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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Building on the Solid Foundation of NASPSPA

By Alan Smith, NASPSPA President



Alan Smith

Thank you for the opportunity to serve NASPSPA as president. I am honored and humbled that you have placed your confidence in me to lead our society. As is true for many of you, NASPSPA has played a central role in my development as

a scholar and professional. I identify strongly with our core mission to advance knowledge, our commitment to nurturing the next generation of scholars, and the people who contribute to the strength of our organization. Thank you for freely committing your time, energy, and good humor to make NASPSPA a vibrant and intellectually stimulating home. I will work hard over the coming year to reinforce and build on the foundation that you and our previous leadership have constructed.

The strength of our society was evident at the 2013 NASPSPA conference in New Orleans. Our healthy participation numbers met with thought-provoking invited and award lectures, well-conceived symposia, and high-quality free

communications and posters across a diverse range of topics. There was strong international representation and student involvement. There was also plenty of meandering (for some more so than others!) through the French Quarter and strong participation in our usual high-energy

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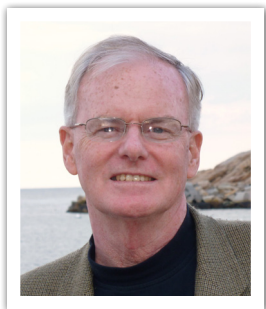
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## PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

## Looking Ahead to the 2014 Conference

*John Shea, NASPSPA Past-President*

John Shea

In perspective of the previous two NASPSPA conference locations and looking ahead to the 2014 conference, it would be difficult to say that the society is bound by geographic location! We have visited Hawaii and New Orleans, and now we

move north to Minneapolis. The 2014 conference will begin in the morning of June 12th and end in the evening of June 14th at the downtown Hilton Minneapolis hotel. Minneapolis has been viewed by some as the first city on the eastern boundary of the western United States, and it has been a popular conference site for many scholarly societies. It provides an outstanding venue for the NASPSPA conference. Known as The City of Lakes, Minneapolis has 22 lakes located within city limits and many more in the surrounding area. It is possible to bike around Harriet, Calhoun, and Isles Lakes without leaving a bike path. Minneapolis is the home for several professional sports teams, including the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings.

The Conference promises to be an outstanding one. This is because of the leadership of the area program chairs and the expertise of their respective committee members. The chair for Sport

and Exercise Psychology is Diane Mack (Brock University, Canada). Diane's committee members are Marc Lochbaum (Texas Tech University), Les Podlog (University of Utah), Sarah Ullrich-French (Washington State University), and Katie Gunnell (University of British Columbia, Canada). The chair for Motor Learning and Control is Quincy Almeida (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada). Quincy's committee members are Joan Vickers (University of Calgary, Canada), Jim Lyons (McMaster University, Canada), Nadja Schott (University of Stuttgart, Germany), Chris Rhea (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), William Berg (Miami University), and Priscila Cacola (University of Texas at Arlington). The chair for Developmental Perspectives is Tom Korff (Brunel University, UK). Tom's committee members are Casey Breslin (Temple University), Marcio A. Oliveira (University of Maryland), Jackie Goodway (Ohio State University), and Eva D'Hondt (University of Ghent, Belgium). Please contact the area program chairs if you have specific questions concerning their programs (Diane Mack, [dmack@brocku.ca](mailto:dmack@brocku.ca); Quincy Almeida, [qalmeida@wlu.ca](mailto:qalmeida@wlu.ca); and Tom Korff, [Thomas.Korff@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.Korff@brunel.ac.uk)).

The area program committees have been busy selecting and recruiting candidates to be keynote speakers and senior lecturers. Their efforts have been successful and they have assembled outstanding presenters. The keynote speaker for Sport and Exercise Psychology

will be Dr. Panteleimon Ekkekakis (Iowa State University). His presentation will concern "The Reemergence of Hedonism in Postcognitivist Exercise Psychology: Preparing for the Field's First Veritable Paradigmatic Transition." The keynote speaker for Motor Learning and Control will be Dr. Simon J.G. Lewis (University of Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Australia). Dr. Lewis recently developed the hypothesis that freezing of gait in Parkinson's disease is the result of a breakdown in basal ganglia networks that coordinate activities across differing functional (motor, cognitive, and limbic) domains. Dr. Lewis' presentation will be "Understanding Motor Control: Insights From Virtual Reality and Parkinson's Disease." The keynote speaker for Developmental Perspectives will be Dr. Geert J.P. Savelsbergh (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands). Dr. Savelsbergh's main research interest is in the visual regulation of movement. Dr. Gabriele Wulf (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) has been selected as the senior lecturer for Motor Learning and Control. Dr. Wulf's presentation is "Changing Our View of Motor Learners: From Information Processors to Human Beings." Also, Dr. Juergen Konzak (University of Minnesota) has been selected as the senior lecturer for the Developmental Perspectives area. Dr. Konzak's presentation will be "Proprioception and Motor Control Across the Life Span. In addition, Dr. Jennifer Etnier (University of North Carolina at

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## NASPSPA 2014 Conference –June 12 through June 14, 2014

The conference will be held at the Hilton Minneapolis downtown. We have super rates of \$159 for single/double and \$169 for triple or quad. NASPSPA urges everyone to stay at the conference hotel. When we sign contracts with the hotel we receive beautiful meeting and sleeping rooms and as part of our contract we guarantee that a large number of our participants will stay at the hotel. If we do not meet expectations, then we have to pay additional fees and our conference costs will escalate. So please go ahead and make your reservations early. Just click on the link below to get our special rates. Who will

be first to get a room? The conference will start Thursday morning, June 12, so you may want to book so that you can arrive on Wednesday evening and leave on Sunday morning, or stay extra days before or after the conference for the conference rate.

Click on this link to get conference rates: [www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/M/MSPMHHH-NAP-20140607/index.jhtml](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/M/MSPMHHH-NAP-20140607/index.jhtml)

Minneapolis is a great city, especially in the summer. There are numerous lakes and jogging trails, great restaurants and shopping, theater, and Twins baseball just a short walk from the

hotel. The weather should be great as well.

If you want to learn more about Minneapolis, click the following link

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mx4Qu\\_m5eU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mx4Qu_m5eU)  
<http://go.minneapolis.org>

It is really easy to get from the airport to the hotel. There is a light rail system that is less expensive (\$1.75 to \$2.25) and more efficient than taking a taxi. More details later.

Watch the website for details: [www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org).





## AWARDS

# President's Award



Dick Schmidt

As the 2013 recipient of the President's award, **Dr. Richard Schmidt** was recognized by President John Shea during the 2013 Business Meeting. Dr. Schmidt was unable to attend the conference, but expressed his deep gratitude for

the recognition.

The President's Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions

to the development and growth of NASPSPA. It is without any surprise that John Shea, then president of NASPSPA, announced that the 2013 recipient for this award was Dr. Richard (Dick) Schmidt. Dick has been involved with our society at multiple levels, from his roles on the executive committee as president (1977-1978) and area program committees (1973 and 1992) and his many contributions and presentations over the years. Dick was recognized as a Distinguished Scholar in 1992. Thanks, Dick, for everything you have done to develop NASPSPA.



The 2013 recipient of the President's award was Dr. Dick Schmidt, who received his award at a personal reception in Marina del Rey, California, in September.

### Nominations for NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented in NASPSPA. Senior scholars, normally at least 25 years beyond the doctorate, who have a distinguished record of scholarship are eligible for the award. Confidential nominations should be made to the president (alsmith@msu.edu) by December 16, 2013. Any current NASPSPA member may nominate appropriate candidates. Nomination information for all awards is found in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at [www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org)).

### Nominations for NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding achievement of scholars who are still in the early stage of their scientific careers. Current members of NASPSPA who received their doctorate no more than seven years before nomination are eligible for the award. Nominations may be made to the President (alsmith@msu.edu) by any NASPSPA member. Deadline for nominations is December 16, 2013. Nomination information is found in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at [www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org)).

### Nominations for President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Student Representative

Any NASPSPA member may nominate candidates for our open executive board positions. We presently seek a slate of candidates for president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and student representative. Nominations of colleagues or self-nominations for executive board positions are welcomed at any time. Nominations for president-elect and secretary-treasurer should be sent to the president (alsmith@msu.edu). Nominations received by December 1, 2013, will receive full consideration by the nominations committee for the current openings. Nominations for student representative should be directed to the current representative (alyson.crozier@usask.ca) by February 1, 2014. A slate of two candidates for each position will be forwarded for online voting in spring 2014.

## AWARDS

## Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award



Nicholas Myers

As the 2013 recipient of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award, **Dr. Nicholas Myers** was recognized by President John Shea during the 2013 Business Meeting. Dr. Myers was unable to attend, but will present his award talk at the

2014 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

Nicholas Myers is an associate professor in the department of educational and psychological studies at the University of Miami (UM). Before joining UM in 2005, Nick completed a dual doctoral degree at Michigan State University, majoring in both measurement and quantitative methods and psychosocial aspects of sport and physical activity. Nick's dual-major doctoral degree reflects his passion in advancing higher-level statistical applications to complex data sets related to psychosocial aspects of sport

and physical activity. These quantitative applications are informed in part by Nick's substantive experience as both a licensed professional counselor (Ohio, 1999-2005) and a licensed personal trainer (2000-2006).

Nick's program of research has led to conference presentations at the annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association; American Psychological Association; North American Society for Sport and Physical Activity; American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and Modern Modeling Methods conference. Nick's first- or second-authored publications have appeared in journals such as Structural Equation Modeling, Behavior Research Methods, Psychosomatic Medicine, Educational and Psychological Measurement, Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (JSEP), and Psychology of Sport and Exercise (PSE). Nick served as section editor (2010-2012) for the Measurement and Evaluation section of Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport and also served on the editorial board of several other

journals (e.g., JSEP, PSE, and Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology).

Nick currently serves as director of the research, measurement, and evaluation (RME) doctoral program at UM. The RME doctoral program has consistently been rated a top 20 program nationally by Academic Analytics since 2006. Within the RME program Nick serves as an instructor of several higher-level doctoral statistical courses, including Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling, Introduction to Multilevel Modeling, and Advanced Structural Equation Modeling. Nick serves as a statistical consultant for the research methodology services component of the Dunspaugh-Dalton Community and Educational Well-Being (CEW) Research Center at UM and has served as statistical consultant on multiple projects funded by the Florida Department of Education.

## AWARDS

## Distinguished Scholar Award



Jane Clark

The 2013 recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award was **Dr. Jane Clark**

Dr. Clark is currently dean of the University of Maryland School of Public Health. Dr. Clark is a long-time professor in the department of kinesiology and the neuroscience and cognitive sciences program. She served as the chair of kinesiology for a decade. Dr. Clark received her PhD in kinesiology from the University of Wisconsin with a major emphasis on the motor skill development of infants and children, an area where she has made her scientific contributions for over 30 years. She has coedited 7 texts in motor development and authored 25 book chapters and more than 70 refereed journal publications. Her articles have appeared in such journals as PLoS One, Child Development, Developmental Psychology, Infant Behavior and Development, Developmental Psychobiology, Child, Health and Development, Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology, Experimental Brain Research,

Neuroscience Letters, Cerebral Cortex, Journal of Neurophysiology, Journal of Motor Behavior, Journal of Gerontology, Human Movement Science, and Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly. She has presented over 200 scientific papers at national and international conferences and invited to speak at universities in 10 countries. Currently, she is on the editorial board of Research in Developmental Disabilities, serves as associate editor of the Journal of Motor Learning and Development, and is the founding editor of Kinesiology Review. Her research focuses on the development of motor control and coordination in typically developing infants and children and those children with developmental coordination disorder (DCD). Her passion is to help children achieve the competence and confidence to be physically active throughout their lives. The National Science Foundation has funded her research on infant motor development and the National Institutes of Health has supported her work on children with DCD. In addition to her scientific contributions, Dr. Clark has served as the elected leader of three national organizations in the field of kinesiology, including NASPSPA.



The 2013 recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award was Dr. Jane Clark.



## AWARDS

# 2013 NASPSPA Student Awards

Information on Student Awards can be found on the NASPSPA website ([www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org)). Awards are available for outstanding student papers, research grants, and international travel.

### 2013 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award

The 2013 NASPSPA Outstanding Paper Award winners were Deanna Kennedy, Azizah Jor'dan, and Blair Evans.



The 2013 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners Deanna Kennedy, Azizah Jor'dan, and Blair Evans with their awards during the 2013 Business Meeting.

### 2013 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants

The 2013 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants were awarded to Kaitlyn Baily, Ali Brian, Deanna Kennedy, Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens, and Larissa K. True.



2013 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant winners Ali Brian, Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens, and Larissa K. True during the 2013 Business Meeting.

### 2013 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel

April Karlinsky, Jessica Stapleton, and Jennifer Tomasone were each awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel.



Jennifer Tomasone and Jessica Stapleton were each awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel.

## STUDENTS' COLUMN

# It's Never Too Early to Get Involved in NASPSPA

By Alyson Crozier, NASPSPA student representative



Alyson Crozier

Hello, fellow NASPSPA student members! I hope this letter finds you well after a relaxing yet productive summer season. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were enjoying the heat and traditional cuisine of New Orleans (how

time flies!).

First off, I want to congratulate all of the student presenters at the 2013 conference on your fantastic poster and verbal presentations in New Orleans. There was a strong showing of research by students, and you all contributed to the success of the NASPSPA conference. At this time, I would like to acknowledge our fellow student members who were recognized at the conference for their excellent work. Congratulations go to Deanna Kennedy, Azizah Jor'dan, and Blair Evans for their Outstanding Student Paper Awards; to Kaitlyn Baily, Ali Brian, Deanna Kennedy, Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens, and Larissa True for receiving Graduate Student Research Grants; and to April Karlinksy, Jessica Stapleton, and Jennifer Tomasone for being awarded the Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel.

As you can see, NASPSPA is dedicated to

enhancing the experience of student members and provides graduate students with several award opportunities, which are both financially and personally rewarding. Following is a summary, and further details are available on the NASPSPA website at [www.naspspa.org/about-the-awards](http://www.naspspa.org/about-the-awards). Think ahead, because it's NEVER too early to start thinking about applying for these awards!

Do you have research that is original, innovative, important, and significant to the field? Up to three Outstanding **Student Paper Awards** are available, one for each NASPSPA research area (i.e., motor development, motor learning and control, sport and exercise psychology). Application portions for this award are due in January and February of 2014 and require submission of a short abstract, a five-page abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Recipients of this award will be reimbursed up to \$1000 for travel to the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS) conference.

Do you want to present at a conference outside North America but aren't sure if it is in your budget? The **NASPSPA Graduate Student Award** for International Conference Travel may be your solution! You may apply for this \$700 award by January 31, May 31, and September 30. 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.

Have a research project that is in need of funding? 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, the following are due to the NASPSPA president before April 1, 2014: 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.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank last year's student representative, Jennifer Tomasone, for her dedication and hard work in organizing the student activities in New Orleans. Incorporating traditional New Orleans cuisine for the student social and implementing a student-faculty cocktail hour were definitely highlights of the conference. I know I enjoyed the crawfish boil experience!

Looking to 2014, the NASPSPA conference will be held in Minneapolis, June 12 to 14. I look forward to getting to know all of you more and holding events that will provide students with academic, social, and professional experiences. I am beginning to prepare for both the student social and student-faculty meeting. If you have any suggestions on enhancing the experience of either of these events for students, do not hesitate

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## Thank you to former Executive Committee Members

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all of the Executive Committee Members who completed their terms of office in 2013: Diane Ste-Marie (Past-President), Jenn Tomason (Students' Representative), and Jeff Fairbrother (Communications Director).



Jenn Tomason (Students' Representative), Jeff Fairbrother (Communication Director), and Diane Ste-Marie (Past-President)

## Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The NASPSPA 2013 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes can be accessed via the NASPSPA website, in the following documents:  
[Pre-Conference Meeting Minutes 2013](#)  
[Business Meeting Minutes 2013](#)  
[Post-Conference Meeting Minutes 2013](#)

Official minutes will not be posted until approved during the Fall Executive Committee Meeting

### Financial Report and Membership Report

The NASPSPA 2013 [Financial Report](#) and NASPSPA 2013 [Membership Report](#) can be accessed via the NASPSPA website.

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## President's Message

social events. Altogether, the conference was a tremendous success. This has much to do with Diane Ste-Marie. As past-president, she served as our conference program chair, coordinating the efforts of the area program committees in pulling together a superb conference program. I thank Diane and our area program committee chairs, Jennifer Cumming (Sport and Exercise Psychology), Nicola Hodges (Motor Learning and Control), and Juergen Konczak (Developmental Perspectives), for the strong leadership in shaping the conference program. I also thank Jennifer Tomasone. As our student representative, she handled the significant tasks of organizing the student-professional cocktail hour and the student social, a traditional Louisiana crawfish boil. Finally, I thank our site coordinator, Penny McCullagh. Not only does Penny help us with all contractual and other details associated with our conference sites, but she also offers invaluable historical perspective and mentoring throughout the conference organization process. Our growing string of conference successes owes much to Penny's commitment to our society.

The annual conference also marks our executive committee transitions. I want to thank Diane Ste-Marie, outgoing past-president, for her strong leadership. She not only closed her three-year stretch on the executive committee by organizing an outstanding conference, but she also modeled

patience, efficiency, and effective problem solving during her presidential term. Her capable leadership has greatly benefitted NASPSPA. As Diane departs the EC, we welcome Gabriele Wulf as our president-elect. I also thank Jennifer Tomasone, who did a great job with the student programming at the conference and was a thoughtful advocate for our student membership over her term as student representative. The future of our society is bright, and we welcome Alyson Crozier as our new student representative. Finally, I thank Jeffrey Fairbrother for his outstanding work as our communication director. Jeff is one of those rare individuals who effectively meshes creativity with strong organizational skills. Our society has gained much from his talents, and we welcome Catherine Sabiston, who moving forward will apply her talents to the communication director role.

As we turn our attention to the coming year, I direct you to several opportunities to contribute to our society. First, please prepare to contribute your best science to our 2014 conference to be held in Minneapolis. Past-president John Shea and his area program committee chairs are working to develop an exciting slate of invited speakers. Look for John's column in this newsletter for additional conference information. Important to note is our early deadline for the submission of symposia (November 1, 2013). Second, please nominate colleagues for the

NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award and the NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award. These awards recognize outstanding scientific achievement and have a nomination deadline of December 16, 2013. Also, students may apply for the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel (next deadline is January 31, 2014) and the NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant (April 1, 2014 deadline). Information on these opportunities is available at [www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org), and all nominations and applications are to be directed to me at [alsmith@msu.edu](mailto:alsmith@msu.edu). Third, please send me your nominations for our coming vacancies on the executive committee. We seek candidates for president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and student representative. And, finally, when I contact you about running for the EC, serving on an award committee, or serving on an ad hoc committee, please consider it as an opportunity to support our society and to enrich your professional life. Say yes and contribute to the vibrancy and scholarly excellence that are the hallmarks of NASPSPA.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve NASPSPA. I look forward to learning about your latest scientific work, receiving your nominations and applications, gently (if at all) twisting some of your arms, and hearing your ideas and recommendations for our society.

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## Looking Ahead to the 2014 Conference

Greensboro) has been selected as the senior lecturer for the Sport and Exercise Psychology area. Dr. Etner's presentation will address the topic of "exercise and cognitive performance." Given the quality of our area program committees, we can be assured that the scientific presentations at the conference will be international in character and of the highest quality. Updates on the program will be posted on the NASPSA website ([www.naspspa.org](http://www.naspspa.org)).

The executive committee has established a timeline for conference program development. On October 15, 2013, the conference website will open for symposium submissions only. On a related point, anyone purchasing a membership from October 15 and after will be given a 2014 membership. The closing date for symposium submissions will be November 1, 2013. Notification about acceptance of submitted symposiums will be made on December 1, 2013. This schedule will allow an early review date for symposium submissions. A paper included in a symposium that is not accepted can be resubmitted as a free paper during the open period for abstract submissions of December 7, 2013, to January 15, 2014. This schedule will allow communication of abstract acceptance March 1 to March 15 2014. The schedule for verbal and poster presentations will be completed by the end of March, and the goal is to have the first draft of the final program completed by early April. Please contact me if you have any questions about me conference program.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the 2014 NASPSA Conference in Minneapolis where we can gather and present our research to our colleagues who share our interests.

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## Students' Column

to contact me at [alyson.crozier@usask.ca](mailto:alyson.crozier@usask.ca). Given that last year was the first time the student-faculty cocktail hour had been implemented, I would love to hear feedback from students on the format, timing, and cost and whether you found it beneficial or would like to return to a student-faculty lunch format. With regard to the student social, I welcome any ideas or suggestions for possible venues and activities in Minneapolis.

If you are interested in playing a bigger role in NASPSA by organizing student events at the conference and being the liaison between student members and the executive committee throughout the year, please let me know. The application deadline for next year's student representative position is February 1, 2014.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all in Minneapolis.

## NASPSA 2014 CONFERENCE KEY DATES

**October 15, 2013:** Open system. The website is open for symposium submissions only. Anyone buying a membership from this date onwards will be given 2014 membership.

**November 1, 2013:** Closing date for symposium submissions. Early review date for symposia only. If not submitted by this date, can resubmit as a free paper.

**December 1, 2013:** Decisions for symposia acceptances announced.

**December 7, 2013:** Website open for oral and poster presentation submissions.

**January 15, 2014:** Deadline submission date.

**March 1-15, 2014:** Decisions for presentations announced.

**June 12-14, 2014:** NASPSA Conference, Minneapolis.

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