Clinical Psychophysiology and fMRI Roundtable Discussion, please RSVP to Julie Hall at halljl@umich.edu with the subject line "SPR Clinical Luncheon." Lunch will be provided, but space is limited.

Stay tuned for further details, which will be posted on the SPR Convention website. We hope you will join us in Savannah for the 2007 Clinical Psychophysiology and fMRI Roundtable Discussion!

VIII. 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 psychophysiologicalist, click below...

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