Society for Cross-Cultural Research

Presidential Greetings

Deborah Best, Wake Forest University, North Carolina

Greetings, SCCR Colleagues!

I was delighted to see so many of you at the SCCR Conference in Charleston, SC this past February. Many thanks to Judy Gibbons, Program Chair, and the Program Committee members for organizing the program and reviewing the numerous submissions. The conference papers and posters were interesting and informative, conversations with colleagues were engaging, and Charleston charmed us with her lovely weather, food, and Southern hospitality! I would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee – Brad Huber, Trisha Folds-Bennett, and Christine Finnan -- for making the meeting a special one for all of us. We were pleased that our SCCR colleagues "came South" and explored the culture of Charleston.

Bill Jankowiak and colleagues at the University of Nevada are planning an exciting conference in Las Vegas, February 22 - 25, 2012. Bill is planning a meeting that will explore the paradox that is Las Vegas and its culture. Come participate in the program, explore the surrounding desert, and visit with colleagues. We hope to see you there.

The SCCR Executive Committee will be working to expand our connections with other organizations, increase our membership, and strengthen our impact in the research world. If you have suggestions for the upcoming conference or for the organization, please contact me (best@wfu.edu) or your area representative.

Dear SCCR Colleagues,

I am delighted to serve as the SCCR's Newsletter Editor. In addition to providing a summary of events transpiring between successive editions, and announcing those that are yet to come, the newsletter has the potential to serve as a bridge among us, geographically scattered as we are. For my part, I will work with SCCR officers to attempt to provide an informative, intellectually stimulating, and entertaining newsletter. However, the promise of the bulletin can only be fully realized with your help and so, I invite your participation in co-creating this document.

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- Announcements of upcoming conferences, talks, meetings, courses and broadcasts
- Announcements about new books, films and journals
- Website addresses useful for SCCR members
- Appeals for chapter or paper contributions to books, journals, or conferences
- Solicitations for collaborations
- Information about undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and post-doctoral opportunities or job announcements
- News for dissemination to SCCR members from the Executive Committee
- Anything else that might be of interest to SCCR members

Hema Ganapathy-Coleman
Editor, SCCR Newsletter

FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT WILLIAM JANKOWIAK

Greetings!

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research will be held in Las Vegas. We will once again be joined by the Society for Anthropological Sciences (SASci) as well as the Anthropology of Children & Childhood Interest Group (ACCIG).

Our meeting in Las Vegas will be held at the Riviera Hotel located on the strip. It is 5-minute taxi drive, or a 15-minute walk, to the Wynn, Venetian, Caesar Palace and other five star hotels, top-notch entertainment, and high-end shopping. The Strip – a zone that is not officially part of the city of Las Vegas – with its high-end restaurants, Broadway caliber shows (including prices) and other cool features brings 50 million tourists to the city every year. For those contemplating marriage, the county has a 24-hour marriage bureau open with various drive through wedding chapels keen on making the day or evening special.

In the 2012 Annual Meeting invited speakers will focus on the city. We have invited Eugene Moehring, a historian, who has published several books on the history of the city, to give us an overview of themes and patterns. Marta Meana, a psychologist, is a leading expert on women's sexuality and will talk on some of her findings. Professor Meana's research was featured in the *New York Times Magazine*. Barb Brents and Kate Hausbeck, two sociologists who have written a new book on Nevada's legalized prostitution industry and have uncovered some interesting findings argue that legalized as compared to illegal prostitution is not a depressing place to work.

The Riviera has given us a very generous room rate of $69 a night. They will give us that rate for early arrivals as well as anyone who would like to stay over through Saturday. There is a $10 a day Internet fee that they cannot waive, as it is contracted out with a different company. But the good news is they may have free wifi up and running by 2012.

Local attractions not on the Strip are: Death Valley National Park – a 2 ½-hour drive from Vegas and well worth the effort –is perfect for a wintertime visit. 1 ½-hours to the north is Zion National Park a must see if you love the outdoors. For those interested in skiing, Mt Charleston is an 80-minute drive that takes you from 2,000 feet elevation to over 10,000 feet and has a neat ski run to boot.

There are two other places that would be worth seeing:

1) Springs Preserve – offers a history of Vegas combined with a small zoo of local animals, and a walking grounds that reveals the desert landscape – Check out its website http://www.springspreserve.org/. It is fabulous!
2) The Atomic Testing Museum illustrates USA's fascination with the A-bomb and provides local context for bizarre ideas about nuclear power and safety. It is fitting that the museum is near the Strip, as it adds something peculiarly real to a city already buried in cultural kitsch. http://www.atomictestingmuseum.org/pid12museum.html

See you in Las Vegas!

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCCR 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The 40th Annual Conference of the SCCR took place from February 16-19 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, amid stunning, sunny weather and a welcoming local ambiance.

Our keynote speakers were Heidi Keller, Professor of Psychology from the University of Osnabrück, Germany, and Frank Marlowe, Reader, Department of Anthropology, Durham University, United Kingdom. Dr. Keller's talk was entitled *"The cultures of everyday life: Multiple facets of autonomy,"* and Dr. Marlowe's *"The behavioral ecology of warfare."* The SCCR Presidential Address by Dr. Ziarat Hossain, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque focused on *"Fathers' involvement with children in Mexican immigrant families."* Snatches of conversation floating in the hallways and corridors after the talks indicated that all three speakers kept their audiences riveted, captured their imaginations, and provided substantial food for thought.

The Opening Ceremony for the conference oriented attendees to the meeting and provided the opportunity to hear about Charleston's cultures. Emory Shaw Campbell, Environmental Health Engineer and founder of Gullah Heritage Consultancy Services, spoke of the cultural and environmental patrimony of South Carolina.

The Gullah people are descendants of the slaves who worked the rice plantations of South Carolina and Georgia. Nearly three hundred years ago, several factors combined to manufacture the relative geographical and social isolation of the Gullah, including: the warm, semitropical climate of coastal South Carolina and Georgia, a specialized system of rice agriculture adopted there in the 1700s, and a disease environment imported unintentionally from Africa. They continue to live in rural communities in the coastal region and on the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia and retain many elements of African languages and cultures.
To the Cocktail Night and the Opening Day, Emory Campbell brought his inimitable and infectious passion and concern for the historical preservation of the environment and cultures of the Gullah people, currently threatened by the rapid development of the Sea Islands.

Marie Rouse, a sweetgrass basket maker, demonstrated her art and discussed its role in Charleston culture.

The coiled sweetgrass basket is a historically significant African art that was brought to the Americas by enslaved Africans from the Windward and Rice Coasts of West Africa in the seventeenth century. These baskets were originally used as tools in the production and processing of rice. The baskets today are made from sweet grass, pine needles, bull rush and palms. They are no longer seen as practical tools but as fine art objects that represent rich heritage and meticulous skill.

From the wide range of topics represented by the papers and posters, the lively mingling of attendees, the gifts of the deliciously addictive traditional benne (sesame) wafers in the conference bags, to the entertainment provided at the banquet by the College of Charleston's "Chucktown Trippintones" an a cappella student group, the conference was a success.

CONFERENCE WINNERS

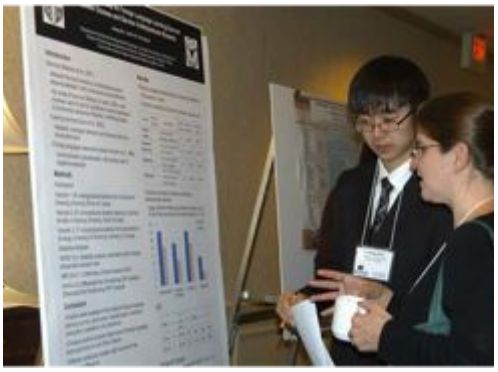
Two winners shared The Best Student Paper Award:

Beatriz San Román
Barcelona Autonomous University, AFIN Research Group for her paper *"I am White ...even if I am racially Black"; "I am Afro-Spanish": Subjectivation and identification in transracial adoptions: Between queer and the third space"*

Dana Rei Arakawa and Corey E. Flanders, University of Hawaii at Manoa for their paper *"Are variations in gender equality evident in pornography? A cross-cultural study."*

Best Student Poster

Luning Sun (University of Cambridge, UK), **Junhui Ye** (Zhejiang University University, Hangzhou, China), & **Hui Zhang** (Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China) were awarded this prize for their poster entitled *"A comparative study on foreign language learning burnout between Chinese and German undergraduate students."*

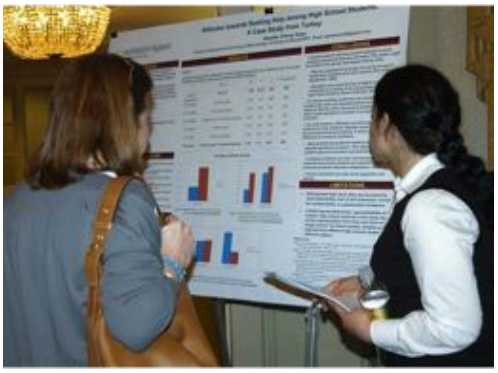


Honorable Mention Poster Presentation

Hamide Gozu, University at Albany, State University of New York, "*Attitudes towards seeking help among high school students: A case study from Turkey."*

2011 SCCR John & Beatrice Whiting Memorial Award

This award for Outstanding Student in Cross-Cultural Studies went to **Michelle J. Escasa**, doctoral student at the Department of Anthropology University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



2011 SCCR Leigh Minturn Memorial Award for Early Career Cross-Cultural Research

Dr. Ruth B. Jolie, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology/ Archaeology, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Other Conferences of Interest

1. SIP in Medellín

http://www.sip2011.org/

2. IACCP regional meeting in Istanbul

http://www.iaccp2011.org/

3. ICP meeting in Washington DC.

http://icpweb.org/july-29-august-1-2-69th-annual-icp-conference-washington-d-c-usa/

All the crucial information is on the websites.

Charleston Meeting Photos

More Charleston Meeting Photos

The photo album for the 2011 conference is available at:
https://picasaweb.google.com/101979882135736443257

Program abstracts are available at:
http://www.sccr.org/abstracts/SCCR2011ConferenceAbstracts.pdf

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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.

SCCR FEES

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