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# WHAT IS NEXT FOR SEPA?

Al J Finch, Jr, SEPA President

We have recently celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which is a time to look back at our history and to look forward to our future. My first SEPA meeting was in 1969. Kaye and I had been married less than a year and attended SEPA with another graduate student and his wife. Since then I have missed only a couple of meetings and have seen many changes and many consistencies.

What has changed? For me SEPA has always been a time to visit with colleagues, friends and former supervisors. Some have passed on and others have retired. C. J. Rosecrans was a fixture at SEPA and many of my memories involve him. In Knoxville, I shared his joy as his Razorbacks won the NCAA men's basketball championship. Another memory is of Jackie Goldman and her group of graduate students who for years presented a symposium on psychotherapy supervision.

Business meetings were heated at times with contentious debates. Should we meet in a state that has not supported the Equal Rights Amendment? Cocktail parties were a nightly activity and the social hours were a must. One of the most noticeable changes has been the exhibits. The exhibit halls were overflowing with experimental equipment, books, tests, videos and other exhibits. It was easy to spend an afternoon exploring the various booths. The Placement Center was full of applicants and job openings.

With the increased number of specialty meetings, fewer of the doctoral programs are involved in SEPA. As was mentioned by two of the keynote speakers at the 2004 meeting, many doctoral graduate students who have gone on to be well known in the field have presented their initial research results at SEPA. I am sure some of the current students who attend SEPA will go on to be well known too. I personally have enjoyed all the undergraduate students running from meeting to meeting while taking notes. Thanks to undergraduate faculty like Michael Rulon many undergraduate students in the Southeast are being exposed to the profession of psychology at an earlier age. One of those former undergraduate students (David Washburn) joined our executive committee this year after previously serving as the Psi Chi/SEPA distinguished lecturer in 2003, demonstrating the value of early exposure..

While many things have changed, many are the same. The continuing education workshops at SEPA are the best deal around. The goal of SEPA's workshops has always been to provide inexpensive and high quality offerings to our members. Even with the cost of membership, convention registration, and the workshop expense, the cost per hour of CE credit is a bargain. Given the number of states that require CE for licensure, I am surprised our attendance at these events is not higher.

Our invited speakers have been outstanding and their presence has helped maintain the quality of our meetings. Having done my dissertation on imitation, I have to confess that actually meeting Albert Bandura at our 2001 meeting was a thrill.

Where does SEPA go from here? The answer is simple, SEPA will continue to change and SEPA will continue to be the same. I would like to encourage each SEPA member to actually become engaged in the activities of the organization. SEPA needs your energy, suggestions, and leadership. To paraphrase one of our great presidents "Ask not what SEPA can do for you, but what you can do for SEPA."

## PSI CHI AT SEPA 2004

Alvin Y. Wang, Southeastern Regional Psi Chi Vice President

Once again, Psi Chi had a full and exciting program of events at the 2004 annual meeting of SEPA. This year Psi Chi's keynote speaker was Professor Ludy Benjamin from Texas A&M University. Over 160 people attended Dr. Benjamin's presentation on "Who Owns Psychology? The (Exasperating) Popularity of Pop Psychology." Several Psi Chi sessions were scheduled with students' interests in mind. Two of Psi Chi's most popular panel discussions were devoted to helping students prepare for graduate school. In addition, students were treated to a Psi Chi panel discussion on "The Value of Undergraduate Research." This discussion was lead by Dr. Warren Jones who is the editor of Psi Chi's Journal of Undergraduate Research.

The faculty appreciation luncheon was attended by 34 faculty (the highest attendance ever). Among those in attendance were Drs. Charles Brewer and Harold Moon, both former Presidents of SEPA. A former President of SEPA and Psi Chi, Dr. David Clements, and Dr. Martha Zlokovich, President of Psi Chi, joined us for lunch. At the luncheon, Psi Chi Vice-President Dr. Alvin Wang presented Dr. Christina Sinisi (Charleston Southern University) with a Regional Faculty Advisor Award.

The social highlight of this year's conference occurred when Psi Chi and SEPA hosted a joint "birthday party" celebrating their respective 75th and 50th anniversaries. A large birthday cake was served with birthday sentiments and (edible!) logos for both of our organizations. Over three hundred people participated in the festivities which included birthday greetings from Dr. Steve Hobbs (SEPA President), Dr. Slater Newman (former President of SEPA and Psi Chi), and Dr. Alvin Wang.

Finally, the ever-popular Psi Chi Hospitality suite was available for attendees to chat, snack on refreshments, or just rest their sore feet. The suite was graciously hosted by students from three local Psi Chi chapters: Georgia State University, Spelman College, and Agnes Scott College.



*Pictured from left to right: Ms. Paula Miller, Dr. Alvin Wang, Dr. Ludy Benjamin, Dr. Martha Zlokovich, Ms. Susan Iles*

# **SEPA/Psi Chi Golden/Diamond Jubilee Meeting in 2004**

James L. Pate, Golden Jubilee Committee Chair and SEPA Historian

A committee composed of Frances Dunham (University of West Florida), Sheila Eyberg (University of Florida), Raymond D. Fowler (Washington, DC), Jennifer Friday (The Friday Group), Ellen Kimmel (University of South Florida), Julie Lyon (student member, University of Maryland), Harold Moon (Augusta State University), and James L. Pate (Committee Chair, Georgia State University) planned a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Psi Chi. Stephen Hobbs (President), Richard Tucker (Past President), A. J. Finch, Jr. (President Elect), Rosemary Hays-Thomas (Administrative Officer), and Al Wang (Psi Chi Southeastern Vice President) were ex-officio members of the Committee. The Committee planned some history sessions and a buffet/reception for Friday evening.

At the Friday evening buffet/reception, past presidents of the SEPA were recognized, and one charter member of the SEPA (Raymond D. Fowler) was recognized. One other charter member (Wallace A. Kennedy) attended the SEPA meeting but did not attend the buffet/reception. A variety of mementos (totebags, coasters, key chains) were distributed at the buffet/reception, and a large birthday cake was provided by Psi Chi. Photographs were taken during the buffet/reception and will be placed in the SEPA archives.

Three annual sessions for 2004 that had a special component related to the Golden/Diamond Jubilee were presented. For the History of Departments of Psychology in the Southeast Symposium, a history of the department at the University of Mississippi, the founding president's home institution, was included. A paper about the founding president, John B. Wolfe, was presented in the Eminent Southeastern Psychologists Symposium, which was organized by Sabina Widner and James L. Pate. Pate's annual SEPA Historian's lecture included information about the founding of the SEPA and about a previous celebration.

In addition, two special sessions were organized. Ellen Kimmel organized a session about CEPO; Ellen Kimmel, Dorothy Nevill, Patricia Donat, and Judith Worell participated in the "CEPO: Past, Present, and Future" session. David Clement organized a session entitled "What I Wish I Had Said in My Presidential Address." Charles Brewer (1994), William Calhoun (1981), Raymond D. Fowler (1972), Ellen Kimmel (1979), Dorothy Nevill (1982), and Judith Worell (1995) participated in that session. The Golden Jubilee was the second SEPA celebration, with the first having occurred at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in 1984.

# NASHVILLE: YOU'LL BE SINGING ITS PRAISES

Maria J. Lavooy

The 51<sup>st</sup> annual Southeastern Psychology Association conference will be held in Nashville, “Music City,” Tennessee in April 2005. And there has never been a better time to visit this premier city. While music is the common thread between the old and new Nashville, this city offers so much more. Nashville has art galleries, supports the performing arts, and offers fine dining and world-class shopping.

Your visit would not be complete without a trip to the world-famous Grand Ole Opry House and Ryman Auditorium, of course. But don't forget to take a stroll down Broadway where aspiring singers and bands play in the myriad of honky-tonks; places like Legends Corner, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge and The Wildhorse Saloon. And top it off with a trip to the new Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum on Fifth Avenue South.

But that only scratches the surface of what Nashville has to offer. The city has its own Parthenon in Centennial Park, the city's premier urban park. There is a 19-acre outdoor history museum just north of the State Capitol, The Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. Just across the street you can visit Nashville's Farmers' Market. On the edge of downtown, the city offers the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, over 20,000 square feet housing visual art from artists of all time periods, backgrounds and styles. There is the Hermitage, President Andrew Jackson's home, built in the Greek Revival style, and the Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art, which houses a permanent collection of traditional decorative arts.

So, while in Nashville for SEPA, 2005 think about discovering the New, Grand Ole Nashville. For more information on these and other Nashville sites, call or visit the following web sites:

General Information: The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau  
(800) 657-6910 or (615) 259-4700  
[www.nashvillecvb.com](http://www.nashvillecvb.com)

Grade Ole Opry (615) 871-6779; [www.opry.com](http://www.opry.com)

Ryman Auditorium (615) 254-1445; [www.ryman.com](http://www.ryman.com)

Tootsie's Orchid Lounge (615) 726-0463; [www.tootsies.net](http://www.tootsies.net)

The Wildhorse Saloon (615) 902-8200; [www.wildhorsesaloon.com](http://www.wildhorsesaloon.com)

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (800) 852-6437 or (615) 416-2001;  
[www.countrymusicHalloffame.com](http://www.countrymusicHalloffame.com)

Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park; [www.state.tn.us/environment/parks](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks)

Nashville's Farmers' Market (615) 880-2001; [www.nashvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.nashvillefarmersmarket.org)

Frist Center for the Visual Arts (615) 244-3340; [www.fristcenter.org](http://www.fristcenter.org)

The Hermitage (615) 889-2941; [www.thehermitage.com](http://www.thehermitage.com)

Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art (615) 356-8000; [www.cheekwood.org](http://www.cheekwood.org)

Tennessee Performing Arts Center (615) 782-4000; [www.tpac.org](http://www.tpac.org)

Tennessee State Museum (800) 407-4324 or (615) 741-2692; [www.tnmuseum.org](http://www.tnmuseum.org)

## SEPA 2005 PROGRAM

Jean Spruill, President-Elect

It's not too soon to be thinking about submitting a paper or poster for the 2005 SEPA meeting in Nashville, TN. The submission deadline is October 12, 2004. As a reminder, listed below are some pointers that may help get your proposal accepted.

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. Submit the proposal on time.
3. Present original work that has not been presented before. Or, if you have presented an earlier version of your work, make sure the additions are of sufficient substance to warrant another presentation.
4. Make sure the majority of the work is complete at the time of submission. That is, the data have been collected and analyzed and at least a rough draft of the paper written.
5. All student submissions must be sponsored by a member of SEPA.

Invited Speakers: Two speakers have accepted the invitation to present at SEPA.

One of the SEPA Invited Speakers will be Dr Randy Otto. Dr. Otto is an Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Mental Health Law & Policy, Florida Mental Health Institute. He is a licensed psychologist and Diplomate in Forensic Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology. He will be talking about the Current Challenges to Forensic Psychological Practice. Dr. Otto also holds adjunct faculty appointments at Stetson University College of Law, and in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Florida. He has served as President of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology, he is President of the American Psychology- Law Society, and he is Corresponding Secretary of the American Board of Forensic Psychology. He also serves on the editorial boards of Law & Human Behavior, Behavioral Sciences & the Law, Journal of Threat Assessment, Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Administration, and the Correctional Mental Health Reporter. Dr. Otto has published numerous articles and book chapters in the areas of forensic assessment, clinical decision making, and violence risk assessment.

The Rosecrans Invited Speaker will be Dr. John Foreyt. Dr. Foreyt is a Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Department of College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. He also is the Director of the DeBakey Heart Center's Behavioral Medicine Research Center, Department of Medicine. He will be talking about some of the exciting new findings in obesity and weight management. Dr. Foreyt is a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, a Fellow of the Behavioral Therapy and Research Society, and a Fellow of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research and other professional organizations. He has served as a member of the National Task Force on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity, National Institutes of Health; The Committee to Develop Criteria for Evaluating the Outcomes of Approaches to Prevent and Treat Obesity, Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; and The Expert Panel on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Adults at High Risk for Cardiovascular Disease, National Institutes of Health.

More information about other invited speakers will be forthcoming.

# CEPO REPORT

Patricia L. Donat, CEPO Chair

The Atlanta meeting was an exciting time for reflection about the past and discussion about our future. The Committee on Equality of Professional Opportunity (CEPO) has a long history in the Southeast. This history was highlighted in a Conversation Hour in Atlanta. The Commission on the Status of Women, established in 1972 and chaired by Dr. Ellen Kimmel, provided the foundation for the later development of CEPO. Over the years, the activities of the Committee have changed to best meet the needs of psychologists in the Southeast. The current mission, approved at the 2004 meeting, is to promote professional equality for all psychologists, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

CEPO programming at the 2004 meeting included a wide variety of events in support of the mission. The SEPA/CEPO invited speaker was Dr. Jessica Henderson Daniel, Director of Training in Psychology, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA, and Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School. Her address, "Science and practice in cultural context: Ideas and human beings," described racial geography in the United States and generational messages and media images about race. Dr. Daniel also will be one of the speakers for the 2004 G. Stanley Hall/Harry Kirke Wolfe Lecture Series at the APA meeting in Honolulu in July for those who were not able to attend her presentation in Atlanta.

The CEPO keynote was Dr. Rosemary Hughes, Director of the Center for Research on Women with Disabilities. Her address, "Psychosocial issues for women with physical disabilities," provided an excellent overview of factors impacting women, including health issues, service issues, and abuse. We are thankful to Dr. Hughes for traveling from outside the region to attend our meeting.

One of the most highly attended CEPO events was the interdisciplinary symposium, "Evolution, gender, and rape," which featured a presentation by Dr. Cheryl Travis, University of Tennessee, on "Theory and data on the evolution of rape," Dr. Patricia Gowaty, University of Georgia, on "Power asymmetries between the sexes, mate preferences, and components of fitness," and Dr. Jacquelyn White, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, on "Understanding rape: A metatheoretical framework." The presentations provoked great interest and lively discussion.

The CEPO/Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Program continues to be a huge success. Almost 150 student abstracts were accepted for presentation at the meeting. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to become involved in SEPA programming. The first-author for each poster also receives a proceedings booklet, which includes a copy of all accepted abstracts. Dr. Pamela Banks and Dr. Kaye Sly, Jackson State University, chaired the event and are indebted to a large number of colleagues who served as abstract reviewers.

Dr. Linda Jones, Belmont University, chaired the CEPO Student Research Award. The award was presented to Teresa Wise, University of Central Florida, for her paper, "Maternal similarity of last name and attitudes toward children." Teresa is a two-time award winner in this category and is a good example of the quality of students completing their studies in the Southeast. We encourage faculty advisors to support their students in submitting materials for consideration for next year's award.

The CEPO Minority Interest Group, chaired by Dr. Rosemary Phelps, University of Georgia, Athens, and the CEPO Graduate Network, chaired by Dr. Lindsay Holland, Carson-Newman

## CEPO REPORT CONT.

College, both featured professional development programming this year. The Minority Interest Group included presentations by Dr. Cheryl Forkner (Clemson University), Dr. Sharon Jones (University of Georgia), and Dr. Comfort Asanbe (Tennessee Tech University) regarding graduate school. They presented information about the admission process, balancing academic and personal responsibilities, and planning for employment following graduation. The Graduate Network included a panel discussion by Dr. James Collins (Carson-Newman College), Dr. Sharon Pearcey (Kennesaw State University), Dr. Jacquelyn White (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), and Dr. Leonard Martin (University of Georgia) regarding the on-campus job interview.

Returning for a second year, Dr. Kathy Berlew, University of Cincinnati, and her graduate students (Natasha Buchanan, Amanda Flowers, Candace Johnson, Bridgette Peteet) presented information on the “Effects of family and other factors on the outcomes of at-risk children and youth.” This group's continuing commitment to CEPO programming is greatly appreciated.

The CEPO at Night film was “The Laramie Project.” This HBO film provides a portrait of the town of Laramie, Wyoming, following the beating and murder of Matthew Shepard in October 1998. The film is an excellent resource for faculty members teaching courses in social psychology or related areas.

During the next year, CEPO will be establishing an e-mailing list for distribution of notices regarding the CEPO student research awards and other information of interest. If you would like to be included on this list, please forward your name, address, and e-mail address to Dr. Patricia Donat, Mississippi University for Women, 1100 College Street, MUW-1637, Columbus, MS 39701 (e-mail: See you in Nashville next spring!



**THE MAKING OF A CONVENTION ...**  
**WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY AT THE CONFERENCE HOTEL**  
Rosemary Hays-Thomas, SEPA Administrative Officer

For a meeting of our size, SEPA uses a LOT of meeting space in a convention hotel. It would be very expensive to rent the exhibit, meeting, and ballroom space that we use during our annual meeting. When we agree to “pick up” a certain number of sleeping rooms in the hotel, the management agrees to hold them open for our members and gives concessions in terms of charges for meeting space. Our attendance and hotel registration is usually large enough that the hotel agrees to provide the meeting space on a complimentary basis, as long as we pick up the required number of hotel sleeping rooms.

We know that in a city like Atlanta, it is possible to find accommodations for considerably less than our convention rate. However, built into the convention rate is the cost of meeting at a hotel. If our members do not pick up the required number of sleeping rooms, then SEPA will have to pay to use the hotel facilities. **The “bottom line” is that we either have to pay for the meeting by staying in the hotel, or pay for the meeting by increased registration fees to cover meeting space rental.** Registration fees also have to cover the cost of reception refreshments, audio-visual equipment rental, and other costs of setting up the meeting.

At our 2004 meeting in Atlanta, for a variety of reasons our members did not rent the required number of rooms. Our contracted pick-up was well within our historical pattern, but this year we had fewer people in attendance and many people apparently stayed somewhere other than the Hilton! As a result, we were required to pay the hotel a significant sum to make up the revenue they had projected to earn from our members staying at their facility. The amount we paid was equal to more than 80% of our dues revenue for the calendar year! That puts us way behind.

Thanks to assistance from the American Psychological Association, we have been able to recoup a portion of this loss by contracting to meet at the Hilton Atlanta again in 2006 (with a lower room block and room rate). But we have still taken a financial hit.

Next year we are contracted for a smaller block of rooms in the Renaissance Nashville Hotel, and the room rate is less than our rate in Atlanta. **However, it is even more important than usual that those attending SEPA stay in the convention hotel.** We have suffered a major financial blow in 2004, but because of prudent financial management in the past, are able to make it through this crisis. On the other hand, it’s very important that we rebound next year with healthy attendance and a full room block.

**What can you do?** Plan now to participate in the program at our first meeting in Nashville in many years. Encourage your colleagues and students to submit their work to the program and attend the meeting. Plan to stay at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel—Persuade a colleague to join SEPA, and share a room!

Elsewhere in this Newsletter we have quizzes to test your knowledge about what it costs to provide what you see and enjoy at the SEPA meeting. It will probably surprise you! When you send in your dues this year, consider adding a contribution to the Education Fund to help us provide the kind of meeting we all would like to have.

# SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE PROCEDURES: POSTER GUIDELINES

Lillian Range, Member-at-Large  
and Jacqueline Brown

Poster sessions are an important aspect of psychology association meetings, and offer a unique opportunity for presenter and audience to interact. Although they are relatively new on the scene, posters are, nevertheless, as important as presentations (talks) to your professional career. Psychologists typically list posters and presentations in the same section of their academic vitae.

Despite the popularity and prevalence of posters, training programs rarely include any information about poster sessions. As a result, students are often in the dark about what is expected when presenting a poster. For this reason the following list provides 13 guidelines that shed some light on the poster process. These guidelines are our opinions only; they are not official SEPA policy.

1. It is acceptable to submit the same project to a poster session and to a journal for possible publication. One reasonable plan is to submit your thesis (project, dissertation, whatever) to a SEPA poster session as long as you do not have a final acceptance letter from a journal. Even if you have a final acceptance letter, but you anticipate that it will be a long time (say 2 years) until the article appears, you might submit to SEPA. If in doubt, consult with the program chair. The email address is listed on the letterhead.
2. It is fair and appropriate to have multiple authors. Indeed, poster sessions are a good way for groups of researchers to present their work.
3. Follow the rules about length. It may be fine to go longer for your class, but the rules for posters are strict.
4. Ask someone to read it before you submit. Make sure the person will be brutally honest, though this person does not have to be familiar with the content area.
5. Make the deadline – no exceptions. The person who is in charge of reviewing all submissions has no leeway on time or length. Pay that UPS bill if you must, because if you snooze you lose.
6. If you submit and are accepted, you must attend. If unforeseen circumstances arise, let the program chair or the poster session chair know. These circumstances should be extraordinary. “I changed my mind about coming to the convention,” is an unprofessional position.
7. It is unnecessary to pay for fancy graphics. Black print on white 8.5"x11" paper, backed by 11"x14" black construction paper, with typing in about a 15- to 20- point font will look professional and be totally acceptable. This system is much easier to transport than unwieldy poster boards.
8. Greet the poster session chair.
9. Have about 25 copies of your poster available for handouts, and a blank sheet of paper for people to leave names and addresses if you run out of handouts. You also want to be respectful of other presenters, so refrain from taking a copy of another poster unless you have firm plans to read it.

## **POSTER GUIDELINES CONT.**

10. Stand (or sit) near your poster so that people can find you. Wear your name badge.
11. Put your poster up at the appointed time, leave it for the entire poster session, and take it down when the session is over.
12. Keep a system of taking notes. Questioners often have great ideas; you may want to remember them later. One way to do this is to make all notes in the convention program.
13. Attend poster sessions at SEPA — you will learn a lot and it will be fun!

# **SEPA HISTORY: APA AND SEPA PRESIDENTS**

James L. Pate, Golden Jubilee Committee Chair and SEPA Historian

The Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) has influenced other regional organizations (e.g., the Southwestern Psychological Association) and national organizations in a variety of ways. For example, the SEPA established the Committee on the Status of Women in 1972, and that Committee became the Committee on the Equality of Professional Opportunity in 1979. In both forms, the committees and the SEPA have been leaders in fostering equality of opportunity and in enhancing the role of women in psychology and in the governance of psychological organizations.

Another way in which the SEPA has influenced other psychological organizations is by providing leaders at the national level. For example, Raymond D. Fowler, who was the SEPA president in 1972, later became the president (1988) and still later became the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Psychological Association (1989-2002). Nicholas Hobbs was the second president of the SEPA (1957) and was president of the APA in 1966. John F. Dashiell is unusual in that he was president of the APA (1938) before he became president of the SEPA (1961). Both Hobbs and Dashiell were very well known nationally even before the SEPA was founded. Charles D. Spielberger is the most recent SEPA president (1969) to serve as the president of the APA (1991).

Both Fowler (1983-1987) and Spielberger (1987-1990) served as treasurer prior to being elected president of the APA, and thus, their influence is easily determined. Although other SEPA members have served on APA committees, determining the APA committee membership of other SEPA members is more difficult than is determining the overlap of presidents of the APA and the SEPA. I ask that SEPA members who have served on APA committees or have been presidents of divisions of the APA send the following information to me. Specifically, I would like to know the committees on which SEPA members have served and the years of service. Similarly, members who have been division presidents should tell me the division number and the year of her/his presidency. These data will be used to create a database of SEPA contributions to the APA governance.

For any matters related to the SEPA History Project, you may contact me electronically at [jpate@gsu.edu](mailto:jpate@gsu.edu) or by regular mail at 1015 Wadsworth Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318-1655. James L. Pate, Georgia State University.

## **2004 OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION AWARDS**

Slater E. Newman, SEPA Executive Committee, Member-at-Large

Two papers were tied for first place in this year's SEPA/APA Outstanding Professional Paper Award competition, and three papers were tied for third place. First place winners received \$350 each, and third place winners received \$100 each. And the winners are:

### ***FIRST PLACE***

**NELSON ADAMS**

Winston-Salem State University

Minimal exposure to alcohol stimulates subsequent preference in rats

**THOMAS W. BRITT**

Clemson University

Identity relevance, task difficulty and performance

### ***THIRD PLACE***

**RANDY D. FISHER**

University of Central Florida

Nude entertainment and crime in Florida: An analysis by counties

**MELISSA J. HIMELEIN**

University of North Carolina at Asheville

Dieting, exercise, and depression among women with polycystic ovary syndrome

**PAULA J. WADDILL**

Murray State University

Can mental models account for different evaluations of parenting style?

We encourage you to consider participating in next year's Awards competition. Questions about this program should be addressed to Dr. Lillian Range, Chair, SEPA Outstanding Professional Paper Award Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5025. Phone: (601) 266-4612; FAX# (601) 266-5580; e-mail [L.Range@usm.edu](mailto:L.Range@usm.edu).

# **2004 SEPA SPECIAL TOPICS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS**

Presided by Linda Jones, Belmont University

These awards were originally established and supported through a grant from APA's Science Directorate to encourage more convention submissions from graduate students in subject areas traditionally less well represented on the program. Beginning three years ago, funding has been provided solely by SEPA. In accordance with a decision made by the SEPA Executive Committee at the 2000 meeting, the topics were limited to three areas: cross cultural, animal-biological, and developmental.

Submissions to each of this year's categories were evaluated by at least three faculty reviewers with expertise in that area. Based on these evaluations the winners of the Special Topics Graduate Student Research awards are:

Maternal similarity of last name and attributes toward children.  
**Teresa N. Wise**, Noel K. DiSerafino, Valerie Sims, and Jack McGuire  
University of Central Florida

## **Judges**

Lindsay Holland, Carson-Newman College  
Shelia Peters, Fisk University  
Michael Sullivan, Belmont University

The first author presented a paper from the research in a special SEPA session on Saturday, March 13, at 9:30 am. Congratulations to the winners!

# REMINDERS!!!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 12, 2004**

Conference Submissions Postmark Deadline

**March 1, 2005 \***

Conference Advance Hotel Reservations Deadline

**March 9, 2005**

Renaissance Nashville Hotel  
Reservations Deadline.

Use code SEPA (800) 327-6618

\* Registrations mailed after March 1st must include a late fee of \$15.00. DO NOT mail registration forms after March 15th. Plan, instead, to register at the Conference.

## GETTING THE WORD OUT: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have something you would like to have included in either the next SEPA Newsletter or the SEPA Website? Please direct any material, questions, comments to:

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## NOTICE: HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved within the last six months, or plan to move soon, please submit your new address to the SEPA office.

Please keep your address as up-to-date as possible at all times. This prevents delays in your mail, decreases SEPA's postage costs, and keeps your name on the current mailing list.

Send all address or name changes to [sepa@uwf.edu](mailto:sepa@uwf.edu) or mail to:

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