I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and look forward to seeing many of you next month at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research that will be held at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. The program committee read many intriguing paper proposals and you have many reasons to anticipate an intellectually stimulating conference. I am also pleased to announce that a proposal to change the By-Laws of the SCCR constitution was passed unanimously by all active voting members in December of 2013. This change creates a new position of Vice-President who will serve on the Executive Committee. The elected Vice-President will work with the President-Elect during 2014 and will transition to the position of President after a year of service. This will allow the Vice-President to plan the next conference two years in advance.

I hope that I will see you in the beautiful city of Charleston. This year I have a request (can't assign homework). The request is rather simple. Take a few notes about what you learned at the conference. For those of you who are teaching, how did you incorporate any of what you learned in your courses? For those of you who are actively researching, what did you learn that might inform your future studies? I know that I always take home and use wonderful ideas from the conference. Please try to document and submit them to the next SCCR Newsletter. For those of us who ask for institutional travel money, having tangible evidence that participation at these conferences is beneficial in our pedagogy and/or research can help sway the administrators who need to be good stewards of funds. It will also make for an even more interesting newsletter and give credit to those who inspire us to do better work. I know that I have many people to thank and the newsletter is a great place to do it.

I will also have some undergraduate students attending the conference. It will be their first professional conference. They will not be presenting and are traveling without any financial support. They were looking for economical places to stay, and found that the Francis Marion was their best deal. It’s just a five hour drive from here-- but see if you are able to bring along some young scholars as well. I am looking forward to a wonderful Valentine’s weekend.

Best,
Valerie
Editor’s Note

Dear SCCR Colleagues,

For those of us living in the colder regions of North America, this has been a bitter winter. But there is less than a month to go before our next conference in the temperate and lovely city of Charleston and that is something to warm us. I hope that you are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting meeting, put together under the able leadership of Paul Ngo.

In this newsletter, you will find conference updates and book and article announcements. Please remember that January 13th is the deadline to avail of both, the advance registration rate and the hotel conference rate. The conference schedule is available at http://www.sccr.org/sccr2014/scheduleprogram.html

If you have anything that you think might be of interest to the SCCR community, please take a few minutes to send it along to me at Hema.Ganapathy-Coleman@indstate.edu for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Hema Ganapathy-Coleman

Editor, SCCR Newsletter

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The Society for Cross-Cultural Research (SCCR) is pleased to announce the Keynote Speakers for its February 2014 meeting with the Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Division of International Psychology (Division 52) of the American Psychological Association (APA) in Charleston, South Carolina, USA.

Professor Hector Qirko of the College of Charleston will present, “Music, Cultural Identity, and Globalization” on Thursday (2/13) evening. Professor Qirko came of age musically in the Chicago blues scene (working with Blues Hall-of-Famer Lonnie Brooks), the punk clubs of lower Manhattan, and country music television, on which he performed with hundreds of country, pop and Americana artists. Later, in Knoxville Tennessee, he worked with several national and regional artists and his own multiple award-winning local band. He has appeared on 16 albums as leader or band member and on many more as a studio musician.

His interests include applied anthropology, evolutionary psychology, and organizational and institutional cultures. He has published research articles in a variety of journals, including Current Anthropology, Cross-Cultural Research, and Zygon, as well as commentaries in Science, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, and Topics in Cognitive Science. Since joining the faculty at the College of Charleston in 2010 he has also begun to link his musical and academic interests in work on musical genres and social identity. His talk will focus on the importance of musical preferences as a marker of group membership and on how the impact of globalization on this process might inform cross-cultural research, theory and methods.

Professor Fathali M. Moghaddam of Georgetown University will present, “The Psychology of Dictatorship and Democracy” on Friday (2/14) evening. Fathali M. Moghaddam is Professor, Department of Psychology, and Director, Conflict Resolution Program, Department of Government, Georgetown University. He is the incoming editor of Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology (APA). Dr. Moghaddam ('Ali') was born in Iran, educated from an early age in England, and worked for the United Nations and for McGill University before joining Georgetown University. He returned to Iran in the spring of the Iranian Revolution in 1979 and was researching there during the hostage-taking crisis and the early years of the Iran-Iraq war.
He has conducted experimental and field research in numerous cultural settings and published extensively on culture and radicalization, conflict, human rights and duties, and globalization. His most recent books include ‘The Psychology of Dictatorship’ (2013) and ‘The Psychology of Friendship and Enmity’ (2 volumes, 2012, with Rom Harre). He is currently researching the psychology of democratic citizenship. A major theme of his research is the development of psychology as a normative science, to stand alongside the traditional causal psychology. More about his work can be found on his website, http://fathalimoghaddam.com/

The full Conference Program is posted on the SCCR 2014 website at http://www.sccr.org/sccr2014/scheduleprogram.html. A link to a recent New York Times’ piece on Charleston can also be found on the SCCR 2014 website. Please remember to register for the conference and book your hotel accommodations by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, January 13, 2014. We look forward to a stimulating and rewarding meeting with you in Charleston!
“Where would you like to eat?”

Brad Huber

I suspect “Where would you like to eat?” will be one of the most frequent questions you’ll hear while attending the February 12-15 Meeting of SCCR in Charleston, South Carolina. It’s a tough question, because there are some many good places to eat close to the Francis Marion Hotel at 387 King Street. Decisions, decisions… If you leave the hotel, and turn left on King Street, you’ll be walking in one of the most vibrant neighborhoods of the city, Charleston’s Midtown. It wasn’t always like this. Welcome to “The New Face of Upper King Street”.

Some of the better restaurant guides I found online include one by Charleston Culinary Tours. It has a nice map (at the bottom of the webpage) with handy links to both upper King Restaurants (Blue) and lower King Restaurants (Red). It’s easy to orient yourself with this map. The Francis Marion Hotel is on the corner of King and Calhoun Streets, across the street from the Marion Square (Green). Another good guide with short descriptions of upper King Restaurants (and shops) is provided by the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. If your taste in food is progressive, working class check out DISH, a website run by the Charleston City Paper. If you are feeling flush or would like to treat yourself, then check out the Seafood, Bakery, and Best Restaurant guides at 10Best. If it’s late in the evening, and you’re looking for a bar or club, then check out the Charleston City Paper’s Bar/Club guide. Charleston has more than a few.
**William Jankowiak** recently attended an invitation only conference on Chinese masculinity in Hong Kong. The participants are writing chapters that will appear in an edited book on the topic (Cambridge University Press) next year.

**Barbara Rogoff**’s book *Developing Destinies: A Mayan Midwife and Town* is receiving the 2014 Maccoby Book Award from the American Psychological Association, Div 7, Developmental Psychology! Readers can check out her [6-minute YouTube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example_video_id) with historic film clips (from 1941 and since) and photos related to the book. Dr. Rogoff’s royalties are donated to the Learning Center and other projects in this Mayan town, where she has worked for decades.

P.S. Have a look at related [paintings and photos and reviews](https://example.com).

**CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Ronald Rohner** and **Bill Divale** would like to invite you to the 5th International Conference on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection at the Republic of Moldova in June 2014.
We are delighted to invite you...

5th International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection

Location:
Chisinau
Republic of Moldova

June 24 – June 27 2014

www.isiparmoldova2014.org

Call For Papers:

Early Abstract Submission begins September 1, 2013
Early Abstract Submission ends February 28, 2014
Final Submission Deadline is April 15, 2014

Refer to www.isiparmoldova2014.org for Instructions on Submission.
Contact Karen Ripoll-Nunez (kripoll@uniandes.edu.co) with questions.

Conference Registration must be paid when abstract is accepted.
Fifth International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection

June 24–June 27, 2014 in Chisinau, Moldova

The International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection (ISIPAR) has the pleasure to announce that the Fifth International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection (ICIAR) will be held in Chisinau, Moldova, June 24–June 27, 2014. The Congress will focus on the study and applied practice of interpersonal acceptance and rejection. Areas of particular focus will be teacher acceptance-rejection, intimate partner acceptance-rejection, ostracism and social exclusion, mother/father love, psychotherapy and psycho-educational interventions, neurobiological concomitants of perceived rejection, as well as many other areas.

This is your personal invitation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Prospective participants are encouraged to submit proposals for papers, symposia, workshops, and poster presentations on any aspect of interpersonal acceptance-rejection.

Details about abstract submission and conference registration can soon be found at http://www.isiparmoldova2014.org/.

Relevant Topics Include:

- Acceptance-rejection in intimate adult relationships
- Acceptance-rejection in the context of immigration & acculturation
- Acceptance-rejection in the context of adult offspring’s caregiving of aging parents
- Acceptance-rejection of children with special needs
- Affectionate communication
- Clinical and developmental implications of interpersonal acceptance-rejection
- Cultural & social contexts of acceptance-rejection
- Educational implications of teacher, peer, and parental acceptance-rejection
- Father love
- Ostracism & social exclusion
- Parental acceptance-rejection
- Peer & sibling acceptance-rejection
- Methodological issues in the study of interpersonal acceptance-rejection
- Neurobiological concomitants of perceived rejection
- Resilience & coping with perceived rejection
- Psychological and emotional maltreatment
- Psychotherapy and psycho-educational interventions
- Rejection sensitivity
- Relation between acceptance-rejection & attachment
- Victimization and bullying in school age children
- And others
For those of you who are interested, there is an interview that is well-worth reading with Richard Shweder about the development of the field of cultural psychology in the USA for the open access journal "Europe's Journal of Psychology." Here is the link to the recently published interview titled "Robust Cultural Pluralism."

http://ejop.psychopen.eu/article/view/718

Shweder, R. (2013). "The goose and the gander: The Genital Wars." Global Discourse. Special issue on Genital Autonomy and Cultural Rights, inspired in part by the 2012 German court decision banning male circumcision as practiced by Muslims and Jews. The essay is available Open Access to a global readership at this link:

http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/23269995.2013.811923#.Udhf7qzlf2w


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SCCR FEES

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.

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