

2016 Pre-Conference Student Newsletter



This newsletter was created by Anna Finley, Katie Garrison, Lauren Neal, Natalie Ulrich, and Jolie Wormwood of the SPR committee to Promote Student Interests, with a big thank you to Scott Burwell for compiling the list of things to see and do in Minneapolis. The newsletter is sent to current student and general members. Please forward to your own students and any interested colleagues!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

https://www.sprweb.org/annual_meeting/registration/

Registration Deadline for Early Registration Fee Rate and Events: **September 16, 2016**



For more information on the conference (program, schedule, etc.), make sure to check out the **SPR Conference App** on your mobile device!

FEATURED STUDENT EVENT: Early Career Conversation Hour

“Surviving and Thriving as a Psychophysiology Graduate Student”

A long-time event at the SPR Annual Meeting, the Early Career Conversation Hour is a great opportunity for student members to ask questions and receive advice from senior and early career members of SPR. This year’s Early Career Conversation Hour will take place on Thursday, September 22 from 12:00pm until 1:30pm at Gray’s Bar on the 8th floor. **A light lunch will be included with this FREE event.**

This year, the ECCH will feature not only a panel of experts, but also a breakout into small groups to encourage networking and personalized advice. All student members are encouraged to attend, and asked to RSVP when registering for the conference. **RSVPs should be confirmed by September 16.** For any questions about this event, please contact Dr. Philip Gable (pagable@gmail.com).

Exciting Things to Do and See in Minneapolis!

Getting around the Twin Cities:

- Getting from the MSP Airport to your hotel in Minneapolis is cheap and easy using [MetroTransit's](#) Light Rail Transit (LRT) and MetroTransit buses (~\$1.75-\$2.25 per fare). LRT routes service both MSP Airport terminals, Mall of America, Downtown Minneapolis, and Downtown Saint Paul. The trip from MSP Airport to Downtown Minneapolis is a short 25 minutes via LRT. MetroTransit kiosks (at LRT stops) accept cash and card. MetroTransit buses accept cash (exact change required) and have routes throughout the greater Minneapolis/Saint Paul region. **Tip:** the Google Maps app is enabled for MetroTransit trip-planning.
- Plenty of Taxi/Uber/Lyft options also exist in the Twin Cities Area.

Local Attractions:

- **See Minneapolis!** The [Stone Arch Bridge](#) area, just over a mile northeast of the convention center, possesses must-see views of the Minneapolis skyline. Also, be sure to take in one of the best views in town from the observation deck (the "Endless Bridge") at the [Guthrie Theater](#); theater tickets not required for access to the observation deck. Afterwards, take a stroll across the Stone Arch Bridge, over the [Saint Anthony Falls](#), to the east side of the river (towards the university) where there are bountiful park benches as well as several restaurants ([Tuggs](#) [\$], [Wilde Roast](#) [\$\$], and [Aster Café](#) [\$\$\$]) with patio seating.
- **Take me out to the ballgame!** The Marriott Downtown Hotel is located less than half a mile away from [Target Field](#). Catch the Minnesota Twins play the Detroit Tigers and the Seattle Mariners.



- **In the mood for art?** Check out the [Walker Art Center](#) and adjacent outdoor [Minneapolis Sculpture Garden](#) (home of the "Spoonbridge"). These popular attractions are a short jaunt from the Marriott Downtown Hotel along Hennepin Avenue, through the [Loring Greenway](#), and across the street from Loring Park. Catch a taxi a few blocks southwest to visit the [Minneapolis Institute of Art](#) (a local favorite!) or towards the University of Minnesota to the [Weisman Art Museum](#).

- **Want to learn more about Minneapolis' history?** Along the west side of the Mississippi river (towards downtown) is [Mill City Museum](#), a tribute to Minneapolis' industrial past.
- It wouldn't be a trip to the "City of Waters" without actually seeing some water! About 2 miles south of the convention center, grab a coffee on Hennepin Avenue in Uptown at [Spyhouse](#) (\$) or [Isles Bun & Coffee](#) (\$) and stroll along Minneapolis' chain of lakes, including Lake of the Isles (2.6 mi.; 4.3 km circumference), Lake Calhoun (3.1 mi.; 5 km), Cedar Lake (2.8 mi.; 4.6 km), and Lake Harriet (2.8 mi.; 4.5 km).



Nightlife:



- **Have a cocktail from the top floors of Minneapolis' original skyscraper.** Built in 1929 and modeled after the Washington Monument, the 27th floor of the iconic [Foshay Tower](#) is home to [Prohibition Bar](#) (\$\$\$), a speakeasy style cocktail bar that is not to miss.
- **Minneapolis has a bustling brewery and taproom scene!** Grab a pint a few blocks from the Marriott Downtown Hotel at [Fulton Taproom](#) or [Sysiphus Brewery](#). A short car ride (2.6 mi.; 4 km) from the Marriott Downtown Hotel can take visitors to Minneapolis' brewery and taproom hotbed, locally referred to as "Northeast." Behind the famous [Grain Belt Premium sign](#) overlooking the Mississippi River, this artsy neighborhood has a number of lively taprooms with good beer and cider. Some recommended locations include: [Dangerous Man Brewing](#), [Indeed Brewing](#), [Bauhaus Brew Labs](#), and [Sociable Cider Werks](#). **Tip:** while breweries do not serve food in Minneapolis, most provide on-site food-trucks or allow delivery from nearby establishments.

Some Must-See Invited Addresses at SPR 2016!

Randy Buckner, PhD

“Large-Scale Networks: Organization, Interactions, and Measurement in the Individual”

Saturday, September 24, 2016

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Dr. Buckner is a Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, affiliated with the Center for Brain Science, at Harvard University. He is also the Director of the [Psychiatric Neuroimaging Research Division](#) at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and faculty of the [Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging](#). Dr. Buckner uses behavioral, neuroimaging, and computational approaches to study human brain network organization and the influence of genetics on behavior and neuropsychiatric illness. [See more](#)



Prof. Dr. med. Pascal Fries

“Rhythms for Cognition: Communication Through Coherence”

Friday, September 23, 2016

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Dr. Fries is a Professor of Systems Neuroscience at Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands. He is a scientific member of the Max Planck Society, one of Germany’s most successful research organizations, and Director of the [Max Planck Institute for Neurobiology](#) in Martinsried, Germany. He is also the Director of the [Ernst Strüngmann Institute \(ESI\)](#) for Neuroscience in Cooperation with the Max Planck Society. Dr. Fries studies the function and mechanisms of neural synchronization. [See more](#)



Kia Anna Nobre, FBA, MAE

“Temporal Expectations in the Human Brain”

Thursday, September 22, 2016

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Dr. Kia Nobre is Director of the [Oxford centre for Human Brain Activity \(OHBA\)](#). She is the Statutory Chair in Translational Neuroscience at Oxford, a Professorial Fellow at Oxford’s St. Catherine’s College, and head of the [Brain & Cognition Lab](#). She studies the neural systems that support cognitive functions in the brain, including how neural activity involved in perception and cognition is modulated by memories, task goals, and expectations. [See more](#)



Other Can't Miss Events for Students at SPR 2016!

Pre-Conference Workshops

Registration and fees required: https://www.sprweb.org/annual_meeting/program/

Pre-Conference Workshop #1: ERP Mini-Boot Camp

Tuesday, September 20, 2016: 10am-6pm; Wednesday, September 21, 2016: 8:30am-4:30pm

Two-day condensed workshop with lectures and demonstrations by Steve Luck tightly linked with his book, *An Introduction to the Event-Related Potential Technique* (2nd ed).

Pre-Conference Workshop #2: Time-Frequency Decomposition: Methods and Challenges

Wednesday, September 21, 2016: 9am-4:30pm

This day-long workshop with Michael X. Cohen will focus on producing time-frequency power and phase plots from any neural time series dataset with a repeated trial structure.

Pre-Conference Workshop #3: Multilevel Modeling

Wednesday, September 21, 2016: 9am-4:30pm

This day-long workshop with Jennifer Krull aims to provide the conceptual and pragmatic knowledge you need to immediately begin analyzing psychophysiological data with MLM.

SPR Diversity Celebration Reception:

Thursday, September 22, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., St. Croix (6th Floor).

All attendees are invited to a reception celebrating the rich diversity of perspectives that can shape our science. This reception offers opportunities for networking and community-building, and for SPR members to share their support and encouragement. Sponsored by the SPR Diversity Committee. We hope you can attend!

Women in Science and Education (WISE) Luncheon:

Friday, September 23, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m., St. Croix (Sixth Floor)

RSVP registration required (no fee).

Please join WISE for a discussion of the art and science of effective mentoring during a speaker and panel discussion, "Mentorship: The Art of Balancing Self and Others". Panelists include former mentor-mentee pairs who will share their experience and advice for developing successful mentoring relationships. The discussion will include both the perspective of the mentor and the protégé and will touch on points such as how to seek out valuable mentorship, the features of effective mentorship, how to develop effective mentoring skills, and how effective mentoring can reward both the mentor and mentee. The panel consists of three mentor-mentee pairs (Kara Federmeier/Sarah Laszlo, John Allen/ Laura Zambrano-Vasquez, Greg Miller/Cindy Yee-Bradbury), eager to answer questions and share their experience and ideas with the audience. The luncheon and panel discussion are inclusive and open to all, irrespective of gender or career level. Please direct questions about the event to Natalie Ulrich (natalie.ulrich@psychologie.uni-wuerzburg.de). To register, please check the appropriate box on the SPR registration form or directly contact the SPR Registrar via email at spr@sprweb.org. Confirm your attendance by September 16. Registration for this event is on a first come, first-served basis.

Student Social:

Friday, September 23, 10 pm, Kieran's Irish Pub, 85 N 6th St

Come meet other students and have a great time at the annual Student Social, just two blocks northwest of the conference hotel at [Kieran's Irish Pub!](#) Be sure to bring your SPR badge to make sure you can get in. The first 100 students will receive free drink tickets! We look forward to seeing you there!

General Business Meeting and Luncheon:

Saturday, September 24, 1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m., Ballroom 1 (Lobby Level)

RSVP registration required (\$10/person, students free if registered by September 16).

Join the SPR Board of Directors and fellow SPR attendees at the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon. If you have not already registered for the luncheon with your conference registration, contact the SPR Registrar via email at spr@sprweb.org. Students receive complimentary tickets to the Luncheon if registered by September 16, otherwise tickets are \$10/person. Confirm your attendance by September 16!

Saturday Night Social:

Saturday, September 24, 9 pm-midnight, Ballroom 1 (Lobby Level).

Celebrate the end of the 56th Annual Meeting of SPR at the Saturday Night Social. A great time to unwind and mingle. Don't miss the performance of the SPR Band, featuring some of your fellow SPR members. We hope to see you there!

JOIN US! Committee to Promote Student Interests Meeting:

Friday, September 23, 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Lake Nokomis (8th Floor)

Are you a student or early career member of SPR? Are you interested in meeting other students and faculty passionate about SPR and psychophysiology? Do you have ideas on how to improve student experiences in SPR? Do you want to make an impact planning student events at SPR 2017 in Vienna? If you said yes to any of these questions, you are invited to join the Committee to Promote Student Interests to share your ideas and help make SPR an even better society! Please contact the CPSI chair, Sarah Sass (ssass@uttyler.edu), with any questions.

Traveling Alone? Check out the SPR Room-Share!

Are you traveling alone but want to share a room with someone? The SPR committee to Promote Student Interests is offering a **roommate match** for students. Simply contact Scott Burwell (burwell@umn.edu) if you are interested!



Have an exciting opportunity for our student members or a fun student event planned for the 57th annual SPR conference in 2017? We'd love to highlight it in our next newsletter! Contact Jolie Wormwood at: jbwormwood@gmail.com