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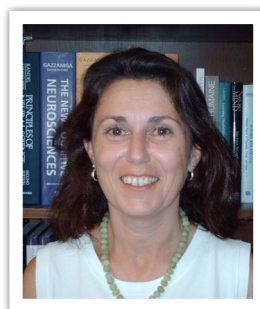
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Looking Forward as NASPSPA Makes History

By Daniela Corbetta, NASPSPA President



Daniela Corbetta

This is a very special year for NASPSPA and also a special moment for me to sit at my computer and write my first president's message for the society's fall newsletter. I have been attending NASPSPA since 1992. Back then, it never occurred to me

that one day I would be elected the society's president. I am honored to take the reins of the society for the next 12 months. NASPSPA and its annual conference have always held a special status for me. Coming from the field of developmental psychology, but also with 10 years of teaching in kinesiology, I have come to appreciate how much the science of physical activity and human movement is critical for human development and well-being. In fact, it is hard to think of any aspect of life that is not related to movement. I look forward to representing our society and promoting its important mission to communities at large.

This past year has been a great learning experience for me. I could not have benefitted

from a better role model for president than Jennifer Etnier (now our past president). She has been truly dedicated to our society and was able to pull the best from all of us on the

Executive Committee

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Executive Committee to move business items forward efficiently. Her attention to critical details and quick problem-solving skills have been remarkable. I was also privileged to have met and worked with three exceptional outgoing members of the Executive Committee. Gaby Wulf just finished her third year on the Executive Committee. Her leadership has been outstanding, and it culminated with a record-breaking conference in terms of attendance and a successful scientific program. Thanks to Gaby and her program committee members, David Wright (Motor Learning and Control), Priscilla Caçola (Motor Development), and Bernd Strauss (Sport & Exercise Psychology), Montréal was attended by 579 registered members. This is an astounding success. Outgoing secretary-treasurer Tom Raedeke has also done wonders for the past 2 years, keeping the society's financial and membership records in check and keeping our minutes with attention to detail and a great sense of humor to boot. Student representative Kara Palmer was a most enthusiastic and energetic organizer, working unwaveringly on behalf of our student members to make sure they would stay connected and informed, and she always got the best deals at the conference. I want to thank again Gaby, Tom, and Kara for their fantastic contribution to the society. Finally, I extend my thanks to two other special individuals. Site coordinator Penny McCullagh works relentlessly every year behind the scenes to identify attractive locations with nice, affordable hotels willing to host our

annual conference. This is no easy job, and Penny's continued dedication to this enterprise is priceless. In fact, I wonder what NASPSPA will do when Penny decides to pass on this job. Mo Weiss as our past president's liaison is also amazing. I am so glad to have her on board. Her role in ensuring continuity and providing historical perspective on many aspects of the society is really key. Special thanks to Penny and Mo for their valuable presence and roles on the Executive Committee(EC).

This year is also a new beginning for three of our new incoming EC members. Steve Bray is joining us as our new president-elect, Leah Robinson will be our new secretary-treasurer, and Tayo Moss will be our new student representative. Congrats to all of three you on having been elected, and welcome to the EC board. I look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

As you all know, this coming year NASPSPA will celebrate its 50th anniversary! Yes, for those of us who think we have been around a while, we have seen only bits and pieces of the society's history. NASPSPA was founded in 1967, with A.T. Slater-Hammel (a motor control researcher) as its first president. You can see a picture of him with a research participant at this [Indiana University archive site](#). Slater-Hammel's initial presidency was then followed by a superb line of well-known and exemplary researchers who led the society up to today (in appendix H of our [policy manual](#) you can check the complete list of past officers who served the society over the past 50 years). I know that Jenny Etnier

and Penny McCullagh have been working very hard this past year to prepare for this historical meeting and to make it unforgettable for all of us who will be in attendance. There will be several unique commemorative events at the meeting in addition to the regular scientific program (please check out Jenny's column for details). I hope everyone is planning to submit strong abstracts to present at the 2017 NASPSPA conference, which will be held at the superb Catamaran hotel in San Diego, California, and everyone is also excited to come learn about NASPSPA's rich history as a scholarly society. There are three dates to remember in relation to this 50th-anniversary celebration:

November 1 to December 15, 2016, is the window for symposia submissions; **December 1, 2016, to January 17, 2017**, is the window for submissions for open communications. **June 4 to 8, 2017**, are the dates of the conference. This year the conference will be held from Sunday to Thursday; make sure to plan accordingly.

Now is also the time of year to remind our society members to nominate candidates for upcoming vacancies on the Executive Committee and for society awards. We will be seeking to fill three positions on the executive committee next year. These are president-elect (from motor development or motor control and learning), communication director (from sport and exercise psychology), and student representative. Send your nominations to me (dcorbett@utk.edu) no later than **December 15, 2016**.

Nominations are also sought for the Distinguished

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Scholar Award. This award aims to recognize longtime society members with at least 25 years of continuous scholarly contributions in their specialty areas. You can also nominate junior colleagues for the *Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award*. This award is for NASPSPA members who have obtained their doctorate no more than 8 years before the year of nomination. This means that for receiving the award in 2017, the nominated individuals must have received their doctorate no earlier than calendar year 2009. See [the policy manual](#) for details and eligibility criteria for these awards. Nominations for these awards must include a 2- to 3-page justification and must be sent to [me via e-mail](#) by **December 15, 2016**, as well.

Graduate students, please consult Tayo Moss's column. You have the opportunity to apply for the Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel by **January 31, 2017**,

and the Graduate Student Research Grant to support your research by **April 1, 2017**. You need to be a society member in good standing to be eligible for these awards, so make sure to renew your membership on time. Applications for these awards should also be e-mailed to me (see the policy manual for more details on these great opportunities).

Finally, here's a reminder that Human Kinetics is giving an annual Excellence in Research Awards (\$750) for the best paper and an annual Excellence in Reviewing Awards (\$250) for the best reviewer for each of the two official journals of NASPSPA: *Journal of Motor Learning and Development (JMLD)* and *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (JSEP)*. Thus, consider submitting your work to either of these journals and consider helping these journals with the peer-reviewing process. The winners of those awards can use the funds for travel to and presentation at the next NASPSPA conference.

I look forward to a productive and unique year ahead.

Nominations for President-Elect, Communications Director, 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 and should be sent to the President (dcorbett@utk.edu). Nominations received by December 15, 2016 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 2017.

PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

50th Anniversary NASPSPA Conference in 2017

By Jennifer Etnier, NASPSPA Past President



Jennifer Etnier

I hope you are having a wonderful Fall and are off to a great start in this academic year. I know you are anxious to hear more about our 50th-anniversary conference, which will take place June 4 to 8, 2017, at the beautiful [Catamaran Resort](#) in

San Diego. Please note that we are on a different pattern this year than in previous years. We will be starting the conference on a Sunday and intend to include some programming that afternoon and evening. We will then have scientific and anniversary programming Monday through Wednesday with the banquet on Wednesday night. I hope you are planning to join us for our scientific program and our many special events to commemorate our 50th anniversary!

As you know, NASPSPA has been to this location previously, and it is truly a special place. The Catamaran Resort is on Mission Bay, where we have easy access to the Pacific Ocean (you can literally see both Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean from the resort!), beach activities, a beautiful 3-19 mile boardwalk (the Ocean Front and Bayside Walk), and other nearby vacation destinations like Sea World (~4 miles), Balboa Park (~10 miles), and even Disneyland (~90 miles).

So, I hope you are excited about this vacation destination!

Before talking more about the meeting, I want to thank our area program chairs who will be working diligently to put together a strong scientific program. They have recruited colleagues to serve on their committees and are working closely with the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee to coordinate the Anniversary events.

The Motor Development committee is chaired by Jackie Goodway (Ohio State University) and her committee members are Dr. Mary Rudisill (Auburn University), Matthieu Lenoir (University of Ghent, Belgium), Nadia Cristina Valentini (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil), John Cairney (McMaster University, Canada), Ting Liuv (Texas State University), Ali Brian (University of South Carolina), and Eva D'Hondt (Vrije University, Belgium).

The Motor Learning and Control committee is chaired by Shannon Ringenbach (Arizona



Catamaran Resort, San Diego

State University) and includes Jeffrey Haddad (Purdue University), Louisa Raisbeck (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Rajiv Ranganathan (Michigan State University), Diane Ste. Marie (University of Ottawa, Canada), Breanna Studenka (Utah State University), and Stephan Swinnen (KU Leuven, Belgium).

The Sport and Exercise Psychology committee is chaired by Nick Myers (Michigan State University) and the members are Yu Kai Chang (National Taiwan Sport University, Taiwan),

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Katrien Fransen (KU Leuven, Belgium), Katie Gunnell (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada), Ben Jackson (University of Western Australia, Australia), Chris Janelle (University of Florida), Miranda Kaye (Pennsylvania State University), Leapetswe Malete (Michigan State University), Catherine Sabiston (University of Toronto, Canada), and Bernd Strauss (University of Munster, Germany).

I also want to thank our 50th Anniversary Planning Committee which is led by Penny McCullagh and includes Mary Carlton, Tim Lee, Tayo Moss, Kara Palmer, Chris Rhea, Glyn Roberts, Mo Weiss, and Jill Whittall. This committee will be recruiting other NASPSPA members to assist



Janus - Roman god of beginnings, gates, transitions, and endings.

them and will be working with the area program chairs to organize the special programming associated with our 50th anniversary.

So, let me tell you a bit about the programming for this conference which will be unique because of this being our 50th-anniversary celebration. In particular, we will be using time slots typically reserved for the Human Kinetics Lecture and the Keynote Lectures as opportunities for Anniversary programming related to celebrating our history and looking forward to the future. I know this is a big change and will be a bit of an adjustment for our regular conference attendees, but I expect that we will put these time slots to extremely good use and that you will enjoy the change for this one special year. The Human Kinetics Lecture will be replaced with a combined session that will include SEP, MLC, and MD in the provision of a foundational, historical perspective of these areas. The Keynote Lectures will be replaced by Janus Symposia. This name makes reference to the Roman god of beginnings, gates, transitions, and endings. Each area (SEP, MLC, MD) will be given a time slot for a "looking backward/looking forward" symposium. In addition to these special sessions, we also intend to offer beach-side chats. These will take a variety of formats but will offer an opportunity for more informal conversation that is focused on valuing our membership and reflecting on our history.

In San Diego, we will have the opportunity to hear from our Early Career Distinguished Scholars, **Dr. Tony Carlsen** (University of Ottawa) and **Dr. Ben Jackson** (University of Western Australia). Please see page 7 for more information about Tony and Ben and their accomplishments!

I now encourage you to start thinking about your own submission to next year's conference. If you are examining a research topic that is also being explored by colleagues at other institutions, consider putting together an interdisciplinary symposium to talk about your different perspectives on the topic. The website will be open for symposium submissions from November 1, 2016-December 15, 2016. If you would like to present a poster or to give an oral presentation, please plan on submitting your abstract between December 1, 2016 and January 17, 2017. Please submit your best work and we look forward to reading about your scholarship!

If you have specific questions regarding the 50th Anniversary program, please contact [Penny McCullagh](#). If you have specific questions regarding the abstract submission process, please contact [Jenny Etnier](#). If you have questions about a particular abstract, please contact the appropriate area program chair: [Shannon Ringenbach](#) (Motor Learning and Control), [Jackie Goodway](#) (Motor Development), or [Nick Myers](#) (Sport and Exercise Psychology).

AWARDS

JSEP AND JMLD Awards

Human Kinetics has continued with annual 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 2016 Business Meeting in Montreal, Canada, the winners of these awards were recognized.

Excellence in Research Awards

JMLD: An External Focus of Attention Improves Stability After a Perturbation During a Dynamic Balance Task.

Authors: Ducharme, S. W., & Wu, W. F.

JSEP: Cognitively engaging chronic physical activity, but not aerobic exercise, affects executive functions in primary school children. A group-randomized controlled trial.

Authors: Schmidt, M., Jäger, K., Egger, F., Roebbers, C., & Conzelmann, A.



As the 2016 recipients of the JMLD and JSEP Excellence in Research Awards, Dr. Scott Ducharme and Dr. Will Wu and Dr. Mirko Schmidt received plaques from Jenny Etnier, NASPSPA President.



Excellence in Review Awards

JMLD: Priscila Caçola (University of Texas at Arlington)-not pictured

JSEP: Sarah Buck (Chicago State University)



As one of the 2016 recipients of the JSEP Excellence in Reviewing Award, Dr. Sarah Buck receives a plaque from Jenny Etnier, NASPSPA President.

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Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

Drs. Tony Carlsen and Ben Jackson are the 2016 recipients of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement of scholars who are in the early stages of their scientific careers. Drs. Carlsen and Jackson will give presentations at the 2017 annual meeting in San Diego. We are proud that these productive, thoughtful young scholars are committed NASPSPA members and look forward to their presentations in San Diego.

Congratulations to Tony and Ben!

Dr. Tony Carlsen completed his PhD at the University of British Columbia under the supervision of Dr. Ian Franks in 2008 and spent two years as a National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) funded postdoctoral fellow at Northwestern University in Chicago. He is currently an associate professor at the University of Ottawa. His main research interests include determining the brain structures and processes in humans that are involved in preparing for movement and how modulating this activity can lead to improvements in people's lives. Dr. Carlsen is conducting cutting-edge research using brain stimulation techniques like tDCS and TMS to look at brain activation patterns leading up to movement initiation, and he is extensively published in the area. Tony was a past recipient of the Franklin Henry Young

Scientist Award from the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS) and currently is secretary treasurer for SCAPPS. In the nomination letter for this award, Dr. Carlsen was described as "an outstanding scholar who will be a major leader in the field of motor control." When he's not in the lab you can find him out pounding the pavement desperately trying to keep his running endurance and speed edge over his graduate students.

Dr. Ben Jackson received his PhD under the supervision of Dr. Mark Beauchamp from the University of Leeds in 2008. In May of that year, Ben began postdoctoral work as a research associate at the University of Western Australia (UWA) and has been in his current role of senior lecturer since March 2015. Ben's research is based in the Psychology of Active, Healthy Living group at UWA, where he uses a range of methodological and statistical approaches to address novel research questions focused primarily on understanding and promoting physical activity involvement and outcomes. As an example, Ben was among the first in the field of sport and exercise psychology to use actor-partner interdependence modeling to analyze data exploring tripartite efficacy beliefs. Ben has demonstrated his high commitment to professional service through his work with graduate students, his service as an associate editor for the *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*,

and his role as an editorial board member for *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*; *Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology*; and *Frontiers in Psychology*. Ben was previously the recipient of Early Career Awards from the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity and from the Australian Research Council, and he is currently coediting a forthcoming book titled *Persuasion and Communication in Sport, Exercise, and Physical Activity*. In sum, one of Ben's references describes him as "a generous, caring, and extraordinarily productive early career scholar who has the ability to help lead the community of scholars that is NASPSPA for decades to come."



As the 2016 recipients of the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award, Drs. Tony Carlsen(left) and Ben Jackson(right) were recognized by President Jenny Etner during the 2016 Business Meeting. Both awardees will be giving their talks at the 50th Anniversary Conference at NASPSPA 2017 in San Diego, California.

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Distinguished Scholar Award

With its Distinguished Scholar Award, NASPSPA recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented within the society. Nominees are at least 25 years beyond their doctorate and have a continuous record of scholarship that has made a significant contribution to the knowledge base in their subdiscipline. The 2016 recipients of the award are Dr. Richard Magill and Dr. Maureen Weiss. We congratulate Dick and Mo on their receipt of this award.

Dr. Richard Magill was nominated for the award by Drs. Tim Lee, Robert Christina, Glyn Roberts, George Stelmach, and Jerry Thomas, and his nomination was endorsed by the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee. Over the course of his career, Dr. Magill has focused his research on practice-related variables that influence motor-skill acquisition and performance. He has made invaluable contributions to our understanding of the contextual interference effect, practice strategies related to implicit and explicit learning, and the role of augmented feedback in skill learning. His text *Motor Learning and Control: Concepts and Applications* (coauthored with David Anderson, also a NASPSPA member) is now in its 11th edition and is foundational reading for researchers, teachers, and coaches who have an interest in this field. In addition to his own scholarship, Dr. Magill has made enduring contributions to motor learning and control

through his strong mentorship and unwavering support of his graduate students who themselves have gone on to illustrious careers. Dr. Magill's service contributions include serving as secretary-treasurer and president of NASPSPA, secretary-treasurer and president of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education (now called the National Academy of Kinesiology), and editor in chief of *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*. In sum, Dr. Magill's commitment to NASPSPA and his productive career support Dr. Magill's receipt of this prestigious award. As his nominators describe him, Dr. Magill is "one of NASPSPA's most distinguished scientists, one who has produced motor learning research and writing of the highest quality over a 40-year career."

Dr. Maureen Weiss was nominated for the award by Drs. Alan Smith, Deborah Feltz, Beverly Ulrich, and Diane Gill, and her nomination was endorsed by the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee. Over the past 35 years, Dr. Weiss has substantially shaped the conceptual direction of developmental sport psychology. Her research has focused on the intersection of developmental, motivational, and social implications of youth sport participation. Her attention to the integration of these themes has resulted in advancements in our understanding of sport and physical activity as a context for promoting youth development, with specific



The 2016 Distinguished Scholar Dr. Maureen Weiss receiving award from NASPSPA President, Dr. Jennifer Etnier.



The 2016 Distinguished Scholar Dr. Richard Magill (with nominator Dr. Tim Lee, NASPSPA President, Dr. Jennifer Etnier, and nominator Dr. Glynn Roberts)

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research interests in motivation, social relationships, self-perceptions, observational learning, and moral development. Dr. Weiss' consistent contributions to theoretically driven research are reflected in her edited text *Developmental Sport and Exercise Psychology: A Life Span Perspective*, which demonstrates the maturation of this line of work. Adopting a developmental

approach, Dr. Weiss has also committed herself to the training of her graduate students as she provides a nurturing environment with high expectations. As a result of her mentorship, many of Dr. Weiss' students have gone on to make their own scholarly contributions. Dr. Weiss' service contributions are also noteworthy and include serving as secretary-treasurer, president, and past president's liaison for NASPSPA, president of the National Academy of Kinesiology, president of the Research Consortium of AAHPERD,

president of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology, editor in chief for *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, and editor in chief for *Kinesiology Review*. In sum, Dr. Weiss' nomination letter expresses that "developmental sport psychology and kinesiology are in a stronger, more mature place because of Professor Weiss's career-long excellence in scholarship," and coupled with her commitment to NASPSPA, Dr. Weiss is clearly very deserving of this esteemed award.

President's Award

Jill Whitall received the President's Award at the 2016 Business Meeting. President Jennifer Etnier presented a gift to Jill in recognition of her long-term service to NASPSPA.



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 8 years before nomination are eligible for the award. Nominations may be made to the president (dcorbett@utk.edu) by any NASPSPA member. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 2016. Nominations information is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com)

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 (dcorbett@utk.edu) by December 15, 2016. Any current NASPSPA member may nominate appropriate candidates. Nomination information for all awards is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com)

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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.

2016 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award

The 2016 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners were Till Utesch (University of Münster), Chaoyi Wang (Texas A&M University), and Jenna Gilchrist (University of Toronto).



2016 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants

The 2016 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants were awarded to Ana Kovacevic (McMaster University), Natalie Lander (Deakin University), and Rebecca Wiener (University of Tennessee) (not pictured).



2016 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel

Rebecca Chow (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada) was awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel.



Join Us for NASPSA's 50th Anniversary

by Penny McCullagh

This year marks the 50th anniversary of NASPSA. We will meet at the beautiful Catamaran Resort Hotel in San Diego from Sunday, June 4, through Wednesday, June 8. Here are some important details about this year's conference.

- This conference will begin with programming on Sunday evening and end with a beach party on Wednesday evening, so plan to arrive by Sunday late in the day and stay through Wednesday evening.
- Book your hotel room early! The Catamaran is a very popular hotel and sells out most nights in the summer. We have great rates at \$189 for single, double, triple, or quad. You can cancel with no penalty if you do so early.
 - When you go to the website, select your dates and then select standard room. You can either keep or select an upgrade (if available). If you select upgrade, the additional fee is added to your price for your entire stay.
 - ◊ Garden View Studio is in the Tower building and has a dining table and kitchenette.
 - ◊ Bay View Suite is in two-story buildings, and you can select a one-bedroom suite.
 - ◊ Bay View Studio is on the higher floors in the Tower building and has a dining table and kitchenette.

[Catamaran Resort Hotel Reservations](#)

Historical Program

NASPSA has created a 50th planning committee: Mary Carlton, Tim Lee, Penny McCullagh, Tayo Moss, Kara Palmer, Chris Rhea, Glyn Roberts, Mo Weiss, Jill Whitall. Here are some of the exciting events in the planning:

- Timeline of NASPSA
- Special historical scientific symposia
- Family Trees
- Recognition of distinguished scholars, young scientists, and other notable NASPSA members
- Student events
- Photo collections

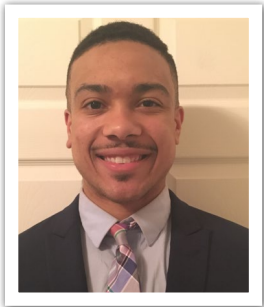
If you have ideas or want to assist, please forward a message to naspspsa50th@gmail.com. Fly in to San Diego airport. Ground transportation information will be posted on the web.

Upcoming Conference Deadlines

- November 1, 2016: Anyone buying a membership from this date onwards will be given 2016 membership.
- November 1, 2016 - December 15, 2016: The website is open for symposium submissions only.
- January 10, 2017: Decisions for symposia acceptances announced.
- December 1, 2016 - January 17, 2017: Website open for oral and poster presentation submissions.
- March 1-15, 2017: Decisions for presentations announced.
- June 4-8, 2017: Conference

Student Representative's Column

by Tayo Moss



Tayo Moss

Greetings, NASPSPA student members! I hope the remainder of your summer was enjoyable and productive. I am absolutely shocked that our conference was two months ago and that fall semester is already upon us. It seems like yesterday that we were

enjoying the beautiful city of Montreal. I would like to thank and give a huge shout-out to all the student presenters at the 2016 conference. The student body provided a wonderful collection of strong verbal and poster research presentations, which definitely contributed to the success of NASPSPA.

I would also like to acknowledge the student members who were recognized at the 2016 conference for their hard work. Congratulations to Jenna Gilchrist, Till Utesch, and Chaoyi Wang for their Outstanding Student Paper Awards; to Matthew Stork, Ana Kovacevik, Natalie Lander, and Rebecca Wiener for receiving Graduate Student Research Grants; and to Rebecca Chow for being awarded the International Travel Grant. Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank last year's student representative, Kara Palmer, for her exceptional work that went into organizing the student activities in Montreal. Her dedication to enhance the professional environment of

the NASPSPA organization was clearly evident. Thank you, Kara, for all of your hard work and for making the 2016 conference one for the books!

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. I have included a summary, and further details are available on the [NASPSPA website](#). Think ahead because it's never too early to start thinking about applying for these awards!

1. 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 (i.e., motor development, motor learning and control, sport and exercise psychology). Application portions for this award are due in January of 2017 and require submission of a short abstract, a five-page abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Recipients of this award will receive a \$200 prize and have their conference registration fee waived.
2. Do you want to present at a conference outside North America but you're not 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 September 30, January 31, and May 31. 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.

3. 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, 2017: 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.

Looking to 2017, the NASPSPA Conference will be held in San Diego, California, June 4 to 8. I look forward to getting to know all of you more and holding events that provide students with beneficial 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,

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do not hesitate to contact me at mossomot@msu.edu. With regard to the student social, I welcome any ideas or suggestions for possible

venues and activities in San Diego.

If you are interested in playing a bigger role in NASPSPA 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, 2017.

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

Tribute to Jennifer Romack

by Rosa Angulo-Barroso

Jennifer Romack, PhD, professor in kinesiology at California State University at Northridge (CSUN), passed away Sunday, April 24, 2016.

A huge, vibrant smile is the first thing we all think about when remembering Jennifer. She loved and enjoyed life while making many scholarly contributions. She applied Benjamin Franklin's quote to her professional activities: "Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I will learn." In recognition for her extraordinary record of contribution to the learning experience of her students and to her field of study, Jennifer received a CSUN Outstanding Faculty Award in 2014.



Jennifer Romack

Jennifer showed an extraordinary record of dynamic teaching excellence, wide-ranging service across the CSU Northridge community, and contributions in her field of study with an emphasis in childhood physical activity. She

made the enhancement of student learning a central focus through not only service-learning projects but also actively assessing effectiveness as part of her research agenda. She was active in the campus Tiered Mentoring Program, where students participate in researching and promoting children's physical activity—a shining example of how to change the community for the better.

Jennifer proved herself as a scholar who modeled the use and investigation of service learning. She was most instrumental in institutionalizing service learning on CSUN campus, setting and demonstrating high standards for high-quality pedagogy, and helping to establish CSUN as a national leader in service-learning research and practice. For this, Jennifer received a Visionary Community Service-Learning Award in 2006.

Many of us describe Jennifer as an amazing teacher and scholar who presented her opinions in an authentic and outgoing manner. She was fundamentally honest to herself and maintained humor at the tips of fingers at all times, almost like a child, but a child with great courage and

determination. She fought an illness for more than 10 years. When her illness returned, Jennifer created a card titled "The Mighty-Mini SheWarrior." Many of us carried that card and visualized bands of Mighty-Mini SheWarriors attacking her illness. She was indeed an extraordinary warrior. Many of us we were in awe as we witnessed her fight the fight with determination, fierceness, courage, persistence, and humor.

Jennifer's daughter was a huge force guiding her efforts; family was a critical value in Jennifer's life. Jennifer was happy her daughter was accepted to several top-tier graduate programs and wanted to see her graduate. She had told friends that she wanted to see her daughter graduating even if it was through web streaming, but she did not want her family to suffer along her bedside for long after that. Graduation was Saturday, and Sunday was another day, and Jennifer just let it go when she thought it was the best time for her family. Our hearts collectively ache for the loss of our amazing friend and colleague. Jennifer was a longstanding member of NASPSPA.

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 2016 including: Dr. Gabrielle Wulf (Past-President), Dr. Tom Raedeke (Secretary-Treasurer), and Kara Palmer (Student Representative).



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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The NASPSPA 2016 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes can also be accessed via the [NASPSPA website](#), in the documents titled: “Pre-Conference Meeting Minutes 2016 [DRAFT]”, “Business Meeting Minutes 2016 [DRAFT]”, and “Post-Conference Meeting Minutes 2016 [DRAFT]”. Official minutes will not be posted until approved during the Fall Executive Committee Meeting.

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