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This newsletter was created by Grace Clements, Julia McDonald, Katie Hoemann, Amanda Ferguson, Anna Finley, and Iulia Banica of the SPR Committee to Promote Student Interests. This newsletter is sent to current student and general members. Please forward to your students and any interested colleagues!

Upcoming Opportunities and Deadlines:

Registration is still open!

<https://sprweb.org/event/2019MeetingRegistration>

- Register by Monday, August 26th for early-bird prices! When you register, make sure to open up the tabs for each day to register for the Early Career and Diversity luncheons

Reserve your room!

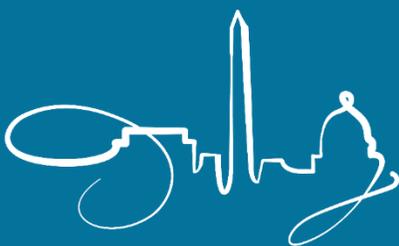
- Reserve your hotel rooms soon! The SPR room rate is \$229 per night (not including 14.5% city tax), and the Hyatt Regency Washington is conveniently located only two blocks from the Capitol Building and the National Mall! [Click here](#) for more information!

Helpful Links/tips:

- Poster sizes have changed! Be sure your poster is 3.5 feet wide X 4 feet high max.
- Download the SPR mobile app from the iTunes Store or Google Play—search for “2019 SPR Annual Meeting App.” Access the program, abstracts, and more! Plan to download the app before you travel, or be aware of data charges if downloaded on-site. Just search for SPR2019 in Google Play or Apple Store about 2 weeks before the meeting.
- Check out the [preliminary program here](#) and get excited for SPR 2019!

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59TH SPR ANNUAL MEETING

Washington, DC

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
September 25 to September 29, 2019



Things to do in Washington, D.C.

**Special thanks to Katie Hoemann for sharing her suggestions for things to do in D.C.!*

D.C. has a lot of things to see and do. The world-class collection of museums, galleries, and monuments means that you can get lost in just about any subject, era, or culture you can imagine. To boot, many of the opportunities are free and/or within walking distance of each other and the conference. Earlier this year, we shared a few local recommendations to get the ideas flowing. Here are some more insider tips:

Indoors

If there is a bad museum in the city, I don't know where it is. Any of the big names (e.g., [Natural History Museum](#), [National Gallery of Art](#), [National Archives](#)) are definitely worth your while. Want to get off the beaten path? The [Renwick Gallery](#) showcases trendy exhibitions, or head to Dupont to (quite literally) take things [Underground](#) (right).

Want to take your research game to the next level? Get a [library card from the Library of Congress](#) to gain access to reading rooms and special collections. Georgetown's [Riggs Library](#) is pretty cool, too.



Outdoors

The oppressive summer heat will have abated by late September, making this a perfect time to enjoy the greenery D.C. has to offer. Trails around [Theodore Roosevelt Island](#) will help you get to know this national park in the middle of the Potomac. Or, grab the metro out of the city and check out some autumn color, and the original columns of the capitol building, at the [National Arboretum](#) (left).



For more urban sights, take a [stroll down Embassy Row](#) and be transported to far-off lands. While you're in the neighborhood, take a break at the [Kahlil](#)

[Gibran Memorial](#).

Food, Drink, & Entertainment

Each D.C. neighborhood has its own distinct vibe and cultural influence. Right around the corner from the conference in [Capitol Hill](#), you'll find food and handmade gifts at [Eastern Market](#). A bit closer to the Potomac is [Navy Yard](#), where you can hang out at [local breweries](#), get a scoop of [craft ice cream](#), or maybe even grab tickets for a [Nationals game](#). And just a skip across the river you'll find the charming cobblestone streets of [Old Town Alexandria](#), with its ideal mix of historical monument and international cuisine (right).



Want even more options? Check out the to-do lists from [Thrillist](#), [Atlas Obscura](#), [TimeOut](#), and [Destination DC](#). See you there!

Don't Miss These Must-See Invited Addresses!

Invited Speakers:

Thursday, September 26, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Mara Mather, Professor of Gerontology and Psychology, University of Southern California. Invited address entitled, **Can We Improve Brain Mechanisms of Emotion Regulation By Increasing Heart Rate Variability?**



Friday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Murray, Chief, Section on the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory/ Laboratory of Neuropsychology, National Institute of Mental Health. Invited address entitled, **The Visual Prefrontal Cortex of Primates: Availability, Desirability and Arousal**

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Tor D. Wager, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of Colorado, Boulder. Invited address entitled, **fMRI-based Models of Affective Experience: Computation, Representation, and Brain-Body Communication.**



Early Career Award Addresses



Friday, September 27, 4:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Julian Koenig, Heidelberg University. Award address entitled, **Neurovisceral Regulatory Circuits of Affective Resilience in Youth.**

Friday, September 27, 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Lauren M. Bylsma, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Award address entitled, **A Multimodal Approach to Emotional Processing and Regulation in Depression.**



Presidential Address



Friday, September 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ursula Hess, Professor of Psychology, Humboldt- University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany. Address entitled, **Who to Whom and Why - The Social Nature of Facial Mimicry of Emotions**

Also, don't miss the **special symposium in honor of Manny Donchin (1935-2018)**
Saturday, September 28th, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm!



Consider Registering for a Pre-Conference Workshop

All workshops will take place on Wednesday, September 25 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information about fees and registration, [click here](#).

[Pre-conference workshop #1: Ambulatory Psychophysiology](#)

Sign up for this workshop, led by Greg Siegle, to gain a better understanding of ambulatory psychophysiology assessment technologies and their usage. Attendees will get the chance to work with some of these technologies during the workshop.

[Pre-conference workshop #2: Open Science in Psychophysiology](#)

Through presentations, workgroups, and unstructured conversation, this workshop led by Eric Vanman, Jenny Gutsell, Andreas Keil, and Peter Clayson will teach attendees how to better conduct psychophysiology research that promotes reproducibility and openness. Topics covered will include open source experiment programming, pre-registration, analysing data using R, and how to create reproducibility projects.

[Pre-conference workshop #3: Time-Frequency Principal Components Analysis: A Practical Introduction to Applications with Event-Related Potential Data](#)

Led by Edward Bernat, this workshop will introduce attendees to examining time-frequency transforms of ERP data using principal components analysis. Amplitude measures, time-frequency phase-synchrony measures, and methods for indexing specific time-frequency activity will be discussed.

Special Events at SPR 2019

Every year, the SPR meeting features several special events of interest for all conference attendee

[Diversity and Outreach Lunch.](#)

Friday, September 27th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for this year's luncheon to discuss how day-to-day experiences of exclusion impact women and racial minorities in the academic environment. This luncheon explores how every individual, regardless of race, gender, or career stage, has a role and responsibility in contributing to an environment of inclusion and equality. To register, check the appropriate box when registering for the annual SPR meeting. The fee is \$10. Please register by September 14th.

[SPR Business Meeting and Luncheon.](#)

Saturday, September 28th, 12:45 pm - 3:00 pm

During the luncheon, you can learn about SPR as a society as well as the current officers. Furthermore, the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychophysiology, SPR's highest honor, is awarded at the luncheon. To register, check the appropriate box when registering for the annual SPR meeting. Please note: students pay no fee for attending the luncheon! The fee for regular (non-student) members is \$10.

[SPR Saturday Night Social.](#)

Saturday, September 28th, 9:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

As every year, the SPR Blues Band (consisting of SPR members of all career stages) will play their (only!) annual gig. Don't miss them, since they always are a lot of fun to listen and dance to!

New Feature This Year: Big Question Symposia

Don't miss out on this year's Big Question Sessions to hear speakers will address the following topics:

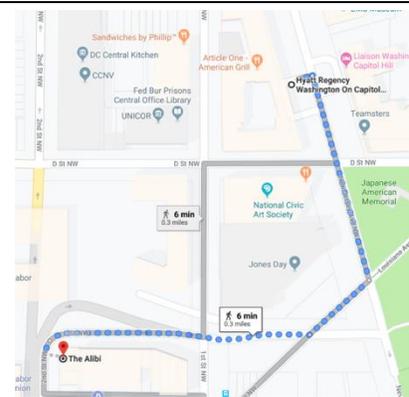
- What have we learned from studying affective chronometry (i.e., the time course of an affective or emotional response) using psychophysiological measures?
- (How) Can physiological measures inform us about etiology, diagnosis, and/or treatment of psychopathology (and vice versa)?
- Given that an underlying theme for this year's Annual Meeting is multi-method integration, how can we best integrate data from multiple physiological measures (broadly construed) to answer psychological questions of interest?

Student Events in Washington, D.C.!

Student Social

*Friday, September 27, 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.,
The Alibi, 237 2nd St NW, Washington, DC.*

Come meet other students and have a great time at the annual Student Social at The Alibi (<https://thealibidc.com/>)! It is only 3 blocks from the conference hotel (see map). All students are welcome to socialize and enjoy free food and drinks from 10 pm to midnight.



Early Career Luncheon

Thursday, September 26, 12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to discuss early career issues with some of SPR's leading scientists! The focus of this year's discussion is: **"How to Brand Yourself (and Your Research) in the World of Psychophysiology."** The event will feature small-group, rotating discussions with senior members of SPR. A light lunch will be included. To register, please check the appropriate box on the SPR registration form and include the fee of \$10. For questions about this event, please contact Dan Foti at foti@purdue.edu.

Join us! Committee to Promote Student Interests Meeting

Friday, September 27, 8:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m., Capitol A, Lobby Level

Are you a student or early career member of SPR? Are you interested in meeting other students and faculty passionate about SPR and psychophysiology? Do you have ideas on how to improve student experiences in SPR? Do you want to make an impact planning student events in SPR 2019 in Washington, D.C.? If you said yes to any of these questions, you are invited to join the Committee to Promote Student Interests to share your ideas and help make SPR an even better society! Please contact the CPSI chair, Sarah Sass (ssass@uttyler.edu) with any questions.

Have an exciting opportunity for our student members or a fun student event planned for the 59th Annual SPR Conference in Washington D.C.? We'd love to highlight it in our next newsletter! Contact Grace Clements at: gracemc2@illinois.edu