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Presidential Message

*Patricia Donat, SEPA President
2010-2011*

The Southeastern Psychological Association, founded in 1955, is one of the largest professional psychological associations in the region and I am honored to serve as its 2010 President. SEPA membership has played an important role in my professional career. From my first meeting as a graduate student to my most recent meeting as an academic administrator, I have found the annual meeting of SEPA to a treasured opportunity each year to connect with my colleagues and my profession. I hope to see you at our next meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

If you haven't attended the annual meeting before, here are some reasons why I believe you should consider joining the organization and attending the meeting in March 2011:

SEPA provides an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues in the Southeast. Not too small, not too large, SEPA is just the right size. Poster and paper sessions, evening receptions, and hospitality suites provide excellent opportunities for conversations with colleagues. Many academic debates and research collaborations have begun over a glass of wine during one of the evening receptions.

SEPA's program features eminent international scholars. Recent SEPA programs have included Roy Baumeister, John Dovidio, Diane Halpern, John Norcross, Jacquelyn White, Robert Sternberg, Michael Posner, Donalson Forsyth, David Myers, Patricia Gowaty, David Barlow, Fredda Blanchard-Fields, Deryl Bailey, and James Jackson. Many of these scholars also have held conversation hours following their presentations. These conversation hours provide members with a wonderful opportunity to talk with current scholars about their work.

SEPA recognizes excellence through its awards programs. Each year SEPA presents an Outstanding Professional Paper Award, Mentor Award, Graduate Student Research Awards, and the Committee for Equality of

Professional Opportunity Student Research Awards. Award winners receive not only the recognition of their peers, but also monetary awards.

SEPA provides a regional option for professional dissemination of scholarly work at an affordable price. Membership is affordable and annual meeting locations are selected to provide the best professional bargain available for faculty, clinicians, and other professionals to present their work during difficult economic times when travel budgets are limited.

SEPA provides high-impact, engaged learning opportunities for students. SEPA's student award programs encourage students' early involvement in research. Research experiences promote students' active inquiry, empirical observation, and critical analysis, and assist them in connecting key concepts from their curricula to "real world" issues. Student research presentations at SEPA further provide the opportunity for students to articulate their results and to reflect upon their work through conversations with SEPA members.

SEPA provides a recruitment opportunity for graduate program coordinators to identify outstanding undergraduate student researchers with an interest in continuing their education in the Southeast. Each year the Committee for Equality of Professional Opportunity sponsors two undergraduate research poster sessions. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for faculty members to meet some of the best and brightest undergraduates in the region.

SEPA provides continuing education credits at an affordable price. Each year, SEPA provides 10-15 workshops for practitioners, researchers, and teachers. The cost for 3 hours of CE credit is only \$50 for professionals and \$25 for students. In addition, invited speaker presentations may offer additional opportunities for CE credit.

See you in Jacksonville!

Patricia L. Donat, PhD
SEPA President, 2010-2011



2011 Annual Meeting Site Preview

Rosemary Hays-Thomas, SEPA Administrative Officer

The Other Florida – A Pleasant Surprise!

If your idea of Florida is Mickey Mouse and his friends or busy beaches crowded with visitors from northern states, then you are in for a surprise with our next meeting site! Jacksonville anchors the northeast corner of Florida and straddles the banks of the St. John's River near the Atlantic Ocean. Our convention hotel, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, overlooks the River and its three downtown bridges. The view

2011 Featured Speakers

Again this year we have an impressive lineup of scholars presenting as our Invited Speakers. They are chosen by the President-elect (and Program Chair), in some cases in cooperation with our CEPO Chair, APA, APS, or Psi Chi. For those interested in earning CE credits, attendance at any of these talks, plus a modest fee of \$10, will provide one CE credit. (There is no charge to attend any of the talks but one must be registered for the convention.) *Please join us at these outstanding presentations!*

- SEPA Presidential Address: Dr. Patricia L. Donat, former CEPO Chair and SEPA Newsletter Editor, known for scholarship on psychology of gender and for leadership in academic administration; Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs, North Georgia College and State University. *“High impact practices for student success: Psychologists as important contributors to higher education research and applied practice.”*
- Dr. Myrna Schwartz, neuropsychologist, expert in aphasia, and Associate Director of the Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute in Philadelphia. *“How the mind and brain access names for things: Evidence from access failures in aphasia.”*
- Dr. Sam Gosling, personality/social psychologist, student of human and animal personality; University of Texas at Austin. *“Snoop Dreams: The expression of personality in everyday contexts.”*
- Dr. Alice F. Healy, cognitive psychologist with research interests in training, long-term retention and short-term memory, reading, psycholinguistics, and political decision-making; University of Colorado. *“Principles of training.”* Dr. Healy will also hold a conversation hour and chair a symposium on Principles of Training.
- Dr. Pauline Rose Clance, SEPA President 1982-1983, and currently in private practice as a Clinical Psychologist in Atlanta, Georgia, will present, *“Is the Imposter Phenomenon still relevant? Updates on research and clinical implications.”* Dr. Clance will also hold a conversation hour.
- APA G. Stanley Hall Lecturer Dr. Robert Krueger, Hathaway Distinguished Professor of Clinical, Personality, and Differential Psychology/Behavioral Genetics. University of Minnesota at Twin Cities. *“Toward an empirical classification of mental disorders.”*
- Psi Chi /SEPA Speaker Dr. Janet Shibley Hyde, known for research on psychology of women and gender, meta-analyses of sex differences, math and gender; University of Wisconsin at Madison. *“Men Are from Earth, Women Are from Earth: The Gender Similarities Hypothesis.”*

Watch the SEPA Web site for scheduling information to appear during December.



2011 Mentor Award Nominations



Nominations are due by January 15, 2011

Who has been a SEPA mentor for you or your SEPA friends and students? Consider nominating someone who has introduced others to SEPA and strengthened our membership and program participation. **The deadline for nominations for the 2011 SEPA Mentor Award has been extended to January 15, 2011.**

The Mentor award is given annually to recognize an individual who who has demonstrated exceptional mentoring through some or all of the following activities:

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

In this way we hope to emphasize the importance of professional networking in the academic, scholarly, and practice careers of our members, and the value to SEPA of personal connections in building membership and participation. The winner receives a plaque and a \$300 award funded by the American Psychological Association Education Directorate.

To nominate someone you know (who is a SEPA member) for this award, write a brief nomination letter summarizing the person's mentoring by addressing the criteria above.

Send the nomination letter electronically to Dr. Patricia Donat at

pldonat@northgeorgia.edu

or by regular mail to:

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Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs
North Georgia College & State University
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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS: January 15, 2011

Opening for SEPA Associate Historian

James L. Pate, Former President and currently SEPA Historian



The SEPA is seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for an associate historian who will work with the SEPA Historian for the next few years with the possibility of later being appointed to that position. The

SEPA Historian collects documents and other items that are relevant to the history of the SEPA, organizes and catalogs the archives of the SEPA, organizes symposia about the history of psychology, and gives an annual Historian's Lecture. The Historian also serves as an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee. For additional information about the position or the SEPA History Project, please contact the current SEPA Historian, James L. Pate (jpate@gsu.edu). Nominations should be

submitted to the President of the SEPA, Patricia Donat (pldonat@ngcsu.edu) **Deadline for nominations is January 15, 2011.**

2011 Transitions

Rosemary Hays-Thomas, SEPA Administrative Officer

Change is in the Wind!



It is with mixed emotions that I will be leaving the position of SEPA Administrative Officer in 2011 after almost a decade of managing conventions and office activities for our organization. I have been honored to serve SEPA during this time and have genuinely enjoyed the challenge of administering the organization. However, for many reasons it seems the time has come for someone else to take the administrative helm of our regional association.

During these years, we have made some changes in our programming (Welcome Reception and poster session, interactive poster sessions, CE credits for attending featured speakers' presentations, Mentor Award) and maintained others (our Continuing Education activities, Outstanding Professional Paper Awards, CEPO and Graduate Student Research Awards, symposia, posters, exhibits, and other program items). We have instituted many technological changes to serve our membership better: electronic submission, review, and program production; credit card and more recently on-line payment for dues and registration. In an effort to serve members around our region, conventions have been held in New Orleans, Atlanta, Nashville, Charlotte, Chattanooga, and now Jacksonville. With one exception, our annual meetings have concluded within budget and our financial situation remains stable. Our office has adapted to challenges including illnesses and hurricanes -- two weeks off-line for our office during Ivan and loss of our planned convention site as a result of Katrina. During this time, the organization has been well-served by Administrative Assistant Lyn Zittel and her predecessor Linda Wasserman. All in all, it has been an interesting, challenging, and very rewarding experience for me to manage SEPA during this period of its development.

I very much appreciate the support and confidence of our Executive Committee and members over the years of my appointment. Managing an organization like SEPA is a multi-faceted job and I have learned a lot in the process of doing this work. It has been my pleasure to form and strengthen many professional and personal friendships during this time. I am also grateful to the administrations of the University of West Florida who have provided an administrative home for SEPA over the years of my and my predecessor Fran Dunham's tenures.

The SEPA Executive Committee has selected Dr. Al Finch of The Citadel to serve as the next Administrative Officer. During the months after our 2011 convention, our transition plan will be

implemented and the 2012 New Orleans convention will be managed from The Citadel. Al will be SEPA's fourth administrative officer (in about 30 years) and I am sure will bring positive new ideas and approaches to our organization. His extensive experience in academic and professional administration, his professional network of connections within the psychology community, and his steady hand will be assets to SEPA as he moves into the position of Administrative Officer.

Though I am leaving this position, I plan to remain active in SEPA and will continue to see many of you at our annual meetings. My thanks to all of you who have made this job a pleasure for me over the past several years.



SEPA History Project

James L. Pate, SEPA Historian

In addition to collecting the usual documents about the 2010 meeting and the actions of the Executive Committee and its committees, I have started creating a digital library of SEPA documents. I have created a library of proceedings that have been published in the *American Psychologist* and currently am locating and creating a digital collection of the SEPA constitutions as amended. Minutes of meetings, programs, and other documents are being converted to digital form as time and energy allow.

Photographs of events at recent meetings have been made and are being organized. However, photographs of events at early meetings are very limited, and I encourage anyone who has photographs of those events to make the photographs available so that they can be copied for the SEPA archives. Any other items that are of archival value also may be submitted for copying with the original items to be returned to the owner after copies are made.

The symposia that are part of the SEPA History Project were successful at the 2010 meeting in Chattanooga and will be continued for the 2011 meeting. I organized a departmental history symposium that included histories of three departments in the Chattanooga area (Covenant College, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Carson Newman College) and an updated history of the department at Georgia State University (the SEPA president's home institution). Debra Sue Pate organized the Eminent Southeastern Psychologists Symposium with papers about Irwin Jay Knopf (president of the SEPA in 1980), Dorothy Seago (an early developmental psychologist), and Lula R. Stevens (the second Life Member of the SEPA).

I welcome suggestions for departments that should be included in the departmental history symposium and about topics for the Historian's annual lecture, and Debra Sue Pate will be happy to receive recommendations for people about whom papers should be presented in the Eminent Southeastern Psychologists Symposium. Suggestions for improving the SEPA History Project are

accepted with appreciation, and your participation in any of the SEPA History symposia is encouraged. For more information on the SEPA History Project or to submit documents, programs, photographs, or other items that might be of historical value, please contact the current Historian, **James L. Pate** at jpate@gsu.edu.

Continuing Education Corner

Elizabeth V. Brestan-Knight, Director of Continuing Education

The SEPA Continuing Education (CE) Program continues to grow. Nine 3-hour workshops, one 2-hour workshop, one 6-hour workshop, and eight 1-hour invited speaker presentations were offered for CE credit during the Chattanooga convention.



If you plan to attend a SEPA annual meeting and have recommendations for possible workshop presenters or topics that you would like to see included in our SEPA programming, please contact **Elizabeth Brestan Knight** at brestev@auburn.edu. Your suggestions for improving SEPA's CE programming are most welcome!

Membership Update

About Life Membership

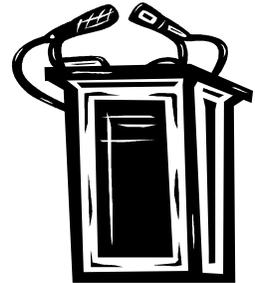
A Life Member in the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) is anyone who is more than 65 years old, has been in the SEPA for at least ten years, and requests a change from Member to Life Member. Some long-term members of the SEPA may not know about this membership category and may not know that a request currently is required. Some charter members of the SEPA, some past presidents, some other officers of the SEPA, and other members simply have allowed their membership to lapse rather than requesting a change of status. The members of the Executive Committee encourage people who are entitled to be Life Members to submit a request for a change of status to the SEPA Administrative Officer. If you have questions about eligibility for Life membership, please contact the SEPA office. For questions about any other aspect of Life Membership, please contact the SEPA Historian, James L. Pate at jpate@gsu.edu.

2010 Awards



Outstanding Mentor Award - The Mentor Award Committee selected **Dr. Susan Walch** from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida as the winner of the 2010 Mentor Award. Dr. Walch received a plaque and a check in the amount of \$300 funded by the Education Directorate of APA. She is an outstanding mentor and richly deserves the award. The committee was comprised of Dr. David Washburn and the 2009 Mentor Award recipient, Dr. Sandra Willis.

Outstanding Professional Paper Award – Competition for the Outstanding Professional Paper Award (OPPA) is by nomination. The award is funded by the APA Science Directorate. Fifteen papers were submitted and reviewed. The winner of the 2010 OPPA was **Dr. Lisa VanWormer** from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. Dr. VanWormer's winning paper was titled, "The effect of color cues on inhibiting irrelevant information." Dr.



VanWormer received a check in the amount of \$500, along with a congratulatory letter which was sent to her Department Chair and Dean.

Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award – The committee responsible for this year's Graduate Student Research Award competition was chaired by Dr. Steve Nida of The Citadel. In the first phase of the process, the submissions were evaluated by the chair and three other judges: Dr. Maria Lavooy (University of Central Florida), Dr. Adrian Janit (Augusta State University), and Dr. Chad Galuska (College of Charleston). Dr. Galuska and Dr. Lavooy were unavailable to participate in the judging of the second phase of the competition, in which the finalists presented their papers. Consequently, Dr. Ian Norris (Murray State University) joined Dr. Janit and Dr. Nida in judging the actual presentations.

The committee initially received 15 submissions from 10 different authors. The panel of four judges selected four of these as finalists, and the four (first) authors presented their papers in a session devoted specifically to this competition. That session, which took place from 8:30 to 9:50 on Thursday morning of the convention (March 11), was comprised of the following presentations:

- **Amanda Rodrigue** (University of Louisiana at Lafayette): "*Divergent thinking abilities across the schizophrenic spectrum*" (with David R. Perkins).
- **Anna Warren** (Mississippi State University): "*Rape myth and consent law education reduces mock juror bias*" (with Ashley Norwood and Kristine Jacquin).

- **Sadie Leder** (University at Buffalo, The State University of New York): “*Strategic partner selection: A risk regulation model of partner choice*” (with Sandra Murray).
- **Spencer Fix** (University of West Florida): “Mental training increases mindfulness and moderates performance decrement” (with Jennifer Brace, David Bumgarner, and William Mikulas).

On the basis of the presentation, the panel of judges determined **Sadie Leder** to be the winner of the competition. Dr. Nida announced the award (which included a check for \$200) at the reception on Friday evening.

CEPO News

Jennifer Friday, CEPO Chair

In 2010 the CEPO program included one invited address, two paper sessions, two poster sessions, two roundtables, one conversation hour, a business meeting, and the CEPO graduate student network.

Dr. Deryl Bailey of the University of Georgia presented the CEPO/SEPA Invited Address. The address was followed by a Conversation Hour with Dr. Bailey. The CEPO roundtable events provided attendees with a unique historical understanding of the role of the CEPO and served to focus discussions of the role of CEPO as the organization looks to the future.

CEPO Undergraduate Student Research Awards were chaired by **Dr. Amy Lyndon**.

Seven submissions were received.

The **Minority Issues Award** went to **Clair Lisco** (Georgia State University):

“*Predicting workplace inequities through the Successful Manager Implicit Association Task*” (with Tracie L. Stewart, Ioana M. Latu, and Ashley Stewart).

The **Gender Issues Award** went to **Dawn Howerton** (University of Tennessee): “*Honeymoon vacation: The link between sexual-orientation attitudes and behavioral responses*” (with Michael A. Olson and Rebecca D. Hatmaker).

Psi Chi News

Maria Lavooy, Psi Chi Southeastern Regional Vice-President



Psi Chi had a full and exciting program of events at the 2010 annual meeting of SEPA in Chattanooga. Psi Chi’s keynote speaker was Dr. Hall

“Skip” Beck of Appalachian State University. Dr. Beck’s presentation on “***Finding Little Albert: Adventures in Our Journey to Watson’s Infant Laboratory***” packed the ballroom and left standing room only!

Several Psi Chi sessions were scheduled with students’ interests in mind. Two discussion sessions were devoted to helping students prepare for graduate school and understand the application process. An additional session provided advice to students and faculty mentors interested in publishing in the Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research. Undergraduate Research Programs were offered on both Thursday and Friday.

The Psi Chi Hospitality Suite, open daily, saw students and faculty from all over the southeast. It was a great opportunity for attendees to snack on refreshments and to meet fellow Psi Chi members and faculty advisors.

We look forward to seeing you at next year’s meeting!

Members in the News

Amy L. Shadoin, Newsletter Editor



James L. Pate, SEPA Historian and Professor of Psychology, Emeritus, at Georgia State University, has been elected a Fellow of Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology) of the American Psychology Association and a charter Fellow of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Congratulations, Jim!

The Department of Psychology at the University of West Florida is now the School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences!

This name change reflects an increase in the complexity of the unit, which now incorporates responsibility for the Center for Applied Psychology, and administration of programs in Women's Studies and Gender and Diversity.

Dr. Laura Koppes Bryan, formerly Chair of Psychology, is now Director of the School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences.





Dr. Maria Lavooy recently accepted a position at the Florida Institute of Technology as Program Chair of their Applied Psychology Program. She has served SEPA in the capacity of webmaster, newsletter editor, and member-at-large and is currently serving her second term as the Southeastern Regional Vice President of Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology.

Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

At the recommendation of Dr. Slater Newman, former Secretary-Treasurer of SEPA, our Executive Committee agreed to join a coalition in support of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This is an international treaty which the United States has not yet ratified. Recently June Zeitlin, Director of the CEDAW Education Project at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, sent word to Dr. Newman of a successful hearing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law. Further information is available at www.cedaw2010.org/index.php/about-cedaw

We are always interested to know what SEPA members are doing, both personally and professionally. If you have graduated, married, retired, or passed another life milestone, or if you have changed jobs, published a book, been interviewed as an expert in the field, been elected to an office, appointed to a board or task force, or received an award or notice of funding, we want to celebrate what our SEPA members are doing!

If you have news to share with your colleagues about a SEPA member, please submit a brief notice to the (incoming) Newsletter Editor, Chuck L. Robertson of North Georgia College and State University at clrobertson@ngcsu.edu.

Scholarship, Grants, and Award Deadlines



Are you looking for funding for your work? The following scholarships, grants and awards have upcoming or recurring deadlines. More information can be found by following the link to the RFP.

Wayne F. Placek Grants - The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is now accepting applications for the 2011 Wayne F. Placek Grants, which support empirical research from all fields of the behavioral and social sciences on any topic related to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender issues. The Wayne F. Placek Grants encourage research to increase the general public's understanding of homosexuality and sexual orientation, and to alleviate the stress that lesbian women, gay men, bisexual women, bisexual men, and transgendered people experience in this and future civilizations.

Submission Process and Deadline

Submit a completed application online at <http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/> by **March 1, 2011**.

Questions about this program should be directed to Kim Palmer Rowsome, Program Officer, at krowsome@apa.org.

Esther Katz Rosen Fellowships - The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is now accepting applications for the 2011 Esther Katz Rosen Fellowships, which support graduate students whose work centers on the psychological understanding of gifted and talented children and adolescents.

Submission Process and Deadline

Submit a completed application online at <http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/> by **March 1, 2011**.

Questions about this program should be directed to Kim Palmer Rowsome, Program Officer, at krowsome@apa.org.

Paul E. Henkin Travel Grant - The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is now accepting applications for the 2011 Paul E. Henkin Travel Grant, which seeks to promote the development of students oriented toward careers in school psychology and provides grants to student members of APA Division 16 (School Psychology) to help offset registration, lodging, and transportation costs incurred in convention attendance.

Submission Process and Deadline

Submit a completed application online at <http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/> by **April 15, 2011**.

Questions about this program should be directed to Kim Palmer Rowsome, Program Officer, at krowsome@apa.org.

Lizette Peterson Homer Memorial Injury Research Grant - supports research into psychological and behavioral aspects of the prevention of injuries in children and adolescents
Deadline: October 1, 2011

RFP: <http://www.apa.org/apf/peterson-homerRFP.pdf>

Recurring Deadlines:

APF Cummings PSYCHE Prize – honors an individual whose career exemplifies the integration of behavior and physical healthcare

Deadline: December 1, yearly.

RFP: <http://www.apa.org/apf/cummingsRFP.pdf>

Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching of Psychology Award - recognizes a significant career of contributions by a psychologist who has a proven track record as an exceptional teacher of psychology

Deadline: December 1, yearly.

RFP: <http://www.apa.org/apf/brewer.html>

James McKeen Cattell Fund - for supplementary sabbatical awards to support the science and the application of psychology

Deadline: December 1, yearly.

RFP: <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/awards/cattellfund/>

SEPA plans to add to our Web site a location for listing announcements for awards and funding that may of interest to our members. If you become aware of such information, please send to the SEPA office at sepa@uwf.edu with the subject line "Funding Opportunity - please post."

Timely information can also be sent to the incoming newsletter editor, Dr. Chuck L. Robertson at clrobertson@ngcsu.edu

Do we have your most current address and e-mail information on file?

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