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Parties, Papers, and Posters

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Newsletter Editor

The 53rd annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association was a huge success. It was exciting to return to New Orleans, a favorite location among SEPA members. The program included many excellent posters, papers, and invited addresses. I hope you had the opportunity to see the work being done by your colleagues in the region.

The meeting also included several opportunities for members to socialize and to celebrate. The receptions were excellent opportunities to network. Below are a few photos from the reception honoring past presidents and award winners. If you weren't able to attend, you missed some fantastic gumbo!



Slater E. Newman, Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, and Keith Davis, Member-At-Large



Rosemary Hays-Thomas, Administrative Officer, and Stephen H. Hobbs, Past President



Lindsay Holland, CEPO Student Award Chair, and Charles L. Brewer, Past President



Guess who???



Jean Spruill, Past President, James Pate, Incoming President, and Karen S. Calhoun, Past President



Brenda Dawson, Dawson Psychological Associates, John Bolter, The NeuroMedical Center and California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, and Lillian Range, Outgoing President



Deborah Richardson, Incoming President, Don DeBlasio, father of Deborah Richardson, and Jim Jurgens, faculty member at Augusta State University



Harold Moon, Past President

Join Us for More Fun in Charlotte in 2008

*Patricia L. Donat
Newsletter Editor*

The 54th annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association will be held in Charlotte, NC, March 6-9, 2008, at the Westin Charlotte. For more information about the hotel, restaurants, entertainment, and attractions awaiting us, please see the article at the end of the newsletter. Details regarding the program also will be featured in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Watch your email this fall for more information.

The Outstanding Professional Paper Award for 2007

*Keith E. Davis
Award Chair*

This year we had 22 proposals (approximately double last year's number) that were invited to compete for the **Outstanding Professional Paper Award**, an award funded with support from APA's Science Directorate. In order to be eligible for consideration, the presenter must be a professional member, must provide a written manuscript 30 days in advance of the meeting, and must present the paper him/herself. This year of the 22 proposals submitted, two nominees declined to provide the manuscript and three others,

for various reasons, withdraw their papers from consideration. As a result, the committee evaluated a total of 17 manuscripts and presentations (with at least two committee members attending and evaluating each presentation).

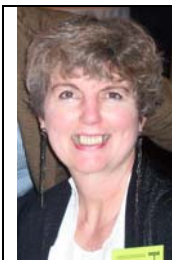


Following the committee's review, we had a tie for the winner. **Dr. Lara Lineweaver** (on left, with Dr. Davis), Butler University, whose topic was "Neither mid-conversation feedback nor age impacts speech complexity to elders," and **Dr. Jackie White** (on right, with Dr. Davis), UNC-Greensboro, whose topic was "Decade of change? Binge drinking and sexual victimization" were our winners. Each received a \$250 check. In addition, a letter was sent to their department chairs and deans. It is worth noting that we had six other presentations receiving high ratings (average ratings of 1.7 or less, where 1 = excellent) both for the written manuscripts and their meeting presentations. The competition was of a very high quality.

The process of selecting a winner depends on the cooperation of both those who submitted papers in advance of the meeting and those faculty members willing to serve on the review committee. I am indebted to the following SEPA members for their dedication and hard work in making this entire process successful: Melissa Harrison, University of South Florida (previous award winner), Donna Webster-Nelson, Winthrop University (previous award winner), Steve Nida, The Citadel, and Debra Sue Pate, Jackson State University. In addition, two other previous winners, Gil Einstein (Furman University) and Robin Kowalski (Clemson University) provided evaluations of the written manuscripts despite not being able to attend the annual meeting this year.

SEPA Outstanding Mentor Award

*Lillian Range
Award Chair*



*The **SEPA Outstanding Mentor Award** has the following criteria:*

- a. Involving large numbers of students in the annual SEPA meeting.*
- b. Shepherding the careers of various members of SEPA.*
- c. Supervising and teaching various members of SEPA.*
- d. Contributing to the professional development of members of SEPA.*

This recognition and financial award are provided with support from an APA Education Directorate grant.

The 2007 nominees were:

Dr. Ann Kathleen Burlew, University of Cincinnati
Dr. Steven Elias, Auburn University, Montgomery
Dr. Jennifer L. (Lucas) Hughes, Agnes Scott College

Dr. Terry L. Maple, Georgia Tech Center for Conservation & Behavior, Georgia Institute of Technology, Zoo Atlanta, Florida Atlantic University
Dr. James P. McHale, University of South Florida – St. Petersburg
Dr. Stephen Nowicki, Emory University
Dr. Merry Sleigh, Winthrop University



In this truly outstanding field, the winner was: **Dr. Stephen Nowicki**, Emory University, who stands out as an impressive mentor with a long-established record of helping undergraduates and graduate students. In 1970, Dr. Nowicki presented his first paper at the annual Southeastern Psychological Association meeting, and he has been a member and strong supporter of the organization since that time. He has presented over 50 papers and posters at Southeastern Psychological Association meetings, usually with undergraduate and graduate students as co-authors. He obviously believes in the importance of disseminating research findings for public review and leads by example.

Dr. Nowicki's nomination letter described him as compassionate, patient, supportive, intelligent, persistent, demanding, challenging, and trustworthy, calling him an experienced and trusted counselor. Congratulations Dr. Nowicki!

The committee members were Drs. Christopher Leone (2006 Winner), Deborah Richardson (2007-2008 SEPA President), and Lillian Range (2006-2007 SEPA President).

The Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award

Maria Lavooy
Award Chair

The Graduate Student Research Award competition was a great success thanks to the efforts of the graduate students who submitted abstracts, the mentors who provided guidance and directed the research efforts of these students, and the judges who reviewed and evaluated the abstracts and the papers that were presented at the 2007 SEPA meeting. The abstracts submitted to the competition represented a diverse number of areas of psychology including clinical/counseling, developmental, ethnic minority/cross-cultural, health psychology, learning & cognition, methodology/statistics, and sexual behavior.

The papers selected for presentation were:

"Using the personality assessment inventory to predict neuropsychological test performance" by **Eugenia S. Hatchett and Kristine M. Jacquin** (Mississippi State University).

"Do questionnaire titles and instructions create context effects?" by **Heather L. Serling and Amanda Boland** (Augusta State University).

"Increasing self, social, and physical efficacy in pre-adolescent girls" by **Natasha Buchanan** (University of Cincinnati).

"Does mindfulness mediate the relationship between sexual assault and PTSD?" by **Kirsten T. Gabriel, Karen S. Calhoun, Erin Hartzell, Lawrence C. Michels, Marcus J. Taylor and Ashley J. Pollard** (University of Georgia).



Congratulations to the winners of the 2007 Award: **Heather L. Serling and Amanda Boland** (pictured at left with Dr. Lavooy), and congratulations to their research mentor, **Dr. Deborah South Richardson**. I'd like to extend a special thanks to the judges who helped me review the abstracts and paper presentations and make the award decision: Lyn Boulter, Catawba College, and Mary Utley, Drury University.

CEPO Report

Lugenia Dixon

CEPO Chair 2006-2007



CEPO programming at the 2007 meeting included a variety of events in support of its mission to promote professional equality for all psychologists, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, or disability. The SEPA/CEPO invited speaker was **Dr. Irene Frieze**. Dr. Frieze is President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), Editor of *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research*, and Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. She also recently authored the book, *Hurting the one you love: Violence in relationships*. Her SEPA/CEPO talk was titled, "Rethinking violence in close relationships: What does the research really say?"



Dr. Lula A. Beatty gave a very informative presentation this year as the featured CEPO Keynote Address. Her talk, "Psychologists making a difference through health disparities research in drug abuse," was attended by 29 people. Lula A. Beatty is Chief of the Special Populations Office, Office of the Director, at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Her responsibilities include developing racial/ethnic minority research and health disparities programs, developing initiatives to encourage the increased participation of underrepresented scholars in drug abuse and addiction research, and monitoring NIDA's support of racial/ethnic minority and health disparities research.



This year the CEPO Address was delivered by **Dr. Loretta McGregor** who gave an interesting talk about the life and accomplishments of Mamie Phipps Clark. Dr. McGregor's talk was titled, "More than Child's Play: The Life and Legacy of Mamie Phipps Clark." Dr. McGregor is Department Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology at Arkansas State University at Jonesboro.

The CEPO/Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Program was chaired by Dr. Rosemary E. Phelps and co-chaired by Dr. Georgia B. Calhoun. Again this year, the CEPO/Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Program was a huge success. One hundred and forty-seven students submitted abstracts and 131 of the abstracts were accepted and presented at the SEPA meeting. Ninety-six of the students who presented were also Psi Chi members. The first author of each research project received a program book containing abstracts of all of the research that was presented as part of the CEPO/Psi Chi

Undergraduate Research Program. Drs. Phelps and Calhoun extend a sincere thank you to all of the reviewers. A special thank you is also given to the past chairs, Dr. Lyn Boulter and Dr. Karen Horner, for their support during the year.



Dr. Lindsay Holland chaired CEPO's Student Research Award. This award is open to graduate and undergraduate students for research focusing on women and/or minorities. This year there were two first place awards at \$250.00 each. The winner in Minority Issues was **Robert Maddox** (on left, with Dr. Holland), Augusta State University. The title of his paper was "Right-wing authoritarianism, religion, and attitudes towards homosexuals and bisexuals." The winner in Women's Issues was **Joseph R. Bauer** (on right, with Dr. Holland), Queen's University of Charlotte. The title of his paper was "Effects of a brief STD intervention with university women." CEPO encourages faculty advisors to support their students in submitting materials for next year's award.

Dr. Comfort Asanbe chaired the CEPO Minority Interest Group. The topic for the program was "Exploring medical/health psychology career path for minority students." The program explored psychology careers in medical settings. **Dr. Erlete M. Ascencao**, Meharry School of Medicine, and **Dr. Comfort B. Asanbe** shared information about training and relevant experiences required for professional opportunities in hospitals and mental health clinics. The speakers discussed the experience required for providing clinical and administrative services to populations that include patients with HIV/AIDS, as well as information about psychology internships and research with vulnerable populations in medical settings.

The CEPO Graduate Network, chaired by Dr. Amy Shadoin, focused on professional and training issues of concern to graduate students. Graduate students, prospective graduate students, and parents of prospective graduate students attended a workshop offering information on applying to graduate school, locating funding for training and research, acquiring mentors, applying for internships, and transitioning to the job market. The CEPO Graduate Network also hosted a mentoring dinner at the Crescent City Brew House. Approximately 30 students and faculty mentors attended this casual, off-site, social event. The purpose of the event was to increase students' SEPA contacts and provide them with opportunities to receive informal career guidance.

The CEPO at Night film was "Crash." Crash is a 2005 movie written by Paul Haggis and Robert Moresco. The movie explores the complexities of race in an urban environment. Fourteen students attended the showing of the movie.

Finally, I conclude in announcing that I will not be returning as CEPO Chair. I want to thank everyone who worked with me on the CEPO program over the past two years,

including all the subcommittee chairs and speakers. A special thank you goes to Dr. Patricia Donat who encouraged me to accept the Chair position. Dr. Pamela G. Banks, Jackson State University, will serve as the new CEPO Chair. Dr. Banks is a former CEPO/Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Program Chair.

The SEPA History Project, 2007

*James L. Pate
SEPA Historian*

The SEPA History Project involves two very different components. The most obvious part of the Project is the organization of symposia and addresses for the annual meeting. The History of Departments of Psychology in the Southeast Symposium and the Eminent Southeastern Psychologists Symposium (organized with Debra Sue Pate, Jackson State University) are presented at the annual meeting. The Historian's address also is presented annually. Other history symposia may be organized from time to time.

The second component of the SEPA History Project is the collection and organization of documents in the archives. The minutes of Executive Committee Meetings and of the Business Meeting, including any committee reports at those meetings, are collected. Award-winning papers also are collected each year. The new documents are organized and placed with the existing collection, which includes material from the founding of the SEPA in 1955 to the present. A major new activity involves scanning the documents and creating a digital archive as well as a printed archive of the SEPA documents.

A photocopy of the second program (1956) is in the archive as are originals of all of the other programs. If anyone has the second program and will donate it to the archives, the collection of programs will be complete. I also am interested in obtaining photographs of the early SEPA meetings, and photographs of people at the first few meetings would be particularly valuable. The collection of brochures and announcements of SEPA's continuing education programs is very small, and thus, contributions of documents from the early continuing education programs will be appreciated. I am particularly interested in obtaining documents about the continuing education programs that were presented at places and times other than at the annual meeting. If anyone has documents that might be of historical value, please contact me to discuss placing those items in the archives.

If you have suggestions for other activities for the SEPA History Project or are interested in participating in or organizing an historical symposium, please contact me. I will be happy to hear from you.

New Orleans Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

*Rosemary Hays-Thomas, Administrative Officer
Lyn Zittel, Administrative Assistant*

The 2007 New Orleans meeting will be memorable to the SEPA Staff for several reasons. Our original hotel contract was a victim of Hurricane Katrina, and we were fortunate to arrange with the New Orleans Sheraton to host our meeting at the same time, cost, and location. As it turned out, those of us who took advantage of the low rates for Mardi Gras weekend had a great parade-watching location and a real weekend to remember! Jean Spruill and husband Benton Gup, Jennifer Friday, Beverly Burke and Rick Moffet, Amy Shadoin, and others carted off more beads than we could carry home.

Our program included some local touches. Katie Cherry of LSU organized a symposium about post-Katrina mental health issues, with colleagues Thompson Davis, Amie Grills Taquechel, Thomas Ollendick, Jennie Silva, Jenny Denver, Joy Osofsky, and Anthony Speier. LSU Health Sciences Center *Emeritus* Professor Leo T. Happel thanked SEPA for coming to New Orleans, then shared his professional views of challenges in the local health care system. Dr. Happel also described his personal reactions to the social, environmental, and economic difficulties that New Orleans is experiencing.

The Sheraton's location was very convenient to the French Quarter, the Aquarium, the streetcars, and many restaurants, and it seemed our members enjoyed the sights of New Orleans. Some members, such as a group from Lynn University, combined their SEPA visit with volunteer work in the city. We were particularly gratified to be able to infuse money into the local economy (despite our reasonable room rates) when considering all the hotel rooms, food, and services used directly by SEPA, as well as individual expenditures while in New Orleans. One of the best things individuals can do for the Big Easy right now is to come there as a visitor or tourist.

We are pleased to say that our members stayed in the conference hotel and helped us to fill our required pick-up with some room to spare. Our attendance was over 1080 and with revenues from the annual meeting and workshop registrations, exhibitor and advertiser fees, we covered our expenses this year. This put a smile on the faces in the Administrative Office. Thank you to everyone!

New Orleans music and "second-line" dancing were part of our Presidential Reception, and at the reception honoring Past Presidents we heard local musician Paul Soniat. As a special New Orleans memento, Mr. Soniat performed a SEPA song written just for us! It was the hit of the evening. Read on for a taste of the lyrics and go to www.sepaonline after June 1 to read the verses that mention some of our members. And do plan on joining us next year in Charlotte, North Carolina, for an exciting new venue.

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO

By Paul Soniat 2007

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WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO,
I DON'T KNOW THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU,
I'M CURIOUS I'D LIKE TO KNOW,
WHY, WE DO WHAT WE DO,

SOME SAY IT'S IN THE GENES,
SOME SAY LEARNED BEHAVIOR OR IN BETWEEN,
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU,
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO,

WHY DO WE STARE AT A FIRE,
WHY DO WE TURN OUR HEAD TO A WRECK,
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU,
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO,

For full lyrics, visit the SEPA website:

<http://www.sepaonline.com>



Join Us for the 2008 Meeting in Charlotte (March 6-9, 2008)

William D. Siegfried

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Many SEPA members may be visiting Charlotte for the first time. Although Charlotte has become a major transportation and financial center, it does not bring to mind the well-known images that attract visitors to New Orleans, Charleston, or Nashville. Those who make the trip will find a modern city with a wide array of activities to suit all tastes, many within walking distance of SEPA's hotel, the Westin Charlotte:

(<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1383>).

Charlotte is now the second largest financial center in the country, trailing only New York. Both Bank of America and Wachovia are headquartered in Charlotte. The banks have attracted a sophisticated and educated workforce, and in turn, Charlotte has developed a wide range of cultural, recreational and educational activities to support those people. Within walking distance of the convention hotel, SEPA goers will find several museums, performing arts venues, art galleries as well as professional sporting arenas. A wide selection of restaurants is available in the center city, ranging from inexpensive eateries to truly fine dining establishments.

There are several websites and publications that provide excellent overviews of Charlotte. Charlotte Center City Partners (<http://www.charlottecentercity.org/home.cfm>) is an organization dedicated to promoting the downtown region, and readers will find a link to an excellent map on this website. "Visit Charlotte" (<http://visitcharlotte.com>) has a very nice printed visitors' guide that also may be viewed online (<http://www.ingageinteractive.com/publications/2007CHARLOTTEVG/>). There is also a magazine dedicated to Uptown (<http://www.uptownclt.com/index.html>). The local newspaper is *The Charlotte Observer* (www.charlotte.com) and its website provides restaurant reviews. *Creative Loafing* (<http://charlotte.creativeloafing.com/gyrobase>) provides a much different perspective, including reviews of restaurants and nightlife attractions.

Getting Around in Town

Getting around Charlotte from the convention hotel is easy. The center city is quite compact, and all attractions mentioned here are no more than approximately half-mile walks. There are five ways to get around:

1. Walk the city streets. The center city area is safe and fairly flat, so walking is a great option when the weather is good.
2. Walk inside using the "Overstreet Mall" (http://www.foundershall.com/documents/FoundersHallmap8-06_000.pdf). This series of connected passages begins at the Hilton Hotel (on the opposite side of the convention center from the Westin) and ends at the opposite end of the center city at the Hearst Tower. Along the way are many shops, coffee shops and restaurants.
3. Ride the "Gold Rush Shuttle" around the center city for FREE. The Green line stops by the Westin and runs up Tryon Street, the "main drag" of town. The shuttle starts operating around 7:00 am and stops at 6:00 pm. The current routes are shown on the center city map from the Center City Partners website:
http://www.charlottecentercity.org/files/Documents/072605_991_0023878.pdf?CFID=28323&CFTOKEN=96316956.

4. Between 7:00 pm and 2:00 am, try a pedi cab (<http://www.charlottepedicabs.com/>)
5. When all else fails, Charlotte does have taxis.

What to do - In Town, No Car Needed

A good first stop is the Visitor and Relocation Center at Tryon and 2nd Streets. There visitors will find information about Charlotte and the surrounding areas as well as a gift shop with a wide variety of Charlotte items.

Museums

1. The Mint Museum of Craft + Design (<http://www.themintmuseums.org/>) is one of the two Mint museums in Charlotte. The Craft + Design museum focuses on glass, pottery and other crafts. A special exhibit titled "white" will be shown during the SEPA convention.
2. The Levine Museum of the New South (<http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org/>) "is an interactive history museum that provides the nation with the most comprehensive interpretation of post-Civil War southern society featuring men, women and children, black and white, rich and poor, long-time residents and newcomers who have shaped the South since the Civil War."
3. Discovery Place (http://www.discoveryplace.org/home/discovery_place-home.asp) is a hands-on science museum with experiential exhibits that both kids and adults will enjoy. The museum also has an IMAX theater.
4. The Charlotte region is home to about 90% of the Nextel Cup NASCAR teams, and Charlotte was chosen to be the home of the NASCAR hall of fame (<http://www.belongshere.com/halloffame.html>). Although this museum is not scheduled to open until 2010, construction should be far enough along to whet the appetites of those SEPA attendees who are fans of the sport.
5. The Afro-American Cultural Center's vision is to "be the innovative, multi-disciplinary epicenter, celebrating the triumphant spirit of the African-American experience." (http://www.aacc-charlotte.org/vision_mission.htm).
6. The Light Factory (<http://www.lightfactory.org/index.htm>) sponsors exhibits devoted to the power of photography and film. The light factory is located inside Spirit Square.

Other Cultural Attractions in Center City

1. The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County was named National Library of the Year in 1995 and Library of the Future in 1996. (<http://www.plcmc.org/>) The virtual library (<http://www.plcmc.org/Locations/mainVirtualVillage.asp/>) offers a place for SEPA visitors to edit their pictures of Charlotte or to use the web to see what is happening back home.
2. The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center is one of the two main venues for artistic performances in town. (<http://www.blumenthalcenter.org/index.asp>). The center houses the 2100 seat Belk Theater and the 434 seat Booth Playhouse. Home to the symphony, the opera and the dance theater, the Blumenthal hosts national touring productions, including a Broadway Lite series.
3. Spirit Square Center for Arts & Education is home to the McGlohon Theatre seating 700. A former church, the theater sports stained glass windows and a Byzantine

dome. At this writing, the future of Spirit Square is in doubt, and it may be torn down to make room for other development.

4. A burned out church was restored and transformed to become the McColl Center for The Visual Arts. (<http://www.mccollcenter.org/site/nav.cfm?cat=13&subcat=58>). The center is home to several artists in residence. Admission to the gallery is free, and visitors are encouraged to see all three floors as well as interact with the artists in their studios. "To bridge the gap from artist to community, the center has an open door policy that states when an artist is working in their studio, the public is invited and encouraged to go in and talk with the artist about their work."
5. After visiting the McColl center, take a walking tour of the historic fourth ward (http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_ga3676/is_200104/ai_n8941342), an oasis of quiet beauty and architectural charm at the very edge of the center city.
6. The Actor's Theater of Charlotte (<http://www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org/about.htm>) presents new plays from Broadway, Off-Broadway, and beyond. "Through these selections, we continue to offer you a variety of plays, each of which is extraordinary in its own way. If you enjoy comedy that is wild and raucous, drama that is bold and insightful, and musicals that stir both your soul and your funny-bone then Actor's Theatre is the place to be. As the region's leading professional theatre company dedicated to programming exclusively for mature audiences...." the performances are held in their own 199-seat theater.
7. Charlotte also boasts its own symphony (<http://www.charlottesymphony.org/home.asp>) and Opera company (<http://www.operacarolina.org/>) and the North Carolina Dance Theater (http://www.ncdance.org/about_ncdt.htm).
8. ImaginOn is a collaborative venture of the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County and Children's Theatre of Charlotte. With cutting-edge services and library collections, award-winning professional theatre and innovative education programs, ImaginOn brings stories to life through extraordinary experiences that challenge, inspire and excite young minds (<http://www.imaginon.org/>). Visitors may wish to follow the Children's Theater website to see what events and performances will be scheduled during early March 2008. (<http://www.ctcharlotte.org/>).

An excellent guide to all cultural performances may be found at:

<http://www.charlottecultureguide.com/>

Parks

1. Our Children's Memorial Walkway was established in the heart of Uptown to allow for families of all ages, denominations, and races from across the area to have a place to come together in memory of their children. (<http://www.ocmw.org/walkway/>)
2. For children who need exercise and convention goers who simply need a break, there is a small "pocket park" across the street from the front entrance to the Convention Center. The park runs between College and Tryon streets and has some whimsical features that should amuse and entertain.

Sporting Events

There are three professional teams that play in the center city. The Carolina Panthers NFL football team will not be playing in March, but the Bank of America Stadium (<http://www.panthers.com/home/>) is located in the center city, very close to the Westin. It will be impossible to NOT see it.

The Charlotte Bobcats basketball team (http://www.nba.com/bobcats/bobcats_intro.html) opened a state-of-the-art arena, also in the center city. The Bobcats season will be in full force next March, although the schedule won't be known until fall. Their practice court is attached to the arena with windows open to the street. Sharing the arena with the Bobcats is the Charlotte Checkers hockey team (<http://www.gocheckers.com/>).

Restaurants and Clubs

The club scene is alive and well! Most clubs and bars are clustered in a small area between Tryon Street and College Streets running from 5th Street up to 7th Street. On weekend evenings the music is loud and the sidewalks are crowded with people looking to hook up with others who, uh, have similar research interests. The main drag teems with cars, street vendors are on the sidewalks and the city is alive.

The restaurant scene in Charlotte can be described as GREAT. There are some high-end national players such as Mortons, Ruth's Cris Steakhouse, Capital Grille, McCormick and Schmicks, but the story does not end with these. There are also excellent locally owned establishments. The local restaurant inventory had been growing for years, but exploded about two years ago when Johnson and Wales University (<http://www.jwu.edu/charlotte/>) moved from Charleston to Charlotte. Johnson and Wales is a well known culinary school. A short walk up Trade Street will bring you to the campus where it is possible to watch through the windows as budding chefs learn the trade. Many local restaurateurs are graduates of JWU, and they seek out JWU students as interns in local establishments. Their presence has sparked a number of new and innovative restaurants, drawn to Charlotte because of the presence of JWU. Note that the university does have workshops (see: <http://www.jwu.edu/chefschoice/charlotte/cc/>) available for those who aspire to cooking excellence.

The choice among restaurants is difficult and personal, but good reviews may be found in *Creative Loafing* or its website, the *Charlotte Observer* website, or on <http://www.gocarolinas.com>.

The EpiCenter is a massive retail and entertainment complex under construction. The center will connect with the Bobcats Arena and will have a multi-screen movie theater and several restaurants (<http://www.crva.com/displayNews.aspx?id=182>). The complex is slated to open in 2007.

Members in the News

Elizabeth Brestan, Auburn University, was married to Micah Knight on May 26, 2007. In the photo at right, are Rosemary Hays-Thomas, Administrative Officer, Elizabeth Brestan Knight, Continuing Education (CE) Director, and Sheila Eyberg, Past President and former CE Director (and Elizabeth's graduate school teacher and mentor).



Charles Brewer, Furman University, is serving as a member of the 2007 American Psychological Foundation Board of Trustees.

Keith Davis, University of South Carolina, was quoted on NBC's Today Show about the Lisa Nowak case (as an instance of erotomanic stalking) and in an article in *USA Today* about stalking on campus as part of their follow-up of the VA TECH shootings.

Deborah Richardson, Augusta State University, is President-Elect of the International Society for Research on Aggression. She also is organizing the scientific committee for our World Meeting in Budapest in July 2008.

Amy Shadoin was featured in the September 2006 *Monitor on Psychology* for her work with the National Children's Advocacy Center on issues of violence against children.

Jean Spruill, University of Alabama, was recently honored as the first recipient of the "Jean Spruill Achievement Award," given to her by the Association of Directors of Psychology Training Clinics. This award will be given annually to a deserving clinic director who exemplifies excellence as a psychology clinic director.

David Washburn, Language Research Center, Georgia State University, is now serving as editor of *The International Journal for Comparative Psychology*.

Jackie White, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is President Elect of the Society for the Psychology of Women. As leader of this organization, her theme for the next year will be "Feminism, Psychology, and Science."

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