

Welcome to Students

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Dear Student:

I encourage you to attend the 39th annual conference of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research (<http://www.sccr.org/sccr2010>), on February 17-20, 2010 at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel, located in the Uptown area of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference will be held jointly with SASci (<http://anthrosciences.org>) and AAACIG (<http://www.aaacig.org>). There will be a wide array of papers presented by scholars and students in the fields of psychology, anthropology, sociology, education, child and family studies, social work, linguistic, and many other related disciplines. This year the meetings will be highlighted by two outstanding keynote speakers: Dr. Michael E. Lamb (Professor and Head of the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology at the University of Cambridge, UK) and Dr. Murray Gell-Mann (Nobel Laureate in Physics and Distinguished Fellow at the Santa Fe Institute, California Institute of Technology, USA).

SCCR is a growing national/international professional organization and you can get to know other people at conference on a first name basis. *This is different from other bigger conferences you may attend, where almost everybody gets lost in the crowd.* SCCR members include faculty members, students, and practitioners from throughout the U.S., as well as many scholars from Australia, Canada, Mexico, Scandinavia, Russia, Japan, the Ukraine, etc. Several informal gatherings at the conference will give you the chance to meet scholars and other students, to share research ideas and to build friendships and collaborations.

We encourage students to participate in paper *sessions and poster sessions*. And to help you get to the conference, a limited number of student and foreign scholar travel grants are available for presenters. Both monetary prizes and travel grants will be awarded to the undergraduate and graduate students who present the best papers and poster.

There will be special opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students at the conference. We are working on these initiatives now. In addition, because there are several colleges and universities (e.g., University of New Mexico, New Mexico Tech, New Mexico State University, Highland University) located close to the conference site, we want to give local students and out-of-state students the opportunity to meet each other.

I hope that you will be able to build a lifelong memory by attending SCCR next February. Along with our graduate student coordinators Reshma Kamal and Hadeel Al-Essa, and

our undergraduate student coordinators Kate Fitzpatrick and Christina Valenzuela, we welcome you to SCCR 2010. If you've never been to Albuquerque, we can guarantee that you will never forget this city once you've been here. We know you will have a good time, because that's what folks do best in New Mexico!

Respectfully,

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