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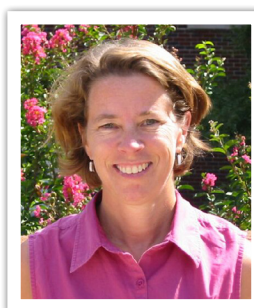
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NASPSPA Conference Memories: Past, Present and Future

By Jennifer Etnier, NASPSPA President



Jennifer Etnier

As I write my first President's Message for NASPSPA, I find it overwhelming to believe that I have the honor of serving in this role for esteemed society. I have been a member of NASPSPA for my entire professional career and am humbled to have been chosen to serve in this leadership role. I want to thank you all for your confidence in me, and I will certainly do my best to live up to your expectations and to the high standards set by our previous presidents.

I would like to start by thanking our outgoing officers for their efforts and contributions to NASPSPA. Clearly, Al Smith's efforts with the 2015 Portland conference resulted in great success. Many people took advantage of preconference workshops and nearly 425 members enjoyed a strong and well-organized scientific program. Thanks to Al for his hard work in organizing a memorable conference. I am grateful as well to

Gaby Wulf for her excellent work and leadership in her role as president this past year. She

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PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Nous allons à Montréal

By Gabriele Wulf, NASPSPA Past-President



Gabriele Wulf

NASPSPA is returning to Canada! As Past-President, I am excited to host the 2016 conference in Montréal, Quebec. The conference will be held at the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure June 15 to 18, 2016. I predict that not only

the city itself but also the program will make next year's conference a memorable one. (Please see Penny McCullagh's column in this newsletter for more information about Montréal and the conference site.)

The program committee has already started their work by selecting invited speakers for the 2016 conference. I am grateful to our colleagues who have agreed to serve on the area program committees. Developmental Perspectives area program chair Priscila Cacola (University of Texas at Arlington) and her committee members—Jin Bo (Eastern Michigan University), Phil Esposito (Texas Christian University), Anastasia Kyvelidou (University of Nebraska), Melissa Pangelinan (Auburn University), and Denise Santos (Methodist University of Piracicaba in Brazil)—have recruited **John Cairney** from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, for the developmental perspectives keynote lecture. Dr. Cairney's lecture is titled "Motor Coordination and Child Health:

Understanding the Connections." **Mary Rudisill**, Auburn University, will give the developmental perspectives senior lecture: "Autonomy-Supportive Climates: Motivating Children to Move and Learn."

The Motor Learning and Control committee is chaired by David Wright (Texas A&M University). His committee includes John Buchanan (Texas A&M University), Stefan Panzer (University of Saarlandes, Germany), Arend Van Gemmert (Louisiana State University), Mark Williams (Brunel University, UK), and Carolee Winstein (University of Southern California). This committee has selected **Stephan Swinnen**, KU Leuven, as their keynote speaker. Dr. Swinnen's presentation is "Neural Basis of Bimanual Coordination: Brain Structure, Function and Connectivity." The senior lecture for motor learning and control will be given by **Nicola Hodges**, University of British Columbia: "(Action) Observations on Motor Learning and Skilled Performance."

The program chair for Sport and Exercise Psychology is Bernd Strauss, University of Münster, Germany. His committee members are Chris Janelle (University of Florida), Clare MacMahon (Swinburne University, Australia), Kathleen Martin Ginis (McMaster University, Canada), Nicholas Myers (University of Miami), and Catherine Sabiston (University of Toronto, Canada). This committee has recruited **Richard Koestner** from McGill University as keynote speaker for sport and exercise psychology. Dr.

Koestner's presentation is titled "Why We Fail at Our Personal Goals: A Self-Determination Theory Perspective on Effective Goal Setting." Senior lecturer is **Deborah Feltz**, Michigan State University, who will give a presentation titled "The Koehler Effect: From Jocks to Smocks to Exergames."

Other distinguished speakers at the Montréal conference include Human Kinetics Lecturer **Julien Doyon** from the University of Montreal (more on Dr. Doyon and his presentation in the winter newsletter) and Early Career Distinguished Scholar **Lisa Barnett** from Deakin University, Australia. As you can see, we will have an impressive slate of speakers!

I now invite you to get ready for next year's conference. Consider putting together an interdisciplinary symposium with colleagues from various institutions who have different perspectives or perhaps use different approaches to examine the same research questions. The website will be open for abstract submissions between December 7, 2015 and January 15, 2016. Notification about acceptance of abstracts will be sent out by March 2016. Please submit your best research!

If you have specific questions concerning the program, contact the area program chairs (Priscila Cacola: cacola@uta.edu; Dave Wright: d-wright@hlkn.tamu.edu; Bernd Strauss: bstrauss@uni-muenster.de) or me (gabriele.wulf@unlv.edu).

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NASPSPA Journal Awards

Human Kinetics has initiated awards offered to top research papers and reviewers for the official NASPSPA research outlets of Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology (JSEP) and the Journal of Motor Learning and Development (JMLD). At the 2015 Business Meeting in Portland, Oregon, the first winners of these awards received plaques from Skip Maier of Human Kinetics.

Excellence in Reviewing Awards

JMLD: Jackie Goodway (Ohio State University)
JSEP: Athanasios Mouratidis (Hacettepe University not pictured)



As the 2014 recipients of the JMLD Excellence in Reviewing Award, Dr. Jackie Goodway received a plaque from Skip Maier of Human Kinetics.

Excellence in Research Awards: (JMLD)

JMLD: Adults With Down Syndrome Performed Repetitive Movements Fast With Continuous Music Cues



As the 2014 recipients of the JMLD and JSEP Excellence in Research Awards, Dr. Shannon Ringenbach (left) and Dr. Sung Hyeon Cheon (right) received plaques from Skip Maier of Human Kinetics

Authors: Shannon D.R. Ringenbach, Kristina Zimmerman, Chih Chen, Genna Mulvey, Simon Holzapfel, Daniel Weeks, and Michael Thaut

JSEP: The Teacher Benefits From Giving Autonomy Support During Physical Education Instruction

Authors: Sung Hyeon Cheon, Johnmarshall Reeve, Tae Ho Yu, and Hue Ryen Jang



NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

As the 2015 recipient of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award, Dr. Lisa Barnett was recognized by President Gaby Wulf during the 2015 Business Meeting. Dr. Barnett will be giving her talk at the 2016 NASPSPA conference in Montreal, Quebec.

Dr. Lisa Barnett is the 2015 recipient of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement of scholars who are in the early stages of their scientific careers. Dr. Barnett will give a presentation at the 2016 annual meeting in Montreal.

Dr. Barnett earned a bachelor of social science from Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia. She was then employed in the health sector for over 10 years designing and implementing community health promotion interventions. She completed a master's in public health (University of New South Wales, Sydney) to hone her program evaluation skills and then her PhD from the University of Sydney. She transitioned to an academic setting after completion of her PhD and is currently a senior lecturer at Deakin University (currently funded on an Alfred Deakin fellowship for full-time research). Her research involves the measurement and assessment of children's actual and perceived movement skill competency and the relationship between these skills and health behaviors and outcomes. She is extensively published in these areas and is an emerging leader in motor development.



Dr. Lisa Barnett 2015 Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

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 stages of their scientific careers. Current members of NASPSPA who received their doctorate no more than 7 years before nomination are eligible for the award. Nominations may be made to the president (jletnier@uncg.edu) by any NASPSPA member. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 2015. Nomination information is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.org).

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 (jletnier@uncg.edu) by December 15, 2015. Any current NASPSPA member may nominate appropriate candidates. Nomination information for all awards is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com).

Distinguished Scholar Award

With its Distinguished Scholar Award, NASPSPA recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented within the Society. Nominees are typically 25 years beyond their doctorate, and have an excellent and consistent record of scholarship. The 2015 recipients of the award were Dr. Larry Brawley and Dr. Deborah Feltz.

Dr. Deborah Feltz was nominated for the award by Drs. Sian Beilock and Daniel Landers, and the nomination was endorsed by the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee. Over her 36-year career, Feltz has conducted theory-driven research on the relationship among self-efficacy beliefs, motivation, and performance in sport and physical activity contexts for athletes, exercisers, coaches, teams, and sports officials. She is considered an early leader in the study of self-efficacy in sport and physical activity contexts. Her work also has been trailblazing in the field, bringing sophisticated statistical approaches to studying complex and dynamical phenomena in real-world performance settings. Her most recent scholarship has focused on group motivation gains in partnered exercise video games that have yielded fresh insights into how exercisers relate to avatar partners to improve their exercise efforts. As her nominators noted, Dr. Feltz exemplifies the qualities inherent in a NASPSPA distinguished scholar in terms of her scholarship, her dedication to the mentoring of outstanding students, and her broader impact on the field.

Dr. Larry Brawley was nominated for the award by Drs. Kathleen Martin Ginis, Amy Latimer-Cheung, Penny McCullagh, Kevin Spink, and Howard Zelaznik, and the nomination was endorsed by the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee. Dr. Brawley has been an active member of NASPSPA for nearly 40 years. During that time, he has made significant and lasting contributions to the society and to the fields of sport and exercise psychology. He is internationally recognized for his scholarly work in two main areas that cut across symptomatic and asymptomatic populations and adults of all ages: (1) the application of social psychological theory to the study of physical activity as a health-promoting and disease-preventing behavior, and (2) the study and application of group dynamics to promote the initiation and maintenance of sport, physical activity, and health behaviours. Since 2005, he has been a tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Physical Activity for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. A tier 1 CRC is among the most prestigious of honors for a Canadian academic—only 800 professors hold these positions nationwide. This CRC was renewed in

2012, a reflection that he is a senior academic sustaining a record of very high scholarship for many years. In 2014, his work was recognized by the broad community of all health sciences as he was elected as fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In the words of his nominators, “There is no doubt that Dr. Brawley—scientist, mentor, leader—is most deserving of recognition as a NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar. His record of scholarly achievement and his contributions to the sport and exercise psychology community are truly exemplary.”



The 2015 Distinguished Scholars Dr. Larry Brawley (Left) and Dr. Deb Feltz (right) with Dr. Gaby Wulf (center).

Conference Information

Hotel Bonaventure

900 de La Gauchetiere Quest, Montreal, Quebec
1-800-267-2575

http://usbon.webhotel.microsdc.us/bp/search_rooms.jsp?groupCode=CNASPI

As many of you know, last year in Portland we ran out of rooms at the conference hotel and many individuals had to find reservations elsewhere. Montreal is very busy at this time of year and our rate of \$199 (S/D) is actually very good. If we fill our hotel block early it is oftentimes possible to get some additional rooms.

**PLEASE BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE AND
YOU CAN CANCEL UP TO 24 HOURS IN
ADVANCE. IN FACT, JUST GO AHEAD AND
BOOK RIGHT NOW!**



Note –Once you click on your desired room you will see an additional option that is available. Executive Lounge Access - \$29 per person per day. This gives you access to lounge where you can get a breakfast and snacks throughout the day and appetizers in evening. It may seem like a lot but drinks and food are very expensive if you stay in hotel.

Transportation

If you fly into Trudeau International Airport a bus runs 24/7 and costs \$10 each way. It stops one block from the hotel. You will see a large Cathedral kitty corner to where you get off. Cross street and walk down to hotel. Let driver know your hotel and they can point it out.

<http://www.admtl.com/en/access/transport/buses-747-express>



Upcoming Conference Deadlines

December 7, 2015: Website open for symposium, oral and poster presentation submissions.

January 15, 2016: Deadline submission date.

March 1-15, 2016: Decisions for presentations announced.

June 15-18, 2016: Conference

You can take the train from most major cities in Canada and you can also take the train from the US. The train station is directly under the hotel.

Even if you are coming from the USA you will need a passport. So if yours is not current or you do not have one, apply as soon as possible.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S COLUMN

Being a NASPSPA Student Member: Past to Future

By Kara Palmer, Student Representative



Kara Palmer

Bonjour, NASPSPA student members! I cannot believe it has been two months since we were enjoying the beauty and quirkiness of Portland, Oregon. I hope that the remainder of your summer was productive and relaxing and your fall semester

started smoothly.

I would like to take a moment to wholeheartedly congratulate and thank all the student presenters at the 2015 conference. The student body provided a strong research presence, contributing excellent verbal and poster presentations alike. I would like to acknowledge those student members who were recognized for their work. Congratulations to Jeffery Graham, Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens, and Sara Scharoun for their Outstanding Student Paper Awards; to Alison Phillips and Alex Benson for receiving Graduate Student Research Grants; and to Carolina Silveira, Ruopeng Sun, and Eric Beck for being awarded the International Conference Travel Grants.

Also, I would like to extend a special thank-you to Nicole Westlund for her exceptional work as the 2014-2015 NASPSPA student representative. Nicole did a phenomenal job organizing and executing the student activities. Her care and

dedication to the NASPSPA organization and its student members were clearly evident. Thank you, Nicole, for all your hard work in creating an unforgettable student experience at the 2015 conference!

As a NASPSPA student member you are offered several opportunities to apply for graduate student awards. These awards are both professionally and financially beneficial. An overview of the awards is as follows. For more details, refer to <http://naspspa.com/graduate-student-awards>.

1. Student Paper Awards. Do you have research that is original, innovative, and significant to the field? Up to three Outstanding Student Paper Awards are available, one for each NASPSPA research area: Motor Development, Motor Learning and Control, and Sport and Exercise Psychology. Application portions for this award are due in January and February 2016 and require submission of a short abstract, a five-page abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. The value of this award is \$350.
2. Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel. Planning to attend a conference outside of North America? The NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel can

help you get there! Apply for this \$700 award by September 30, January 31, or May 31. The application package 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.

3. Research Grants. Looking for some external funding to help with a research project? 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. The deadline for this award is April 1, 2016. The application includes 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.

Mark the deadlines on your calendar. While you're at it, make sure you mark June 15 to 18 for the upcoming conference in Montreal. Holding to the NASPSPA tradition, this conference promises to be an exceptional opportunity to disseminate your research, network with students and faculty, and explore a new city. Thanks to all who completed the feedback surveys on

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Student Awards

Information on Student Awards can be found in Section IV Awards in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com). Awards are available for outstanding student papers, research grants, and international travel.

2015 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award

The 2015 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners were Jeffery Graham, Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens, and Sara Scharoun



The 2015 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners Jeffery Graham (top), Kaylena Ehgoetz Martens (left), and Sara Scharoun (right) received their awards from Dr. Gaby Wulf (NASPSPA President) during the Business Meeting in Portland.

2015 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel

Carolina Silveira, Ruopeng Sun, and Eric Beck were each awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel.



2015 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel winners Ruopeng Sun (left), and Eric Beck (right) were recognized during the Business Meeting in Portland.

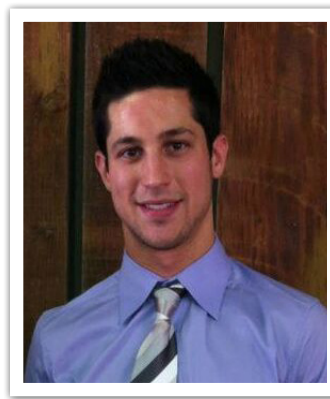
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Student Awards

2015 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants

The 2015 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants were awarded to Alison Phillips, Alex Benson, and Matt Stork



2015 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant winners Alison Philips and Alex Benson were recognized during the Business Meeting in Portland. Matt Stork (pictured at right) was also a recipient of the award.

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

Any NASPSPA member may nominate candidates for our open executive board positions. We currently 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 and should be sent to the president (jletnier@uncg.edu). Nominations received by December 1, 2015, will receive full consideration by the Nominations Committee for the current openings. A slate of two candidates for each position will be forwarded for online voting in spring 2016.

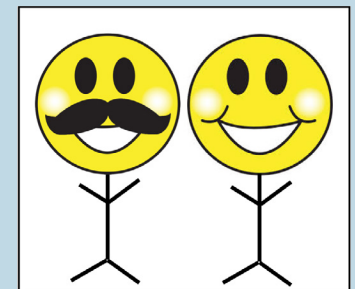
NASPSPA 50th Anniversary

San Diego- 6/4/2017

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Submit to NASPSPA50th@gmail.com by May 1, 2016. Put "50th Pics" in the subject line.



Special Awards and Recognitions

Special President's Award

For the past 30 years, **Bernice Fischman** has produced the plaques that are given to distinguished scholars, early career distinguished scholars, outgoing NASPSPA officers, and recipients of the President's Award and Outstanding Student Paper Award. We thank Bernice for her invaluable service and commitment to the society, and her artistic contributions behind the scenes.

Bernice Fischman received a Special President's Award at the 2015 Business Meeting. President Gabriele Wulf presented a gift to Bernice in recognition of her long-term service to NASPSPA.



Bernice Fischman (right) received a special President's Award from Gaby Wulf

Recognition for Service: Dr. Robert Eklund

"On behalf of Human Kinetics, publisher of the Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology, I would like to thank Bob for his exemplary service to the field in leading the journal as Editor over the past 12 years. During Bob's tenure JSEP has flourished, becoming firmly established as the top journal in sport and exercise psychology and a flagship publication for HK. Bob deserves a great deal of credit for ensuring its continued success. He has been a trusted colleague and calming voice of reason in the ever-changing world of journal publishing."

—Skip Maier, Incoming CEO, Human Kinetics



Robert Eklund (left) is presented a plaque for Recognition for Service by Skip Maier.

On behalf of the NASPSPA membership, the Executive Committee would also like to thank Bob Eklund for his service as Editor of the Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology. We appreciate Bob's leadership and guidance in his 12 years in this role and recognize that many authors, reviewers, and even Editorial Board Members have benefited from his mentoring approach to the peer-review process.

Thank you to former Executive Committee Members

A heart-felt thank you is extended to all of the Executive Committee Members who completed their terms of office in 2015 including: Dr. Catherine Sabiston (Communication Director), Dr. Alan Smith (Past-President), and Nicole Westlund (Student Representative).



Nicole Westlund with Gaby Wulf



Alan Smith with Gaby Wulf



Catherine Sabiston with Gaby Wulf

NASPSPA Reports and Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The NASPSPA 2015 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes can be accessed via the NASPSPA [website](#), in the documents titled: “Pre-Conference Meeting Minutes 2015 [DRAFT]”, “Business Meeting Minutes 2015 [DRAFT]”, and “Post-Conference Meeting Minutes 2015 [DRAFT]”. Official minutes will not be posted until approved during the Fall Executive Committee Meeting.

Financial Report and Membership Report

The NASPSPA 2015 Financial Report and Membership Report can be accessed via the NASPSPA [website](#), in the documents titled “Financial Report 2015” and “Membership Report 2015”

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Conference information

Here are the program committees for the 2016 NASPSPA conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada:

Developmental Perspectives

Program area chair: Priscila Cacola (University of Texas, Arlington)

Committee members: Jin Bo (Eastern Michigan University), Phil Esposito (Texas Christian University), Anastasia Kyvelidou (University of Nebraska), Melissa Pangelinan (Auburn University), and Denise Santos (Methodist University of Piracicaba, Brazil)

Motor Learning and Control

Program area chair: David Wright (Texas A&M University)

Committee members: John Buchanan (Texas A&M University), Stefan Panzer (Universität des Saarlandes, Germany), Arend Van Gemmert (Louisiana State University), Mark Williams (Brunel University, UK), and Carolee Winstein (University of Southern California)

Sport and Exercise Psychology

Program area chair: Bernd Strauss (University of Münster, Germany)

Committee members: Chris Janelle (University of Florida), Clare MacMahon (Swinburne University, Australia), Kathleen Martin Ginis (McMaster University, Canada), Nicholas Myers (University of Miami), and Catherine Sabiston (University of Toronto, Canada)

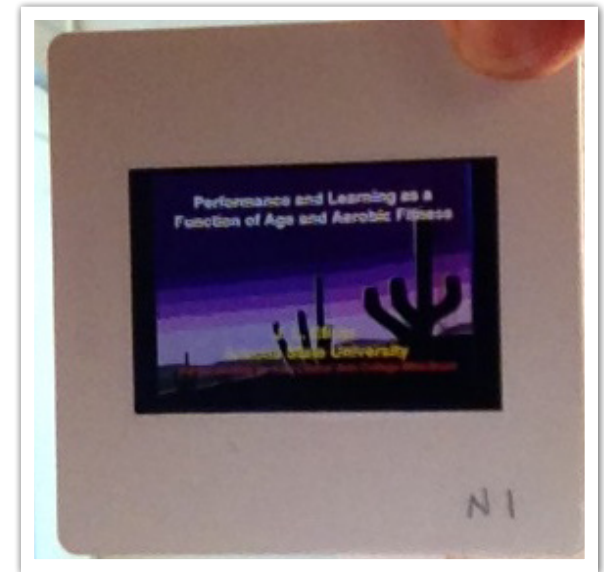
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President's Message

is a great role model to follow! Now, as past president, Gaby has begun to put together the program for our 2016 conference in Montreal, and I look forward to another robust scientific program. Important deadlines for abstract submission for the conference (see <http://naspspa.com/2016-conference>) as well as requests for nominations for the Distinguished Scholar Award or Early Career Distinguished Scholar Awards, information about Graduate Student Awards, and an invitation to nominate colleagues to the executive committee are included in this newsletter (see also <http://naspspa.com/awards>). Thanks also goes to Catherine Sabiston for her contributions as communications director. Cathi led the way in transitioning our web page to a new look and a new website location at www.naspspa.com. Thanks to Cathi for her hard work, creative energy, and vision that helped to make the new web page a reality. Of course, I want to recognize and thank Nicole Westlund, outgoing student representative, for the successful student events in Portland. I was particularly envious of our student members who got to participate in the Portland scavenger hunt, which took them all around the beautiful city. Finally, thanks to Maureen Weiss for her willingness to serve a second term as president's liaison. I know I will benefit from her continued contributions to the running of NASPSPA.

Now, if you will allow me to reminisce, I want to share with you a special memory. It was 1995, and I had the opportunity to give my first national conference presentation as a doctoral student

at NASPSPA in Asilomar. This story involves a slide projector, so let me explain a few things for those of you in the younger crowd. A slide projector is a device that displays photographic slides by shining a light through them. Slides are miniature transparent pictures that you had to have developed and in your hands before leaving for your conference (see picture of my title slide from that talk, which shows what a slide is and also demonstrates that I'm a horrible packrat!). A slide projector tray is a plastic device that is supposed to hold the slides in order so that you can advance through them as you present. So, with that background information, I was giving my presentation and had gotten through about the first two slides when the slide projector tray jammed. My advisor, Dan Landers, began to work furiously to fix it, but the result was that the slides got shuffled in the tray so that they were now out of order and some were either backward or upside down. Fortunately, I had practiced my talk so many times that I was able to give the presentation from memory! But that is not actually the part of the story that is important. What's important is that after that talk, a long-time NASPSPA member whom I admired but had never met came up to me at the banquet and complimented me on my talk. That initial meeting led to a wonderful friendship that I value personally and has contributed significantly to my professional accomplishments. I tell you this story to encourage all of you to consider your own NASPSPA experiences as we begin to build our energy toward the celebration of NASPSPA's 50th anniversary at our 2017 conference in San Diego. We have formed a special 50th anniversary committee spearheaded by Penny McCullagh



(members include Maureen Weiss, Glyn Roberts, Jill Whittall, Chris Rhea, Mary Carlton, and Tim Lee) to help with the planning of special events surrounding this conference. As you all know, our NASPSPA members make critical contributions to the scientific literature and share that information annually at the conference. But, in my opinion, NASPSPA is more than a scientific organization; it is a supportive, collegial, and stimulating professional home. I look forward to interacting with you in Montreal in 2016—don't forget your passport!—and I anticipate celebrating our 50th in San Diego in 2017!

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Deadline for Abstract Submission

Please visit the website (<http://naspspa.com/2016-conference>) for abstract submission deadlines.

Nominations for Distinguished Scholar and Early Career Distinguished Scholar Awards

Please consider nominating a deserving colleague for the Distinguished Scholar Award or Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award. The purpose of these awards is to recognize NASPSPA members who have outstanding records of scholarship and have made long-term contributions to the field (and are at least 25 years beyond their doctorate) or are in the early stages of their career (up to 7 years postdoctorate), respectively. Please see the NASPSPA policy manual (<http://naspspa.com/policy-manual>) for specific instructions on making a nomination. Send submissions to jletnier@uncg.edu by December 15, 2015.

Graduate Student Awards

Student members of NASPSPA are encouraged to consider applying for student awards. The awards for which you are eligible are the Outstanding Student Paper Award (deadline of February 1, 2016), the Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel (deadlines of September 30, January 31, May 31), and the Graduate Student Research Grant (April 1,

2015). See the policy manual for details. Submit all applications to jletnier@uncg.edu.

Executive Committee Nominations

If you have a colleague you would like to nominate for our upcoming vacancies on the executive committee, please send those names to jletnier@uncg.edu. This year we are looking for candidates for president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and student representative.

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Nous allons à Montréal

Also, please check the NASPSPA website (www.naspspa.com) for updates on the program.

In case you didn't know, Montréal is the second-largest city, after Paris, in which French is the primary language. Mais ne vous inquiétez pas, vous avez encore quelques mois pour pratiquer votre français.

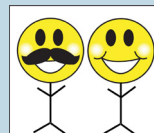
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Being a NASPSPA Student Member: Past to Future

past student activities. This information will be used in planning the student events at the upcoming conference. The student feedback strongly favored the inclusion of the scavenger hunt, supported incorporating physical activity into future student socials, and provided great recommendations for ways to adjust the student-faculty lunch. I am starting to plan the student events and welcome any comments, suggestions, or recommendations from the student body. If you have any input for student events, feel free to contact me at palmerka@umich.edu. All insight is valued!

Finally, if you are interested in playing a bigger role in NASPSPA by organizing student events at the conference and acting as the liaison between student members and the Executive Committee throughout the year, please let me know. The deadline to apply to become next year's student representative is February 1, 2016.

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

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