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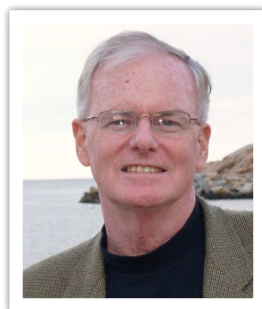
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# NASPSPA Heading Toward 2013 and Beyond

*John Shea, NASPSPA President*



John Shea

It is not too early to begin preparing for the 2013 NASPSPA conference that promises to be a great success both scientifically and socially against an incredible backdrop provided by the city of New Orleans. The January 25, 2013, deadline for submission of abstracts to this year's conference is fast approaching. My guess is that many of you are in the preparation phase of finishing the research you would like to present and writing your abstracts. This is always a hectic experience, but I hope a few of you will take the time to read my message.

As I write this message, the December 15, 2012, deadline for nominations for the Distinguished Scholar Award and Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award has not passed, so I cannot report our candidates for these awards. I can report, however, that Dr. Robert Christina will receive his 2012 Distinguished Scholar Award at this year's conference. We have two positions on the Executive Committee to fill: President-Elect and Communication Director. By the time you read this

message, candidates for these awards and positions will have been determined. The processes for student awards have different timelines, however. I'm providing more specific information on these awards to keep the hassle of looking for all the information from discouraging applications. There

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## Executive Committee

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## PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

## 2013 Annual Conference Update

Diane Ste-Marie, NASPSPA Past-President



Diane Ste-Marie

Here we are heading into the winter season again, and that means it is time for another NASPSPA update about our annual conference. The program committee has been doing fabulous work and has secured keynotes and senior

lecturers who are sure to inform and entertain discussion among our scholarly membership. We are looking forward to all your abstract submissions and, as in past years, we encourage you to submit symposia. The website now has information on the criteria for these submissions, and we encourage everyone to adhere to these criteria and the submission process. February will be a busy month for the review committees, and we will work hard in getting our responses to you in early March. To entice you to come to New Orleans June 13 to 15, here is an overview of the speakers lined up to date.

### Opening Talk

Dr. Peter Ayton will be our Human Kinetics Lecturer. Dr. Ayton is professor of psychology at City University London, UK. His research investigates

human judgment, risk perception, and decision making under uncertainty. His research into judgment biases and fallacies in reasoning has been published extensively in academic journals, but he has also written for more popular publications, such as *New Scientist* magazine, and appears frequently in broadcast media. Many of his publications address applied topics, and his books include *Myths and Facts about Football* (2008). The title of his talk is "How Judgment and Decision Research Can Influence Sport (and Vice Versa)."

### Sport and Exercise Psychology

The Sport and Exercise Psychology Senior Lecturer will be one of our recent past presidents: Dr. Craig Hall, professor at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. I am sure we can all *imagine* what topic Dr. Hall will be informing us about.

This area also has Dr. Catherine Sabiston of the University of Toronto, Canada, presenting her Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award talk. The title of her presentation is "What Happens After (the) SPA? A Little Guilt, a Lot of Pride, Some Shame and Embarrassment, Subtle Envy, and Maybe Some Physical Activity."

The Keynote for this section will be Dr. Howard Hall, professor at York St. John University, UK. Dr. Hall has spent the past 25 years working in the university sector in the United States

and the UK. Howard's research interests span achievement motivation, and he has published his research in various leading journals in sport and exercise psychology. The principal focus of Howard's research has been goal setting as a motivational tool and how achievement constructs influence motivational processes. More recently, he has become interested in how perfectionism influences motivational processes. Howard is currently applying his interests in motivation to understanding children's health behavior. He is leading a team of researchers at York St. John University who are working in partnership with research teams at other European universities on a large-scale European Union-funded project. This research examines the promotion of adolescent health through an intervention aimed at improving the quality of motivation and participation in physical activity. Howard's NASPSPA keynote presentation will focus on his current research on the influence of perfectionism in sport, and his talk is titled "Perfectionistic Achievement Striving: A Foundation for Sporting Excellence or an Uneasy Pathway Toward Purgatory?"

### Motor Learning and Control

Dr. Quincy Almeida of Wilfred Laurier University, Canada, will be giving his talk titled "Bridging between Basic and Applied Science in Parkin-

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## Information on Conference Hotel for the 2013 Annual Meeting

NASPSPA will hold its annual meeting at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside from Thursday, June 13, through Saturday, June 15, 2013. You can now book your room through the following link: [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_gi\\_new&groupID=12582119](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=12582119)

Please remember that staying in the conference hotel helps the organization meet its room

commitment and reduces overall conference expenses. When you submit your abstract, please also reserve your hotel room.

For the most current information about the 2013 annual meeting, please visit the About the Conference page ([www.naspspa.org/about-the-conference/about-the-conference](http://www.naspspa.org/about-the-conference/about-the-conference)) on the NASPSPA website.



### LECTURER AND SCHOLARS

## 2013 Human Kinetics Lecturer

The 2013 Human Kinetics Lecturer will be **Dr. Peter Ayton**, a professor in the Department of Psychology at City University London, UK. Dr. Ayton investigates human judgment, risk perception, and decision making under conditions of uncertainty. Click [here](#) to go to Dr. Ayton's webpage.



Peter Ayton

## LECTURER AND SCHOLARS

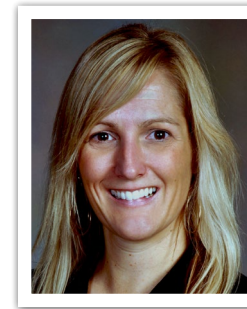
## 2012 Early Career Distinguished Scholars to speak at annual meeting

Dr. Quincy Almeida and Dr. Catherine Sabiston were the 2012 Early Career Distinguished Scholars. They will both present their work at the 2013 annual meeting.



Quincy Almeida

**Title of Presentation:**  
Bridging between Basic and Applied Science in Parkinson's Disease



Catherine Sabiston

**Title of Presentation:**  
What Happens after (the) SPA? A Little Guilt, a Lot of Pride, Some Shame and Embarrassment, Subtle Envy, and Maybe Some Physical Activity

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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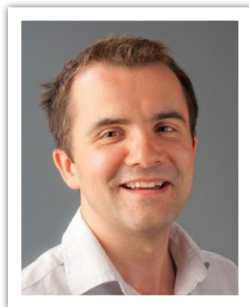
## Developmental Perspectives



Giulio Sandini

[Giulio Sandini](#)  
University of Genoa

## Motor Learning and Control



Edwin Robertson

[Edwin Robertson](#)  
Harvard Medical School

## Sport and Exercise Psychology



Howard Hall

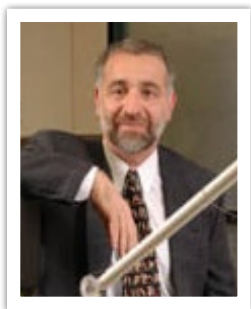
[Howard Hall](#)  
York St. John  
University, UK

## SENIOR LECTURERS

# 2013 Senior Lecturers

The purpose of our Senior Lecturer series is to hear about the research efforts of some of our distinguished members who have presented at NASPSPA over the years. Regardless of program area, these talks will appeal to all NASPSPA members.

### Developmental Perspectives



Daniel Corcos

#### **Daniel Corcos**

University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Daniel Corcos is a full professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and works in the Motor Control and Movement Disorders research team. Professor Corcos is currently conducting research into the motor deficits associated with Parkinson's disease. He is also interested in how different neurosurgical interventions facilitate the control of movement in Parkinson's disease. For more information on Dr. Corcos, consult his website at <http://mcl.mvsc.uic.edu/corcos.htm>.

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### Motor Learning and Control

To Be Determined

### Sport and Exercise Psychology



Craig Hall

#### **Craig Hall**

University of Western Ontario

Dr. Craig Hall is a professor in the School of Kinesiology at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada. His research interests include imagery, observational

learning, self-efficacy, motivation, self-presentation, and exercise identity. For more information on Dr. Hall, see his website at [http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/bio/profile/hall\\_c.html](http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/bio/profile/hall_c.html).

# Minutes and Reports

The unofficial NASPSPA 2012 fall executive committee meeting minutes can be accessed via the NASPSPA website ([www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org)): [http://www.naspspa.org\\_naspspa-executive-committee-minutes](http://www.naspspa.org_naspspa-executive-committee-minutes)

## STUDENTS' COLUMN

# New Opportunities for Students at the 2013 Conference

Jenn Tomasone, NASPSPA Student Representative



Jenn Tomasone

Happy 2013, NASPSPA student members. I hope this message finds you well after a relaxing holiday season.

The NASPSPA abstract deadline is approaching, so I encourage you to submit your research for presentation

this June. You may also want to consider applying for one or more of the following awards that are exclusive to NASPSPA student members. (Find more information and how to apply by clicking on the name of the award.)

1. Up to three [Outstanding Student Paper Awards](#) are available, one for each NASPSPA research area (Motor Development, Motor Learning and Control, Sport and Exercise Psychology). After you submit your short abstract by January 25, applications for this award are due February 8 and require submission of a five-page abstract and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. The value of this award is \$350, and recipients will have the opportunity to present at the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS) conference in Kelowna, Brit-

ish Columbia, in October 2013.

2. The NASPSPA [Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel](#) is a \$700 award that can be used toward presenting at a conference outside of North America. The application package for this award must include a short abstract, a five-page abstract, a letter of information regarding the conference location and research significance, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Applications for this award are due January 31, May 31, and September 30.
3. The [Graduate Student Research Grant](#) provides up to \$2,000 that can be used toward research costs such as equipment, travel for data collection, and participant recruitment. To apply for this award, submit the following to the NASPSPA president before April 1: a five-page outline of the proposed study, verification of ethics approval, an estimated budget, a two-page CV, and a letter of support and approval of the budget from your advisor.

Even though the winter weather is frightful for some of us, the NASPSPA conference in sunny New Orleans will be here before we know it. Here are some of the exciting events lined up for us students at the conference this year:

- After the last conference session on Friday evening, you will have the chance to attend a **student-professional cocktail hour**. This is a slight twist from the student-professional roundtable lunch to help facilitate more informal conversations and movement to give you more opportunities to talk with different professionals. The professionals will be at various stages in their careers in sport and exercise psychology and motor control and development, so this will be your chance to ask the experts anything, including sharing research ideas, achieving work-life balance, and securing an academic position. Drinks and snacks will be included at a small cost (\$10 per person; NASPSPA will subsidize the rest), and you will be able to sign up for this student-professional cocktail hour when you register for the conference. You will also be able to sign up for this event at the registration table onsite in New Orleans.
- Planning for the Friday night **student social** is under way. The social will follow the student-professional cocktail hour on Friday evening and will take advantage of the history and culture that New Orleans has to offer. As always, it is sure to be a good time! More details will be provided in the NASPSPA spring newsletter, so stay tuned.

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## Out-Going NASPSPA Executive Committee

On behalf of the membership, we thank the out-going Executive Committee members who ended their service in 2012. Jody Jensen served for the three years as President-Elect, President, and most recently Past-President. During her service as Past-President, Jody planned the 2012 annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. John Buchanan served for two years as Secretary-Treasurer, Howie Zelaznik served for three years as Past-Presidents' Liaison, and Travis Dorsch served for a year as Student Representative. We would also like to thank Penny McCullagh for once again serving as Site Coordinator for the annual meeting.



Out-going Executive Committee members Jody Jensen, Howie Zelaznik, Travis Dorsch, and John Buchanan.

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## 2013 Annual Conference Update

son's Disease" as the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award representative of this area.

The Keynote for this area will be Dr. Edwin Robertson, an associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and a founding director of the Berenson-Allen Center for Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation in the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Cambridge and undertook his doctoral work and medical education at the University of Oxford. Dr. Robertson is interested in the cognitive and biological mechanisms underlying memory processing. Much of his recent work has focused on the continued processing of memories after their initial acquisition. These off-line processes can be behaviorally expressed in a variety of ways. His laboratory seeks to better understand the mechanisms responsible for off-line processing using behavioral, functional imaging and noninvasive brain stimulation techniques. Since 2006 Dr. Robertson has served as an academic editor for *PLoS ONE*. He is a panelist on NIH and NSF study sections and serves on the editorial board of *Current Biology*. His current research is funded by both the NSF and NIH. The title of Dr. Robertson's talk is "Does Memory Consolidation Have a Brake?"

The Senior Lecturer for this area has yet to be determined.

## Developmental Perspectives: Motor Control, Coordination, Rehabilitation

The developmental perspectives program section will have Dr. Daniel Corcos presenting on his research as the Senior Lecturer. The Keynote presenter is Dr. Giulio Sandini, Director of Research at the Italian Institute of Technology and full professor of bioengineering at the University of Genoa, Italy. His main research activities are in the fields of computational and cognitive neuroscience and robotics with the objective of understanding the neural mechanisms of human sensorimotor coordination and cognitive development. After graduating in electronic engineering (bioengineering), he was research fellow and assistant professor at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa and at the Laboratorio di Neurofisiologia of the CNR, where he investigated aspects of visual processing at the level of single neurons as well as aspects of visual perception in human adults and children. He has been a visiting research associate at the Department of Neurology at the Harvard Medical School and visiting scientist at the Artificial Intelligence Lab of MIT. Since July 2006 he has been Director of Research at the Italian Institute of Technology where he has established and is currently directing the Department of Robotics, Brain, and Cognitive Sciences. The title of his talk is "Motor Development and Robotics."

We hope this line-up interests the membership and that we see great numbers in New Orleans!

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## Students' Column

- Please join the [NASPSPA Facebook Group](#). We can use Facebook as a discussion forum as the conference approaches. If you are looking to share a hotel room or shuttle from the airport, Facebook can help you get in touch with other NASPSPA student members. You can also use Facebook to share suggestions or comments with me. (Finally, a legitimate excuse for being on Facebook in the lab!)

Finally, I would like to remind everyone about the call for nominees for the NASPSPA Student Representative for the 2013-2014 term (beginning September 2013 for one year). The student representative is an active member of the NASPSPA Executive Committee and acts as a liaison for the student membership. Responsibilities include participating in the summer and fall Executive Committee meetings, planning a student social and any other student events for the annual conference, and bringing any student concerns to the attention of the Executive Committee. If you are interested in running for the position, please e-mail me at [tomasojr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:tomasojr@mcmaster.ca) with your updated CV by February 1, 2013. The election will take place online in the spring.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know—that is what I am here for. All the best as the new semester begins, and I'm looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans in June.



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## President's Message

are three dates for application for the International Conference Travel Award (September 30, January 31, and May 31), and these should be sent to me (jbshea@indiana.edu). Applications for the Graduate Student Research Grant should be sent to me by April 1, 2013. Applications for the Outstanding Student Paper Award should be sent to the respective Area Program Chairs (Motor Learning and Control: Nikki Hodges, University of British Columbia, Canada, [nicola.hodges@ubs.ca](mailto:nicola.hodges@ubs.ca); Sport and Exercise Psychology: Jennifer Cumming, University of Birmingham, UK, [j.cumming@bham.ac.uk](mailto:j.cumming@bham.ac.uk); and Developmental Perspectives: Juergen Konczak, University of Minnesota, USA, [jkonczak@umn.edu](mailto:jkonczak@umn.edu)). A short abstract is due January 25, 2013, and a 5-page abstract along with a recommendation letter from the student's advisor is due February 8, 2013. I hope that we will have an award for each of the program areas this year. Additional information regarding awards can be found in the *NASPSPA Policy Manual*.

Last year, the Futures Committee reviewed the mission and name of the society. The general outcome was that the mission statement of NASPSPA needs to be updated and that the society's name needs to be changed. Input from many members was solicited concerning key words that reflect what NASPSPA represents to them. These words would then be used in reviewing the mission and name of the society. The key words most often cited were physical activity, psychology, behavior, motor behavior, research, and sport. This process is still ongoing, and at this point the thought is to concentrate

on identifying a name for the society. I would like to encourage you to send me your suggestion of a name for the society by February 1, 2013. A short rationale for your choice of a name is also welcome. I will share your suggestions with the Executive Committee and report back to our membership at this year's business meeting.

While I want to keep your attention on participating in the upcoming 2013 conference, I would like to solicit suggestions on the possibility of adding a session to the program of the 2014 conference to be held in Minneapolis. At last year's meeting we heard from Peter Hancock (2012) about the exciting research he has accomplished in the field of human factors and ergonomics. Peter's presentation focused on "showing the indissoluble link between the foundational science of motor control and the technological mediation of human factors and ergonomics" (p. S4). Moreover, his research was inspired by topics "central to an understanding of the human motor system and how it achieves its necessary goals across the process of learning, maturation, skill development and the skilled exhibition of expertise" (p. S4). The Executive Committee has discussed the possibility of building on Peter's presentation by having a session on ergonomics at the 2014 Minneapolis conference. The study of ergonomics and human factors has a long-standing representation in the research of the NASPSPA membership. An additional session on the topic would be exploratory and provide a more formal identity for ergonomics in the society. The topic might provide the framework for cross-boundary interests to coalesce and even serve as an attraction for new membership.

Ergonomics brings with it industrial applications and private-sector contracts, thus providing a new source for sponsors. Thus, including a session on ergonomics offers the opportunity to address cross-boundary research interests of our membership, the possibility of addressing interests of a wider audience and potential membership, as well as including a new source for sponsorship. As small a task as having an additional session might seem, it will require considerable advance planning, so I am requesting input from our membership on the idea now. I am at the very early stage of planning but this is the best time to get suggestions from our membership on matters ranging from a name for the session (Motor Skill Ergonomics, for example) to a format for the session. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in this process.

I'm looking forward to receiving your thoughts on the preceding topics, and even more than that, seeing you at this year's conference in New Orleans!

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