



Society for Cross-Cultural Research

Presidential Greetings

William Jankowiak, University of Nevada, Las Vegas



Hi Everyone:

As you know, registration is earlier this year; the registration site is up along with hotel information. If you have not already done so, please reserve hotel rooms and register on line today for the 2013 SCCR meeting that will be hosted in Mobile, Alabama.

We are planning walking tours of Civil Rights era events in the city as well as a canoeing outing in and around Mobile Bay. There are small yet interesting and informative local museums that are worth a quick peek. There is also a very instructive book on the history of Mobile by Michael Thomason, *Mobile: The New History of Alabama's First City* (Tuscaloosa:

University of Alabama Press, 2001). It is well worth at least a glance. Personally, I find that travels to new locations afford a wonderful invitation to study local geography and historical ethnography.

Also, remember that the due date for nominations for the Whiting (graduate students) and Minturn (junior faculty) awards has been extended. If you are eligible, please apply. If you know someone who is, please nominate.

William Jankowiak
President SCCR



Mobile, Alabama skyline

Editor's Note



Dear SCCR Colleagues,

Whether you were resting, or working or both (perhaps you were at the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology's congress at Stellenbosch, South Africa or the International Congress of Psychology in Cape Town, South Africa!), I hope that your summer was everything you had hoped it would be. Now that we are over a month into the fall semester, I have no doubt that the pace has picked up for almost everyone.

The Organizing Committee for the 2013 SCCR/SASci Meeting has been working hard at lining up an exciting conference for February 20-23 in Mobile, Alabama. Please note that the submission deadline is

November 9. Acceptance notifications will be e-mailed by December 10 (early decision notifications are possible upon request). We hope that you are putting together your abstract/s to submit to the program committee at <https://web.gsc.edu/sccrc/submissions.htm>. The SCCR/SASci Meeting offers valuable opportunities for intellectual stimulation and professional collaboration. It is also a wonderful place to socialize in. If you have never been to one of our meetings, please consider attending. You will not be disappointed. Address all questions about the conference to SCCR-CONFERENCE@GSC.EDU.

As promised in the spring/summer newsletter, besides updates on the 2013 meeting and other announcements, this issue carries contributions from two of SCCR's founding members. It gives me tremendous pleasure to invite you to read essays by Dr. Herbert Barry and Dr. Carol Ember. These essays, which were contributed with disarming willingness, give us enlightening and sometimes humorous glimpses into the formative years of SCCR, as seen through the eyes of two of SCCR's veterans. For those who are interested in knowing more about SCCR's history, there is an excellent essay by Dr. Ronald Rohner at <http://sccr.org/history.pdf>.

I hope to have more essays by our founders and memory-keepers to share with you over the coming months. If you have news, announcements or any other information that you think our members will be interested in, please send it all along to Hema.Ganapathy-Coleman@indstate.edu or Hema.Ganapathy.Coleman@utoronto.ca for inclusion in the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Hema Ganapathy-Coleman
SCCR Newsletter Editor

2013 CONFERENCE UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT VALERIE HAVILL



Dear Colleagues,

The SCCR/SASci planning committees have been busy preparing for our next joint meeting in Mobile, AL. The venue for the conference is the AAA rated Four Diamond, historic Battle House Renaissance Hotel and Spa. Much has changed since the hotel first opened in 1852. When Stephen Douglas spent the night that he lost the presidency to Abraham Lincoln at the Battle House Hotel, there was no Zen-like fire pit in the Quiet Room for him to recharge.

We have negotiated low conference rates of \$129.00 per night/double occupancy for those reserving before January 21, 2013. You will earn Double Marriot awards and pets are welcome!

We have already begun to review paper and poster proposals. We encourage you to talk with your colleagues and

submit proposals for thematic sessions at <https://web.gsc.edu/sccrc/submissions.htm>. Early submissions will help us schedule talks. Conference registration is now available on the SCCR conference web page at <https://web.gsc.edu/sccrc/Registration.htm>.

I am especially pleased that faculty from the University of South Alabama are working with the SCCR planning committee to host a wonderful conference. Besides the scientific papers, round tables, and formal and informal discussions that characterize our meetings, we are planning some optional tours for those who are able to stay in the Mobile Bay area over the weekend.

Some participants may want to join a tour of part of The African-American Heritage Trail. The African-American Heritage Trail's primary objective is to share Mobile's diverse story. A forgotten past is recalled – the early Creoles of African descent; African survivors from the *Clotilda*, the last slave ship to enter the US in 1860; newly freed blacks who worshipped and built the oldest churches in Alabama; and the Civil Rights Advocates who were integral to the evolution of Mobile's diverse heritage.

A second option is a visit to the 5 Rivers Delta and a canoe/kayak tour. Where the Mobile, Spanish, Tensaw, Appalachian

and Blakeley rivers flow into Mobile Bay stands an incredible new facility for outdoor recreation, conservation and land stewardship. A paddling trip into the 250,000 acres of scenic waterways, woods and wetlands begins there.

Details and sign up for these tours will be posted soon on the SCCR conference web page. I look forward to seeing you all in Mobile, Alabama in February 2013.

Valerie Havill



USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park

Election or Selection of Leaders

Herbert Barry III

University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA



The Society for Cross-Cultural Research was initially planned by several founding members during the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in November 1971. I did not attend that meeting, but I was informed by a participant soon afterward that a meeting to inaugurate the organization was scheduled at the University of Pittsburgh. It occurred on 19-20 February 1972.

During the interval of three months, Ronald P. Rohner, at the University of Connecticut, drafted the Constitution and By-laws for the prospective organization, with participation and approval by George Peter “Pete” Murdock, Mellon Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. Election of the leader was specified by the requirement for the Nominating Committee each year to nominate at least two members for President Elect. One would be elected in a mail ballot sent to all the members. This requirement is consistent with the policy of election by all eligible voters for President of the United States, for Governor of each State, and for local political officials.

The President Elect becomes the President the next year. One of the duties of the President is to appoint two members of the Nominating Committee. The next year, the President becomes the Past President. One of the duties of the Past President is to chair the Nominating Committee.

An unusual policy for the organization is to request members to designate their affiliation with three disciplines: Anthropology, Psychology, or other Social Sciences. The representatives for the three disciplines serve staggered three-year terms. The Nominating Committee also was required to nominate at least two members for the discipline whose representative was scheduled that year for election in the same ballot as for the President Elect. The nominees for President Elect were not permitted to be affiliated with the same discipline as the current President Elect

The meeting to found the organization was chaired by Ward Goodenough, who was Chairperson of the Anthropology Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He had been a student of Murdock at Yale University. Another former student of Murdock at Yale was John W. M. Whiting, who was at Harvard University. Whiting was the leading practitioner of psychological anthropology. Murdock and Whiting were friends, but Murdock's adverse feelings about psychology were expressed by his multiple recitations of a humorous characterization. "An anthropologist studies other cultures because he cannot stand his own. A sociologist studies other societies because he cannot stand his own. A psychologist studies other people because he cannot stand himself."

After the draft provisions of the proposed Constitution and By-laws were made available to the founding members, John Whiting made a motion for an alternative structure of the organization. An elected Council of five members would choose its chairperson and be responsible for the meetings and other activities of the organization.

Murdock stated his objections to Whiting's proposal. After prolonged, vigorous debate about the rival proposals, Murdock announced his selections of the initial officers of the proposed organization. Beatrice B. Whiting, the spouse of John Whiting and an active psychological anthropologist at Harvard, would be the first President. John L. Fischer, at Tulane University, would be the first Past President. I would be the first President Elect. Also, James M. Schaefer, at the University of Montana, Secretary-Treasurer. Ronald P. Rohner, at the University of Connecticut, Anthropology Representative. Leigh Minturn, at the University of Colorado, to Psychology, would be the first Psychology Representative. Dorrian A. Sweetser, at the University of Massachusetts, would be the first Other Social Sciences Representative.

Murdock correctly expected that his list of selected officers, especially Beatrice Whiting as the first President, would increase support for the draft Constitution and By-laws. Soon afterward, the vote on the structure of the organization was 19 for Whiting's proposal, 28 for the previously drafted Constitution and By-laws. Murdock's selection of the initial officers was then approved without dissent.

On the next day, 20 February 1972, the founding members approved the name of the new organization: Society for Cross-Cultural Research. The alternative proposal was Society for Comparative Studies. The members also agreed that John L. Fischer's title would be Vice President instead of first Past President.

Murdock certainly would have been elected the first President if he had desired that office. At the age of 74, he was a vigorous and productive leader of cross-cultural research. He probably preferred to avoid the responsibility of leading the new organization. Instead, he tried to control the future of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research by his role in preparing the draft Constitution and Bylaws and by selecting the initial officers.

I was astonished but grateful to be Murdock's selection for President Elect. He had not previously informed me of his intention. Beatrice Whiting and I therefore were selected by Murdock to be the initial leaders of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research. For more than ten years afterward, the leaders were elected by the members, who chose between two nominees.

Throughout my three years as President Elect, President, and Past President, I strove to justify Murdock's choice of me. The second annual meeting, 1973, was at the University of Pennsylvania. I served as program chair for the 1974 meeting, at Boston University. I functioned as editor of the Newsletter all three years.

I remember a statement to me by Murdock that when I was Past President, he and I would need to select which two members would be nominated for the election as the next President Elect. The next Presidents Elect after me were John M. Roberts, at the University of Pittsburgh, and William W. Lambert, at Cornell University.

While I was Past President, one of the female founding members complained to me that after Beatrice Whiting, all four subsequent Presidents Elect were males. As Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, I suggested to the other two members, who had been appointed by John Roberts, that we select two female members for the next President Elect. They agreed on Barbara A. Ayres, at the University of Massachusetts, and Margaret K. Bacon, at Rutgers University. In my opinion, both were excellent choices. Barbara Ayres had been a student of John Whiting. While I was a graduate student at Yale, Margaret Bacon had worked with me on a project directed by Irvin L. Child. When I told Barbara Ayres that she was one of the two nominees, she initially objected against opposing her friend Margaret Bacon. Barbara Ayres then agreed because she expected Margaret Bacon be elected.

Barbara Ayres was elected, contrary to her expectation. I believe that I did the right thing. I also believe Murdock felt disappointed because I did not consult with him in advance about that decision. My conjecture is that he would have preferred two different nominees.

Several years later, one of the founding members of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research felt convinced that elections resulted in excessive hurt feelings for the loser. The Constitution and By-laws accordingly were revised to state that the Nominating Committee would nominate at least one candidate for each open position. As one of the nominees, after Carol Ember became President Elect in 1984, Joel Aronoff in 1985 became President Elect as the only nominee. Michael Burton was the only nominee as Anthropology Representative. The option for a single nominee immediately became preferred. A single nominee has been selected in all the subsequent years thus far. Three years after 1984, when Alice Schlegel was one of the two nominees for President Elect, she was nominated and elected to be President Elect.

Selection of a single nominee has attractive advantages for professional organizations whose purpose is not to govern nonmembers and whose officers receive no salary or other material benefits. The loser of an election may become bitter and may withdraw from the organization. The current leaders usually know who is best qualified to be the next leader.

A technique for minimizing the disadvantage of elections is to offer more than two nominees. The American Anthropological Association has three nominees for President. The American Psychological Association has five nominees for President. The losers feel encouraged to accept a subsequent nomination, especially the one who had received the second most votes. In the Division of Psychopharmacology of the American Psychological Association, during a succession of years, two members were nominated for President, but the loser was usually a nominee and the winner in the next year.

While serving as President of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, William Lambert appointed me to a nonvoting renewable one-year position on the Executive Committee as Archivist and Parliamentarian. I have thereafter felt a special affiliation with this organization. A more important benefit is that James Schaefer, as the first Secretary-Treasurer, mailed to me his records on the initial meeting in 1972. He thereby contributed for this essay many items of information that I had forgotten or misremembered.

SCCR HISTORY COMMENTS

Carol R. Ember



I am just going to add a few things to Herb Barry's statement about SCCR's history.

Over the years, there were a number of important controversies that stand out in my mind. One was at the first formal organizational meeting at the University of Pittsburgh. The clear highlight of that meeting was the obvious rivalry between "Pete" (George Peter) Murdock and John Whiting. John was one of Pete's first students and by the time of the first meeting he had already established himself in the field. There were clearly at least two rival alpha males in the room, but Murdock was on his home turf (by then, he had moved to the University of Pittsburgh). Obviously, there were psychological undercurrents, but the ostensible controversy was over the degree of formality that the fledgling organization should have. John Whiting was vehemently opposed to formal bylaws and formal officials. As he saw it, the best meetings were about a bunch of people getting together to have intellectual conversations. His style was to argue vociferously. It seemed obvious that Pete thought that he could best John by offering one of the top jobs in the organization to John's spouse Beatrice Whiting. John wasn't having any of it. In his inimitable style, he said something like: "I don't give a damn who you put up for President; I don't want any officers." Problem for John, my mentor, winning this argument was that the meeting included many people from Pittsburgh, most of whom probably sided with Pete. That helped Pete win the argument! John and Bea still continued to come to SCCR meetings, although Bea did have to stop coming earlier when she became very hard of hearing.

There was one major thing that John Whiting did influence in his favor—the time of the meeting. It was in that first informal meeting in a hotel room. Frankly, I can't remember whether it was our room (the room I shared with my late husband Mel) or Ron Rohner's room—Ron will remember. But I do remember a lot of drinking and smoking (back in the day when smoking was okay!)! And I do remember after the question of when to have the meeting. John said, "Washington's Birthday of course." When asked, "Why have the meeting in the winter?" John said, "My father said that if you make it until Washington's Birthday, you've made it through another winter." And that was that. We've had many attempts to change the date—none of them worked.

But where? The first set of places were all in the North (e.g., Philadelphia, Syracuse, New Haven). After a number of years with constant fear of snowstorms, some of us (we were called derisively "the sun-in-the-fun" crowd") kept pushing to change the venue to sunnier climes. There were those who wanted to stay in the university circuit, but many of those places were cold. This was a recurring debate. It went on for years. It seems to be settled for now—sun seems to be deemed fun!

NEWS

Judith Gibbons Receives Award

Judith Gibbons received the 2012 Florence L. Denmark/Mary E. Reuder Award for Outstanding International Contribution to the Psychology of Women and Gender at the American Psychological Association convention, Orlando, Florida.



Dr. Gibbons is shown here with Florence Denmark and John Hogan, Chairperson of the Awards Committee for Division 52 (International) of APA.

William Jankowiak Invited as Speaker

William Jankowiak has been invited to give seven different presentations at five universities/research institutes:

Oct 3: University of Pennsylvania
Seminar talk, "Research on love"

Oct 19: Sheffield University, UK:
Two talks, "Chinese Perception of Physical Attractiveness" & "The Changing Chinese Family: New Trends"

Oct 20th: London School of Economics, Cognition and Culture Seminar
"Can you love more than one person at the same time?"

Oct 21: London School of Economics
Anthropology seminar, "Well Being in Chinese society"

Oct 25: Max Planck Institute (Halle/Berlin)
"Market reform and cognitive expansion of moral empathy"

Oct 27: Cambridge University Kings College
"Urban Mongols: A vibrant community"

New Edited Volume, *Fathers in Cultural Context* by David Shwalb, Barbara Shwalb & Michael Lamb, which expands our understanding of fatherhood across cultures, is now in print. Please see attached flyer.

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EDITED BY DAVID W. SHWALB, BARBARA J. SHWALB,
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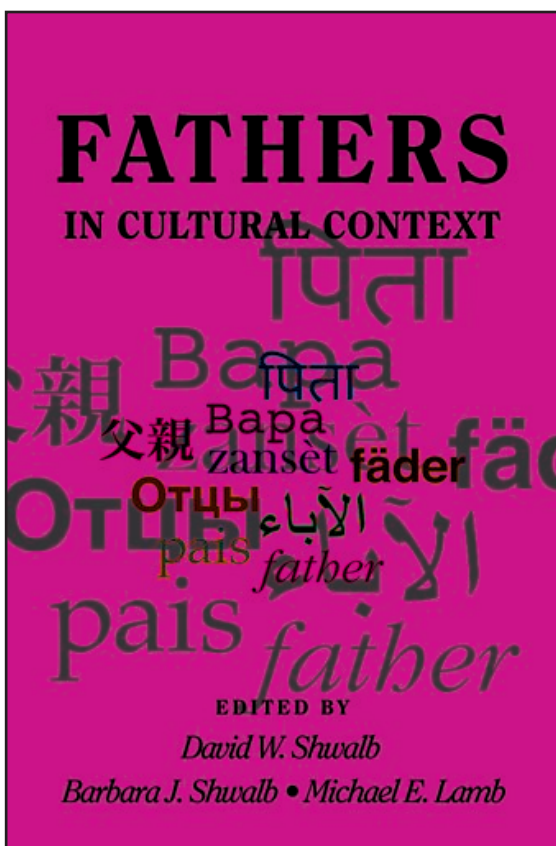
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The 2013 IACCP Regional Conference will take place in Los Angeles all day Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22, 2013, with workshops on Thursday, June 20. A day of full-day and half-day workshops will be selected as part of the open submission process.

The title of the conference will be: **CULTURE IN PSYCHOLOGY: VARIATION WITHIN AND ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS**

The scientific program most other events will occur on the UCLA campus. Housing will be on or adjacent to the campus. We will have a welcome gathering on Thursday night June 20 at the UCLA Faculty Center and a reception/dinner on Friday night June 21, most likely at the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History. The closing banquet will take place on Saturday night, June 22; we hope to have it at California Yacht Club, overlooking the water in Marina Del Rey. Information will be provided for sightseeing in the area, suggested for Sunday, June 23. The deadline for submissions will be February 5, 2013. However, earlier submissions would be very much appreciated, especially from participants who anticipate a lengthy visa process.

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The due date for the John and Beatrice Award and the Leigh Minturn Memorial Award has been extended to October 30. Notifications will be sent out by November 30.

The Whiting Award is worth \$150 and is open to any graduate student who can demonstrate scholarly potential and who has been active in SCCR activities and attended at least one SCCR conference.

The Minturn Award (\$300; for details about both awards see http://www.sccr.org/member_activities.html) is open to anyone who has not been awarded tenure at any university, and who received their terminal degree less than 5 years ago (at the time of nomination).

The criteria for selection are:

- Outstanding culture-related scholarly productivity
- Outstanding culture-related scholarly potential
- Active contributor to SCCR
- Past attendee of at least 2 SCCR conferences

Please send Curriculum Vitae and Statement of Research and future projects (one page) to William Jankowiak (Jankowiak@spamarrest.com).



Aerial View of the 5 Rivers Delta

Plan to be at Alabama in February 2013!

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