



Society for Cross-Cultural Research

Presidential Greetings

Deborah Best, Wake Forest University, North Carolina

Summer greetings to SCCR colleagues!



I hope you have had a productive, enjoyable summer and did not suffer from the heat wave we experienced in the Southern USA.

Since our meeting in Charleston, I have been busy lecturing about cross-cultural research and I have had the opportunity to invite colleagues to join SCCR. In March I was privileged to give a keynote address on cross-cultural research at the 6th Women in Culture conference at the University of Gdansk as part of Women's History Month in Poland. The US Embassy in Warsaw also invited me to lecture at Lazarski University, Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, the American Corner in Gdansk, and the Initiatives of Professional Women Network and the Vital Voices Chapter

Poland mentoring program. In July, I attended the Regional Conference of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology in Istanbul, Turkey. These lectures and meetings gave me an opportunity to invite colleagues to join SCCR and attend our upcoming conference. I hope you are doing the same when you meet colleagues who might be interested in our organization.

School will be starting soon for most of us, so it is time to start thinking about the SCCR conference at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, February 22 - 25, 2012. In the coming weeks, Bill Jankowiak, SCCR President-elect and 2012 Conference Organizer, will be sharing information about the upcoming conference. I hope you will plan to attend the meeting, organize a symposium, and submit a paper. The program is determined by those who attend, so contact your colleagues and invite them to join us in Las Vegas. The desert is beautiful in February, the roulette wheels are turning (if you are interested), and an exciting program of cross-cultural research awaits you!

See you in Las Vegas!
Best wishes,
Debbie

Editor's Note



Dear SCCR Colleagues,

For most of us summer is over. The days flew by! I hope that you had a relaxing and/or productive break. I would like to thank those of you who contributed news and updates to this newsletter as well as the spring newsletter. I would also like to renew my request that you send items to include in upcoming editions of the newsletter. We are interested in announcements of member accomplishments, updates on publications, websites of use, job announcements, and anything else that might be of interest to members.

Address contributions to:

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Your active and generous participation will only make SCCR better.

The start of the academic year is a hectic time for academics but please do make sure that the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research is on your calendar. You will find intellectual stimulation in our rich array of presentations and keynote addresses, meet like-minded colleagues, widen your professional network, and reconnect with old friends. And if you are at the meeting for the first time, you are likely to find yourself looking forward to our future meetings every February.

Sincerely,

Hema Ganapathy-Coleman
Editor, SCCR Newsletter

2012 CONFERENCE UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT W I L L I A M JANKOWIAK



Greetings!

This year's meeting in Las Vegas will feature three morning plenary speakers who will talk about how a city emerged in a desert and discuss the questions "Do legalized prostitutes enjoy their work?" and "Do females prefer to be sexually desired more than engage in actual sex?" The talks are all by local scholars in the Liberal Arts College at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. They have devoted their careers to investigating these and related questions.

IMPORTANT MEETING DEADLINES: The due date for abstract submissions is November 30th.

The deadline for student paper and poster awards is December 31st.

It is okay to submit abstracts earlier (early Nov), as many students and faculty need an early decision to obtain funding for their travel to the meeting. I hope to have a tentative program schedule ready before January 1.

If you plan to arrive early or stay late, please reserve your hotel room early, as there are a limited number of rooms that have been blocked for us at the reduced rate. Remember in Vegas EVERY Hotel property doubles their room rate for Friday and Saturday night stays. If you plan to stay till Sunday, please reserve earlier than normal. Remember Las Vegas is a good attraction for many foreign and domestic participants. I know east-coast academics find it more Sodom than Gomorra but for young people, Vegas is cool and if no one is watching, I suspect fun for east coasters too!

This year we will be joined by the entire executive board of the American Psychology Division 52 unit. They are eager to interact with us and comment on papers, if not present a paper themselves.

Preliminary interest in the meeting in Vegas is very good. I am receiving requests and inquiries from around the globe. I suspect our 2012 meeting will be well attended.

Finally, we need volunteers for the SCCR program committee. This committee reads symposium, paper and poster abstracts and decides what will be presented, where and when. Being on this committee gives you the chance to work with other SCCR members and provides invaluable insights on who is doing what type of research. Both can be fun and of great personal benefit. If interested, please email me at: jankowiak@spamarrest.com. I expect that there will not be a great deal of work for us until November 30, the due date for submissions.

Bill

News and Updates

Prof. Deborah Best discusses Gender Issues in Poland

Prof. Deborah Best, an expert in gender studies, highlighted Women's History Month in Poland with a visit to Gdansk and Warsaw on March 6-12. Professor Best was a keynote speaker at the 6th "Woman in Culture" conference held at the University of Gdańsk. She also met with women NGO representatives at the American Corner Gdańsk, where she and Professor Marta Fulop of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences discussed issues related to gender stereotypes and rivalry between the sexes. In Warsaw, Professor Best met with students at Lazarski University and the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities to speak about her research -- conducted in 30 countries worldwide -- on the changes in gender stereotypes over the last three decades. She also discussed changing stereotypes and challenges of women in business with women professionals and entrepreneurs who participate in initiatives of the Professional Women Network and the Vital Voices Chapter Poland mentoring program. The meeting was hosted by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC), whose Country Managing Partner, Olga Grygier, is one of the mentors in Vital Voices.

Prof. Judith Gibbons named a Fulbright Scholar; receives Interamerican Psychology Award

The Fulbright will allow Dr. Gibbons, professor of psychology and international studies, to conduct research and serve as a visiting scholar at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. From January through September, Dr. Gibbons will teach a course about the psychology of gender and a seminar on qualitative research in the master's program in counseling. "Guatemala is an amazing country, rich in culture and natural resources and untapped talent among its citizens." Dr. Gibbons said. "I look forward to working there."

She will offer workshops about research design and data analysis, and work with individual students in both the *licenciatura*, an advanced degree program, and master's program on their theses. Her research project, entitled "Psychology of gender, research methods, and investigation of gender attitudes, *machismo*, and benevolent sexism in Guatemala," will expound on her interests in cross-cultural and cross-national studies of gender roles and adolescent development; the acculturation processes in adolescents and their families; and the psychology of women.

The Interamerican Society of Psychology (better known by its acronym in Spanish, SIP) also recognized Judith Gibbons with the Interamerican Psychology Award for her contributions to interamerican psychology. The award was presented in Medellín, Colombia at the XXXIII Interamerican Congress of Psychology on June 26th 2011. This award is presented every two years at the Congress of the Society. Previous winners of this award include prominent psychologists, such as Albert Bandura, Alice Eagly, Robert Sternberg, John Berry, Florence Denmark, Martin Fishbein, and Harry Triandis.



Upcoming Conferences of Interest (contributed by Dr. Judith Gibbons)

1. The Interamerican Society of Psychology (known by its acronym in Spanish, SIP) will be hosting a regional conference in Bolivia from June 21 through 23rd, 2012. The website will be up soon.
2. The International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) 21st International Congress is due to take place in Stellenbosch, South Africa from 17-21 July, 2012. The theme of the Congress is "Nurturing Diversity for Sustainable Development," and it is hard to find a more fitting location for this theme than South Africa, widely known for its striking cultural and biodiversity as well as dynamic social changes. The congress will include a scientific program featuring a distinguished panel of speakers. The [topics](#) that the congress deals with are aligned with the activities of your society. For more information about the congress, including its topics and committees, we invite you to visit the congress website: www.iaccp2012southafrica.co.za/.

Anyone who is interesting in organizing or participating in an SCCR symposium at either of those congresses, please contact Dr. Judith Gibbons at gibbonsjl@slu.edu. We could highlight some of the strengths of the research presented at SCCR meetings, such as our interdisciplinary approach.

Announcements

Two announcements are posted in the next three pages:

The first is from Dr. Dung Ngo on behalf of the Vietnamese American Psychological Association.

The second is contributed by Dr. Bill Jankowiak and is about the Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award



Vietnamese American
Psychological Association

Vietnamese American Psychological Association (VAPA)

Mission and Goals of VAPA

The core mission of VAPA is to advance Vietnamese American psychology, advocate for Vietnamese Americans and their psychological well-being, address the mental health needs of Vietnamese Americans, and provide resources for other professionals, clinicians, and agencies.

The Vietnamese American Psychological Association (VAPA) is an organization that comprises primarily of Vietnamese American professionals (and non-Vietnamese professionals) from multidiscipline and diverse training backgrounds. To this end, the organization welcomes memberships from educators, researchers, religious and community leaders, and clinicians from various fields such as psychology, psychiatry, sociology, social work, and health education.

Accordingly, VAPA adopts the following core Goals:

- To promote culturally responsive mental health services for Vietnamese American individuals;
- To advance and disseminate psychological research on Vietnamese Americans;
- To raise awareness and understanding of mental health issues of Vietnamese Americans;
- To increase access to culturally appropriate mental health treatments for Vietnamese Americans;
- To educate and train Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese mental health service providers; and
- To establish professional collaborations and networks among peers across disciplines.

The Founding of VAPA

In October 2010, Dung Ngo, a professor then at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, sent out an email invitation to Vietnamese American professionals in the mental health and related fields. The intent of his invitation was to form a network of Vietnamese American mental health professionals who share a common goal to address the psychological needs of the Vietnamese American community. Quite a few individuals responded to Professor Ngo's invitation and expressed interest in joining such a group. In the next few months, the founding members drafted the bylaws and named the group the Vietnamese American Psychological Association (VAPA). The group further received input from external reviewers during the drafting of its bylaws. Following the completion of the bylaws, VAPA invited several Vietnamese psychologists to join the Founding Board Committee to establish and oversee the voting procedures in order to select VAPA's first Executive Board members. The Founding Board Committee members included Dr. Krystianna Kieu Thu Nguyen (Chair), Dr. Quyen Tiet (Co-Chair), and Dr. Mary Vu.

Next Steps

VAPA is currently pursuing the following activities as a next step:

- Recruit members through media and professional networks
- Obtain funding to organize a nation-wide Vietnamese American mental health conference
- Collaborate with other organizations with similar interests

Executive Board Members

Dung Ngo, Ph.D. – President, The University of Texas at Tyler, Department of Psychology and Counseling.

Hoa Vo, Ph.D. – Vice-President, Fogarty International Research Fellow Grant Recipient.

Hannah Nguyen, MSW – Secretary, Doctoral Student at UCLA.

Trinh Nguyen, MSW(c) – Treasurer, Graduate Student at USC.

Thomas Nguyen, MA – Webmaster, Doctoral Student in Psychology at The University of Saint Thomas.

APA Division 52 'Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award' (2011)

The mission of Division 52 is to advance psychology internationally as a science and profession, and through education and advocacy. In support of this mission, the Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award is presented to the author(s) or editor(s) of a recent book that makes the greatest contribution to psychology as an international discipline and profession, or more specifically, the degree to which the book adds to our understanding of global phenomena and problems from a psychological point of view. Examples include psychological interventions at the micro- and macro-levels, multinational organizations, questions of mental health, pedagogy, peace and war, gender roles, contributions of indigenous psychologies to global psychology, textbooks that integrate theory, research and practice from around the globe, edited volumes integrating contributions from scholars around the world, and overviews of international and global psychology.

Inclusions and Exclusions

Nominations may include authored or edited volumes in any language. All submissions must be accompanied by a 2-page letter in English making a case for the book's potential contribution to global psychology. Copyright must be 2010. Nominations may not include fiction and biographies.

Specifics of the Award

Winners will be announced in early 2012, presented with a certificate, and invited to give an address at the August APA 2012 Convention in Orlando, FL. They will receive one full payment of the convention fee and a stipend of \$500 to help fund their attendance at the convention.

Criteria

In judging the contribution of each book, the following set of guidelines will be used:

1. How creative and novel are the ideas expressed in the book?
2. How large and significant a contribution does the book make to psychology as a global discipline and profession?
3. Are the book's contents international or global in nature?
4. Is the book scientifically rigorous and logically sound? Are its theoretical bases well supported and translatable into sound and ethical practice?
5. What is the literary quality of the work? Is it interestingly and well written? Is the audience for whom it is written explicitly stated and does it reach that audience?
6. Does the book maintain a clear focus on psychology as a science and practice?

Procedures

All nominations, accompanied by the 2-page letter, and three copies of the book, must be made by October 1, 2011, and sent to:

Renée Goodstein, Ph.D.

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About Ursula Gielen:

Ursula Gielen (1916-1997, Germany) was vitally interested in the well-being of indigenous, persecuted, and poor people around the world, with a special emphasis on women and children. Her legacy and commitment to international concerns and human welfare continues through her children: Ute Seibold, a former foreign language secretary in Switzerland; Uwe Gielen, an international psychologist in the United States; Odina Diephaus, a former interpreter with the European Parliament in Belgium and France; and Anka Gielen, a counseling psychologist in Germany.



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Ursula Gielen Book Award Winners

2008: *Families Across Cultures: A 30-Nation Psychological Study*. Editors: James Georgas (University of Athens, Greece), John W. Berry (Queen's University, Canada), Fons J. R. van de Vijver (Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, The Netherlands), Cigdem Kagitcibasi (Koc University, Turkey), and Ype H. Poortinga (Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, The Netherlands).

2009: *Culture and Leadership Across the World: The GLOBE Book of In-Depth Studies of 25 Societies*. Editors: Jagdeep S. Chhokar (Indian Institute of Management, India), Felix C. Brodbeck (Aston University, UK) and Robert J. House (University of Pennsylvania, USA).

2011: *International Handbook of Cross-Cultural Counseling: Cultural Assumptions and Practices Worldwide*. Editors: Lawrence H. Gerstein (Ball State University, USA), P. Paul Heppner (University of Missouri, USA), Stefania Aegisdottir (Ball State University, USA), Seung-Ming Alvin Leung (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Kathryn L. Norsworthy (Rollins College, USA).

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SCCR - A Community of Scholars and Students

SCCR is a **multi-disciplinary** organization. Its members all share a common devotion to the conduct of cross-cultural research. SCCR members are professionals and students from the social science fields of Psychology, Anthropology, Sociology, and related fields including Education, Family Studies, Social Work, Human Development, Psychiatry, Communications, Ethnic Studies, Business, etc. A distinguishing characteristic of the Society, compared with other academic organizations, is that it is fundamentally inter-disciplinary and provides members the opportunity to network with scholars from a wide variety of approaches to cross-cultural and comparative research. Since its founding in 1971, SCCR has intentionally avoided growing too large, so that its members can know each other better, form lasting relationships, and provide genuine support to their fellow colleagues and students.

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To Join SCCR, submit the [online application form](#) and pay your dues online (below), or print and fill out this form and mail it to the [Treasurer](#) along with your dues payment. Membership dues are not included in conference fees, and should be sent only to the SCCR treasurer, online here or by mail. Membership in the Society for Cross-Cultural Research is based on the calendar year (a subscriber's calendar year begins the month SCCR receives the membership fee). Those who join now will receive the publications for the current calendar year, including all of the current year's issues of *Cross-Cultural Research*. Back issues of the journal are available online only.

There are three categories of membership in SCCR. Regular, Student, and Retired members receive [Cross-Cultural Research](#), the [Newsletter](#), 20% publisher discounts from Sage Publications and Information Age Publishing, reduced meeting registration rates, and voting privileges. Joint members share one copy of [CCR](#). You may choose an alternate two-year dues payment option at a reduced rate.

Current and new members: please use the following table to choose your dues amount.

Type	One Year		Two Years	
	Single	Joint	Single	Joint
Regular	55	65	100	120
Retired	40	50	70	90
Student	35	45	65	85

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