

**WELCOME TO THE FIFTH  
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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### ATTENTION FULL MEMBER PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGISTS: YOUR WIT AND WISDOM ARE NEEDED!

Please click the below link, and in just a couple of minutes impart your wisdom to enhance the experience of up-and-coming psychophysiolgists!

[Click here to impart wisdom!](#)

## I. ANNUAL SPR CONFERENCE: REGISTER NOW

This year, SPR will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico USA from October 20-24, 2004 at La Fonda on the Plaza. Deadline for registration is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Refer to the featured section below on Santa Fe highlights!

[Click here for the Conference webpage](#)

If you are looking for a roommate or if you have advice to share with others, the new message board on the SPR Student website can help.

[Click here to access the Message Board.](#)

## II. STUDENT POSTER AWARDS

Looking for fame or fortune? Or would it just be nice to be rewarded for your research efforts? If you submitted a 250-word abstract by the May deadline, you are automatically eligible for a student poster award at this year's conference!

You will be eligible for a student poster award in Santa Fe as long as you are: 1) a full-time student, 2) an SPR student member, 3) first author on a poster, and 4) in attendance at the conference. Students winning poster awards also receive a cash prize. In addition, the names of all winners and the titles of their posters will be announced in *Psychophysiology* as soon as possible after the award.

All winners will be called up during the conference business lunch on Saturday to receive their awards when many prominent psychophysiologicalists will be present. Congratulations to everyone who submitted a poster abstract, and good luck to everyone up for a poster award!

### III. SANTA FE TRAVEL TIPS

**Bring out your suntan lotion and networking skills and get pumped up for the exciting SPR conference from October 20-24, 2004 for in sunny Santa Fe, NM!** This year's meeting will take place at the historic La Fonda on the Plaza, right in the midst of downtown Santa Fe. We have some travel tips to help you get there smoothly and efficiently :

- **Information on how best to get from Albuquerque or Denver airports to the meeting:**

| <i>To Santa Fe From</i> | <i>Miles</i> | <i>Kilometers</i> | <i>Drive Time (hrs)</i> | <i>Fly Time (hrs)</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Albuquerque             | 59           | 95                | 1                       | 1/2                   |
| Denver, CO              | 389          | 626               | 6 & 1/2                 | 1*                    |
| Tucson, AZ              | 511          | 822               | 11                      | 1*                    |

Flying into Albuquerque and renting a car is by far the most popular way of traveling around New Mexico (but not the only way). Train service provides access to New Mexico on a daily basis as does the bus.

- **Shuttle Service**

Several services provide transportation 7 to 10 times daily between the Albuquerque airport and downtown Santa Fe hotels (it costs around \$40 Roundtrip).

Santa Fe Shuttle: (888) 833-2300, (505) 243-2300.

Sandía Shuttle Express: (888) 775-5696, (505) 474-5696.

- **Amtrak's Southwest Chief Trains**

Eastbound from Los Angeles and westbound from Chicago - meet each afternoon at Lamy, New Mexico. Call the Lamy Shuttle at (505) 982-8829 to arrange transportation to downtown Santa Fe (14 miles) or area hotels for possible pickup.

- **Denver Ground Transportation Information**

<http://www.flydenver.com/gt/index.asp>. It looks like bus or train rides are your options.

- **Bus Transportation Within Santa Fe**

(505) 438-1464

#### **IV. SPR CONFERENCE EVENTS OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS**

In addition to all of the delicious food and exciting sightseeing adventures that Santa Fe has to offer are the very enjoyable social events geared toward students. See more information below!

- **The Student Social:**

Date: Thursday, October 21st

Time: 10:30pm

Location: Catamount Bar and Grill, 125 East Water Street (1 block south, 1/2 block west of Conference Hotel)

The student social is not to be missed! It is a great way to meet others with shared interests, talk more about research (you know you want to), partake in some delicious refreshments, and shake your body down to the ground- all in one evening, and all courtesy of SPR!

- **The Open Dinner Meeting with the Committee to Promote Student Interests:**

Date: Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 7:30pm

Location: TBA: Look on the Meeting Message Board; Please indicate interest in attending by emailing John Allen at [jallen@u.arizona.edu](mailto:jallen@u.arizona.edu)

All SPR student members are welcome! At least 30 students (many new faces) came together during Chicago's conference to talk up student-relevant issues over pizza and beer. 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!

- **Early Careers Conversation Hour (RSVP requested prior to October 11, 2004!)**

Date: Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: La Terraza Room at the LaFonda Hotel

Learn more about building a successful career in psychophysiology! This event will provide an opportunity for students, post-docs, recent graduates and researchers to discuss issues facing folks at the early stages of their careers. Senior investigators will be available to share some of their advice and experiences. The first hour will be a general Q&A session, so bring questions! For the second hour, we will break up into smaller groups targeting specific topics of interest. *A sandwich buffet dinner will be provided for all registered participants.* Please send your **RSVP** and any questions/suggestions to Rebecca Houston ([rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu](mailto:rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu)).

- **An Introduction to Grant Funding Mechanisms for Junior (and Not-So-Junior) Investigators:**

Date: Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: TBA

You are invited to attend a structured panel discussion to answer your questions about a variety of topics related to grantsmanship! Please see the SPR program for more details. The panel members include some very distinguished members of SPR with a variety of funding and grant review experiences. Additional panelists will be available to discuss other issues such as non-federal funding and international funding. This should be a great event and very informative for people of all levels of experience, but particularly for student members. Everyone should come prepared to ask questions! This panel is brought to you by the Postdoctoral Student Subcommittee.

- **Special Interest Lunches and Dinners:**

These events are a wonderful way to hook up with fellow students, post-docs and full-fledged academics that share your research interests. Information on topics, hosts, dates and times for each lunch and dinner are provided below and periodic updates will be posted on the SPR website (<http://www.sprweb.org>). To sign up, contact the host at the e-mail address provided. If space remains available following advance registration, sign-up sheets will be posted in the SPR Registration Area on the announcements board:

### **Laterality**

Date: Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 11:30 am -1:00 pm

Host: Joe Dien ([jdien@ku.edu](mailto:jdien@ku.edu))

### **Antisocial Behavior**

Date: Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Host: Adrian Raine ([raine@usc.edu](mailto:raine@usc.edu))

### **Setting Up Your First Psychophysiology Lab**

Date: Thursday, October 21st

Time: 11:30am - 1:00 pm

Host: John Curtin ([jjcurtin@wisc.edu](mailto:jjcurtin@wisc.edu))

## **V. SANTA FE RESTAURANTS AND SIGHTSEEING RESTAURANTS!**

Eynav Elgavish, a student at the University of Arizona and our intrepid Meeting Events chair, has already begun compiling information on good and affordable restaurants in the area. She especially recommends:

- **The Atomic Grill** (American) 103 E Water 505-820-2866
- **The French Pastry Shop** (Bakery) La Fonda Hotel, 100 E San Francisco 505-983-6697
- **Todos Santos Chocolates** 125 East Palace, #31 (505) 982-3855
- **Maria's New Mexican Kitchen** 555 West Cordova Rd., (505) 983-7929
- **Blue Corn Cafe & Brewery** 133 Water St. Santa Fe, (505) 984-1800
- **Also, check out the [Santa Fe Dining Guide!](#)**

## **SIGHTSEEING!**

Explore the magical southwest! Santa Fe has been voted the healthiest city in the U.S. (by *Organic Style* magazine), the fifth favorite vacation destination in 2003 (by Conde Nast), the third top city in the U.S. and the tenth top city in the world (by *Travel + Leisure* magazine). Below is a list of reasons for these honors...For more information, check out [www.santafe.org](http://www.santafe.org) - you can even do a "Dream Search" to find an activity to soothe your body, stimulate your mind, or raise your spirit.

### **• Art and Antiques**

Santa Fe is home to one of the largest, more flourishing art scenes in the country. There are too many galleries and stores to list, and products range from southwestern jewelry to furniture to "wearable art" to Native American crafts. Check out the Santa Fe Gallery Organization (<http://www.santafegalleries.net>) for more information. Many of the galleries line the downtown streets from the corner of Grant and West Palace to Water and Callisteo. Taos, NM - a city known for its ski resorts and art community- is located only about an hour north of Santa Fe and has many renowned galleries (<http://www.taoschamber.com>).

### **• Astronomy Adventures: Guided Night Sky Tours**

<http://www.cosmonut.org/programs.htm>  
(505/577-7141)

Peter Lipscomb, self-proclaimed "Cosmonaut", asks: "Looking for nightlife in Santa Fe? Why not go on an entertaining and educational night sky tour? Take advantage of the unusually dark New Mexico skies to learn about the jewels of the celestial dome, constellations and star lore of the ancient southwest and other cultures from around the world. Come along and get re-connected to your sense of curiosity and wonder

### **• Museums**

As with any large city, Santa Fe offers a plethora of options for the museum-goer. Highlights focus on the area's cultural heritage, history, and art:

1. Museum of New Mexico (<http://www.museumofnewmexico.org>) : This large complex houses four separate museums: the Palace of the Governors (Southwestern history museum); Museum of Fine Arts; Museum of International Folk Art; and the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture.
2. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum ([www.okeeffemuseum.org/indexflash.php](http://www.okeeffemuseum.org/indexflash.php)) : A tribute to one of the greatest American artists.

3. Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian ([www.wheelwright.org](http://www.wheelwright.org)) : Housed in a traditional Navajo hogan.
  
4. The Museum of Spanish Colonial Art ([www.spanishcolonial.org](http://www.spanishcolonial.org))
  
5. El Rancho de las Golondrinas ([www.golondrinas.org](http://www.golondrinas.org)) : A living museum that pays homage to the Spanish Colonial way of life—period costumes and buildings set the scene, and hands-on demonstrations make this a great spot for families.

#### • **Nature vs. Nurture**

Visiting Santa Fe does not have to be just about seeing the city—you can also take in all of Northern New Mexico and its many attractions. The nearby Native American Pueblos are an easy drive as are the archaeological ruins of the Pueblos' founding culture the Anasazi, at the Puye Cliff Dwellings and Bandelier National Monument.

Santa Fe is home to 320,000 acres of wilderness and at least 22 spas, so whether you like to hike, bike, soak, or just plain sweat, you're bound to find the perfect location. Other activities listed at <http://www.santafe.org> include fly fishing ([www.highdesertangler.com](http://www.highdesertangler.com), <http://www.reellifesantafe.com>, llama treks (<http://www.llamaadventures.com>), and Harley Davidson tours (<http://www.ridethedream.com>). To quote the site: "Think of it as the ultimate stress therapy or the world's most beautifully effective anti-depressant."

#### • **The Tent Rocks**

[http://www.nm.blm.gov/augo/tent\\_rocks/tent\\_rocks.html](http://www.nm.blm.gov/augo/tent_rocks/tent_rocks.html)

About 40 miles outside of Santa Fe are located the Tent Rocks, large tent-shaped rocks that hug the steep cliffs of Peralta Canyon. The location is an ideal day trip for anyone interested in doing a little hiking — and the tent rocks are incredible! Take a look at this site for some unbelievable pictures.

#### • **Tours**

<http://www.santafe.org>

A number of tours run all year in Santa Fe: everything from a walking tour around different locations in the city to a focus on ghosts and spooks or a glimpse at Santa Fe's "red light" history of bars and brothels.

- **The Turquoise Trail**

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

The Turquoise Trail Association beckons: "Back roads often lead to great discoveries...Venture off the freeway and onto the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway, and you'll see what we mean. The Scenic and Historic Area encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico, linking Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Enjoy a breathtaking view from atop Sandia Crest, then drive back into history through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid, and Cerrillos, now coming alive with art, crafts, theater, music, museums, and restaurants."

## **VI. CREATIVITY, ECONOMICS, AND DETERMINISM:**

### **OUR FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH JOHN CACIOPPO**

For the SPR Student Newsletter's regular feature, "Interview with an SPR member," we bring you an exclusive interview with John Cacioppo, who revealed the origins of his interest in psychophysiology (economics—who would've guessed?) and shared his advice for us up-and-coming graduate students. The interview was conducted by Sarah Sass and covers issues of special interest to up and coming psychophysicologists. Thanks to John and Sarah for such an informative and compelling interview!

[Read the Interview!](#)

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

This committee has been hard at work in order to bring you this year's "Early Careers Conversation Hour" and "An Introduction to Grant Funding Mechanisms for Junior (and Not-So-Junior) Investigators" at SPR (these events are listed above under "Events of Special Interest to Students"). Please feel free to send Rebecca Houston suggestions of specific questions or topics you would like to see addressed at this year's event: ([rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu](mailto:rhouston@ria.buffalo.edu)). In the meantime, the link below provides information on planning a grant application. Look for more info at the meeting!

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/ncn/grants/plan/index.htm>

Click on the link below to see the handouts that were made available at last year's conversation hour event. These include various resources for job searches, interviews, etc. and a few bits of "Wit and Wisdom" from established SPR members.

[Early Career Resources](#)

[Wit and Wisdom](#)

[Useful Websites](#)

In addition, we would like to build on the FAQs about the early career process. The link below addresses some of the more common questions students ask when deciding when and where to apply for postdoc positions, etc. We're currently collecting more questions concerning the early career process to expand the FAQ section. So feel free to email any of the postdoctoral subcommittee members with questions and we'll do our best to find some answers! Then look for the updated FAQs in the next edition of the newsletter.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Interview Tips](#)

## VIII. SPECIAL INTERESTS: CLINICAL PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY

If you are interested in the interface between psychophysiological research and clinical science, the Student Subcommittee on Clinical Psychophysiology may be for you! Join us at this year's SPR conference in Santa Fe for a conversation hour with SPR clinical faculty along with a "special interest" clinical psychophysiology dinner--details will be posted at the conference. Interested persons may contact [Greg Hajcak](#)

## IX. PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD

SPR is very much concerned about the needs of its non-US student members and, therefore, established its International Students Subcommittee. To assess the needs of non-US student members, the subcommittee's work has most recently focused on whether non-US student members feel integrated into the society, or whether they instead perceive national organizations as more valuable than SPR. We conducted an Internet survey last year to get at these questions and want to thank all respondents for taking the time to complete it. For a detailed description of the findings [click here](#). Based on the results of this survey, we are encouraged by the apparent commitment of our non-US student members to SPR. However, we would like to further address the issue of how to better integrate non-US student members into SPR. If you would like to join this discussion, please e-mail Stephan Moratti.

**Be part of an international exchange.** Thanks to the efforts of Stephan Moratti from the University of Konstanz, Germany, we are proud to continue featuring the International Exchange Opportunities section of the SPR student web page. The aim of this section is to identify laboratories and graduate students who may be interested in participating in an international exchange.

The principle of such an exchange is that interested graduate students would simply swap his/her work place with that of a student from another country. Thus, with the cooperation of the participating laboratories and graduate institutions, students can be financed by their graduate program during the exchange. Of course, besides swapping work places with someone else, you can organize your own "international exchange" by contacting one of the labs that is interested in hosting a graduate researcher. Especially if you have your own funding, it is often quite easy to initiate a visit. Use the listing of labs here (see below link) to help you find a research place of interest!

**Enter your profile!** We encourage psychophysiological laboratories supporting international exchange to go to the link below and enter their profile. Once a list of laboratory profiles is established, graduate students can search for labs that match their geographical and research interests, and international exchange can be facilitated! Students: talk to your advisors about opening your lab to collaborators internationally!

Please enter your laboratory profile by visiting: [The SPR International Exchange Forum](#)

This is one more step toward improving international exchange and collaboration. The planning of other international sections (e.g., postings of international workshops; including this link on the main SPR web page) is underway, so stay tuned!

## **X. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE STUDENT INTERESTS**

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

### **Faculty Chair**

[John JB Allen](#), University of Arizona

### **Web Subcommittee**

*This subcommittee maintains and develops the SPR student website. They integrate content from other subcommittees, as well as develop new content as appropriate.*

[Andrea Chambers](#) (Chair), University of Arizona

[Eddie Harmon-Jones](#) (nonstudent), Texas A & M University

[James A Coan](#) (postdoctoral student) University of Wisconsin

### **Newsletter Subcommittee**

*This subcommittee updates and prepares the semi-annual newsletter. The newsletter highlights items of special interest to students, and is timed to go out to members in electronic form in April, and again in August. These deadlines are timed with respect to two major SPR events that the newsletter can highlight for students: May 1 is the deadline for submitting an abstract, and the fall SPR meeting is in most often October, with student poster competition deadlines about one month prior to the meeting. The newsletter will highlight activities of other committees (e.g., Interview), as well as develop content as the committee sees fit.*

[Jennifer L. Stewart](#) (Chair), University of Illinois

[Nicole A Roberts](#) (post Chair), University of California-Berkeley

[Rebecca J. Houston](#) (postdoctoral student), University of Connecticut

[Terrance Williams](#), University of California-Los Angeles

[Marja Germans Gard](#), University of California-Berkeley

[Sarah Sass](#), University of Illinois

### **Interview Subcommittee**

*This subcommittee will interview two SPR members per year. Stephan Moratti conducted a very nice interview with Brigitte Rockstroh, our first interviewee. We have a list of questions that was developed with the assistance of many members, and one that can form the core of any interview, with additional questions to be added as appropriate. At our recent meeting in DC, committee members suggested that it would be good to interview a post-doctoral fellow or new faculty member, and also to specifically inquire about the job market and interview/hiring experiences. The interviews ideally should be completed in time to highlight in each newsletter.*

[Sarah Sass](#) (Chair), University of Illinois

[Stephan Moratti](#), University of Konstanz

[James A Coan](#), University of Wisconsin

[Greg Hajcak](#), University of Delaware

[Catherine J. Norris](#), University of Chicago

### **International Students Subcommittee**

*International students comprise a substantial proportion of the student membership, but also appear to be less likely to remain members after graduation. There are likely a variety of factors responsible, but the International Students Subcommittee can examine ways in which SPR can better address the needs of international students. Stephan Moratti developed an international exchange web page that allows interested labs to host students from other laboratories. Worth considering is that the 2005 meeting is in Lisbon Portugal. As that meeting draws near, one of the things the subcommittee can do is to make sure that student needs and interests are anticipated for this European meeting. The last European meeting in Granada, Spain was very popular and appeared to attract many European students.*

[Stephan Moratti](#) (Chair), University of Konstanz

[Ake Elden](#) (nonstudent), Louis Pasteur University Strasbourg

[Greg Hajcak](#), University of Delaware

[Rogier B. Mars](#), F.C. Donders Centre for Cognitive Neuroimaging

### **Post-doctoral "Student" Subcommittee**

*Postdoctoral students have specific needs that overlap with those of student members. Recent efforts of our committee led to a reduced fee structure for recent graduates, but surely there are other issues that our committee might address.*

[Jonathan Wynn](#) (Co-Chair; postdoctoral student), University of Southern California

[Rebecca J. Houston](#) (Co-Chair; postdoctoral student), University of Connecticut

[Peter J. Gianaros](#), University of Pittsburgh

[Nicole A. Roberts](#), University of California-Berkeley

### **Meeting Events Subcommittee**

*Each year we attempt to find a local student host for the annual meeting. This local host finds info on cheap eats, cheap excursions, and cheap transportation to the hotel. The student host also assists in finding a place for the SPR sponsored student social, and does whatever else seems appropriate to make the conference fun, informative, and affordable for students.*

[Eynav Elgavish](#), (Chair) University of Arizona

[Catherine J. Norris](#), (past Chair) University of Chicago

[Kim Anderson](#), University of Florida

[Becky Levin](#), University of Illinois

[Sarah Sass](#), University of Illinois

[Jennifer L. Stewart](#), University of Illinois

[Colleen Brenner](#), Indiana University

#### **Program Committee Representative**

*Each year one of our student members sits on the program committee to ensure that the student voice is represented. This position also allows the student member to get an inside glimpse of the meeting planning, involves reviewing abstracts, and begets the immense gratitude of the membership.*

[Sarah Sass](#), University of Illinois

#### **Membership Retention Subcommittee**

*Works to identify issues affecting the retention of members, especially those of relevance for women.*

[Sarah Sass](#), University of Illinois

[Becky Levin](#), University of Illinois

#### **Clinical Psychophysiology Subcommittee**

*Students enrolled in clinical programs face an additional set of demands and concerns, and this new subcommittee is working to provide a forum for discussing these issues. Topics of interest include*

*discussing clinical applications of psychophysiology (especially new paradigms, etc) and issues specific to being in clinical programs while conducting psychophysiological research (e.g., accruing clinical hours, applying for internships, post-docs, etc.). The committee is hosting a special interest lunch at this year's annual meeting.*

[Greg Hajcak](#) (Chair), University of Delaware

[Terrance Williams](#), University of California-Los Angeles

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