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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

50 Years and Going Strong!

By Steve Bray, NASPSPA President



Steve Bray

It is a tremendous honor and thrill for me to serve as President of NASPSPA. Thank you for having trust and confidence in my abilities to lead our exceptional organization. My relationship with NASPSPA goes back to 1992, when I attended the Annual Meeting in

Pittsburgh as a Master's student and I have considered NASPSPA my home organization ever since. I know I am not alone in feeling our conference always offers the highest standards of scientific contributions in the warmest and most collegial atmosphere imaginable.

As President-Elect, the primary responsibility is to observe and learn so you can be ready when the time comes. I have benefitted tremendously from experiencing Daniela Corbetta's leadership model and guidance. Her calm and purposeful approach to getting things done and finding solutions to problems is inspirational and contagious. As she moves into her role as Past-President, the Executive Committee will continue to benefit greatly from her unique approach and experience.

A one-year term as President is brief and it is vital to identify new initiatives as well as continue those established by one's predecessors. An ongoing priority is to explore and implement strategies to better engage our membership by

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enhancing NASPSPA's visibility and impact to become more than an annual meeting to our members. Another key consideration relates to our financial situation. In this respect, we are fortunate to have a healthy surplus; however, we need to determine how those funds can be effectively used to benefit NASPSPA in the long term.

Striving to pursue our objectives is a priority. However, a recent development that is of importance to our members is our changing relationship with Human Kinetics (HK). HK has undergone major re-organization in the past year and will no longer handle online membership and conference registrations as it has traditionally. Consequently, we are exploring cost-effective solutions that will be implemented later this Fall and functional in time for membership renewals and abstract submissions. Although challenging, these developments present opportunities as well, and we are making important decisions that will enhance our autonomy and abilities to pursue NASPSPA's mission as we move into our next 50 years. I look forward to pursuing these initiatives with our Executive Committee in the coming year.

I know I speak for the entire Membership of NASPSPA in the expression of my appreciation for the contributions of our three outgoing members of the Executive Committee. Jenny Etnier just completed her term as Past-President. Jenny's organizational skills, focus and energy are unparalleled and there has been clear evidence of her outstanding leadership throughout her 3-year term. The 50th anniversary was a milestone for our organization and I can't think of anyone who could have put more imagination and effort

into creating and delivering a truly outstanding and memorable conference. The program area Chairs: Nick Myers (SEP), Jackie Goodway (MD), Shannon Ringenbach (MCL) and their committees established an excellent scientific program that was superbly accentuated by the

Historical Foundation Lectures, Janus Symposia, Jeopardy and Beach-side Chats -- all of which provided a refreshing and engaging mixture of nostalgia, intrigue and inspiration! Thank you to all involved in organizing the 50th Anniversary Conference. Quincy Almeida also completes his two-year term as Communication Director. Always affable and insightful, Quincy has deftly handled the weighty responsibilities of Communication Director for the past two years. His organization, initiative and good humor will be missed. Tayo Moss was an exemplary representative for our student members. A strong advocate for student opportunities during our meetings, Tayo proved he was both industrious and imaginative in organizing fantastic and fun activities in San Diego. Thank you again to Jenny, Quincy and Tayo for your amazing contributions to NASPSPA.

In addition to our three outgoing officers, the Executive Committee also bids a fond farewell to Mo Weiss who has served as Past-Presidents' Liaison for the past five years. Our policy manual is our guiding document and our meeting minutes



provide a record of activities, but Mo's abilities to fill in the blanks and add context, provides an enriched institutional memory that has proved invaluable to the Executive Committee in its deliberations and decision-making. Thank you Mo!

In addition to acknowledging our outgoing members, I also want to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the Executive Committee: David Anderson (President-Elect), Sarah Ullrich-French (Communication Director), and Taylor Buchanan (Student Representative). Congratulations to all of you on being elected to the NASPSPA Executive Committee. In addition to our newly-elected officers, I also welcome our new Past-Presidents' Liaison, Jill Whitall. I look forward to working with all of you and the continuing members of the NASPSPA Executive Committee. Of course, I would be remiss not to give a solid shout-out to our Site Coordinator, Penny McCullagh. Penny works tirelessly to make sure all the bases are covered, the best deals are made, and never fails to have the answers - even to the questions you haven't thought to ask. Penny has

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announced she will semi-retire this Fall but would still like to carry on with conference duties. For someone with Penny's energy and industriousness one can only wonder what semi-retirement could mean? One thing for sure is we are very fortunate to have Penny devote as much as she does to NASPSPA. Thank you Penny!

2018 Conference

The 51st Annual Meeting of NASPSPA will be held in Denver, CO.

I have fond memories of both times NASPSPA was held in Denver in 1997 and 2006. For both of those conferences, we teamed up with ACSM. While ACSM will not be part of the mix this time, the combination of a great city,

conference venue, hotel, and attractions give us a solid foundation for an outstanding conference. Of course, the heart and soul of our conference is the scientific program and the people who attend, so I encourage all of you come to Denver to share your most exciting new research. There are several important dates to remember for the 2018 Denver Conference.

2018 Conference Submissions. On December 1, 2017 the website will be open for all presentation submissions (symposia, posters, verbal presentations). Anyone buying a membership from this date onwards will be given 2018 membership.

Nominations and Awards

Now is the time of year to remind everyone in terms of nominations for the Executive Commit-

tee, Distinguished Scholar Awards, Graduate Awards, and the Excellence in Research and Reviewing Awards. Important information on these nominations and awards is detailed below.

Excellence in Research and Reviewing Awards.

Please consider submitting your work to our official NASPSPA journals: Journal of Motor Learning and Development (JMLD) and Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (JSEP). Each journal has awards for Excellence in Research and Excellence in Reviewing. Thanks to Human Kinetics for their generosity in sponsoring these awards. The award winners will be announced in December of each year and the funds can be used for travel to, and presentation at, the next NASPSPA conference.

Nominations for NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding achievement of scholars who are still in the early stages of their scientific careers. Current members of NASPSPA who received their doctorate no more than 8 years before nomination are eligible for the award. Nominations may be made to the President (sbray@mcmaster.ca) by any NASPSPA member. Deadline for nominations is December 1, 2017. Nominations information is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com).

Nominations for NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award

The NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented in NASPSPA. Senior scholars, normally at least 25 years beyond the doctorate, who have a distinguished record of scholarship are eligible for the award. Confidential nominations should be made to the President (sbray@mcmaster.ca) by December 1, 2017. Any current NASPSPA member may nominate appropriate candidates. Nomination information is in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com).

Nominations for President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Student Representative

Any NASPSPA member may nominate candidates for our open executive board positions. We presently seek a slate of candidates for President-Elect (both candidates for President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer should be in the Sport and Exercise Psychology area), and Student Representative. Nominations of colleagues or self-nominations for President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer are welcomed at any time and should be sent to the President (sbray@mcmaster.ca). Nominations received by December 1, 2017 will receive full consideration by the Nominations Committee for the current openings. Students interested in running for Student Representative should submit their names and CVs to the current Student Representative (taylorlbuchanan@ufl.edu) by February 1, 2018. A slate of two candidates for each position will be forwarded for online voting in Spring 2018.

PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

2018 Conference: Denver, Colorado, June 21-23

By Daniela Corbetta, NASPSPA Past-President



Daniela Corbetta

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer and that you are easing into a pleasant fall semester. NASPSPA is returning to Denver for its 2018 conference. The conference is also returning to its regular Thursday to Saturday

program with keynote speakers, senior lecturers, and a Human Kinetics address. The conference will be held June 21-23 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Denver. This hotel offers spacious suites for each room, it offers free breakfast and happy hours, and the location of the hotel in the downtown area is supposed to be really great (check out Penny McCullagh's column for more details). I hope many of you are planning to attend this 2018 meeting.

The conference program committees are already at work to secure the varied speakers for the meeting. I want to thank all of them for agreeing to help shape the conference program.

- The motor development committee is chaired by **Jeffrey Haddad** (Purdue University). Members who joined this committee are (in alphabetical order) Jane E. Clark (University of Maryland), Laura J. Claxton (Purdue University), Anastasia Kyvelidou (Creighton University), Mei-Hua

Lee (Michigan State University), Sam Logan (Oregon State University), Vitor Lopes (Professor, Instituto Politécnico de Bragança, Portugal), and Beth A. Smith (University of Southern California).

- The motor control/motor learning committee is chaired by **Jeffrey Fairbrother** (University of Tennessee). Committee members are Kevin Becker (Texas Women's University), Jan Hondzinski (Louisiana State University), Rob Horn (Montclair State University), Deanna Kennedy (Texas A&M University), Keith Lohse (University of Utah), Cassio Meira (University of São Paulo, Brazil), Nick Murray (University of East Carolina), Louisa Raisbeck (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), and Diane Ste-Marie (University of Ottawa, Canada).
- Finally the sport and exercise psychology committee is chaired by **Anne Cox** (Washington State University). Members of this committee are Brandon Alderman (Rutgers University), Ian Boardley (University of Birmingham), Jennifer Brunet (University of Ottawa, Canada), Diane Gill (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), Ben Jackson (University of Western Australia), Meghan McDonough (University of Calgary, Canada), Matthew Pontifex (Michigan State University), and Kathleen Wilson (California State University – Fullerton).

Thanks again to all of them for their valuable help in putting together an exciting conference program for 2018.

Following on the steps of our 50th Anniversary conference and the recommendations provided by the Janus presentations, we will try this year to organize some multidisciplinary symposia that cut across two or three of the NASPSPA's research specialty areas. I would like to encourage our members to be creative in submitting symposia proposals with a multidisciplinary edge for the committees' consideration. Of course, we will continue to welcome regular symposia submissions that are focusing on exciting research topics in any of our three represented research areas. And we will continue to welcome posters and verbal presentations submissions as we always did before. Also, an important note for our student members: Applications for the Outstanding Student Paper should be submitted by February 1st to the conference program chairs.

There will be some important changes this fall with the membership renewal and the conference abstract submission and registration processes. Human Kinetics announced last spring that they were discontinuing managing membership and conference submissions for us. The NASPSPA.org site (linked to our NASPSPA.com site) that was receiving membership payments, conference submissions and registration fees has been disconnected since the end of July. Currently, NASPSPA has no way of receiving membership

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payments. This summer, the executive committee has been evaluating alternate solutions to re-implement those important functions of our society and the decision was made to hire for an initial 2-year period a freelance web designer to build these vital society functions directly into

our NASPSPA website. This web designer came highly recommended from our friends at SCAPPS. SCAPPS hired him a few years ago to help them integrate membership management, conference submissions and registrations directly to their website. Following the SCAPPS model, we will soon be similarly managing membership and conference submissions/registrations ourselves via our own website. Human Kinetics will still be helping with the publication of our Newsletter

and conference abstract booklet. We will provide more details as we make progress through this transition. Later this fall, you will receive an email from our Communication Director explaining the new steps to follow to renew your membership with NASPSPA and we also anticipate having our brand new abstract submission site ready and open to accept submissions by early December. Stay tuned!

NASPSPA Journal Awards

Human Kinetics has continued with annual awards offered to top research papers and reviewers for the official NASPSPA research outlets of Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology (JSEP) and the Journal of Motor Learning and Development (JMLD). At the 2017 Business Meeting in San Diego, the winners of these awards were recognized.

Excellence in Research Awards

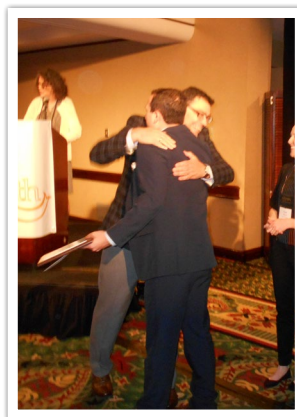
JMLD: Anastasia Kyvelidou

Authors: Joshua Haworth, Anastasia Kyvelidou, Wayne Fisher, Nicholas Stergiou



JSEP: Zachary Zenko

Authors: Zachary Zenko, Pan-teleimon Ekkekakis, Dan Ariely



The 2017 recipients of the JMLD and JSEP Excellence in Research Awards received plaques from Casey Buchta of Human Kinetics.

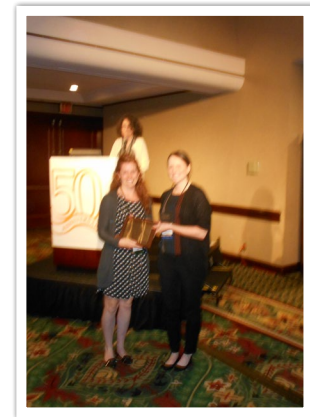
Excellence in Reviewing Awards

JMLD: Sam Logan

(Oregon State University)



JSEP: Katie Gunnell (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario)



The 2017 recipients of the JMLD and JSEP Excellence in Reviewing Awards Dr. Sam Logan and Dr. Katie Gunnell received plaques.

AWARDS

Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award

Keith Lohse completed his PhD at the University of Colorado in 2012 under the supervision of Drs. David Sherwood and Alice Healy, and then spent two years as a post-doctoral research associate at the University of British Columbia with Dr. Nicola Hodges. Keith is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Recreation, with an appointment in the Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training at the University of Utah. His research focuses on how the nervous system learns to perform motor actions, especially in presence of neurological disease/injury. Keith specializes in quantitative research methods in neuroscience, and longitudinal data analysis in particular. These data might be neural time-series data in EEG, postural changes in Parkinson's disease patients, or clinical longitudinal data from electronic medical records. Keith's lab conducts basic experiments to explore the neural changes that accompany motor learning and regularly collaborates with other researchers to conduct advanced statistical analyses, establish the validity/reliability of neural and behavioral measures, and conduct meta-scientific research.



Priscila Cacola completed her PhD at Texas A&M University in 2011 under Carl Gabbard. Priscila is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Texas - Arlington. Her research focuses on motor skill development in children, especially in the presence of challenges such as developmental coordination disorder. Priscila's lab focuses on the area of motor cognition and she is the developer of the 'Little Mavs' physical activity program for children with developmental challenges.



AWARDS

Distinguished Scholar Award

With its Distinguished Scholar Award, NASPSPA recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented within the Society. Nominees are typically 25 years beyond their doctorate and have an excellent and consistent record of scholarship. The 2017 recipients of the award were Dr. Digby Elliott and Dr. Tim Lee.

For the past 36 years Professor **Digby Elliott** has been instrumental in shaping our current understanding of how we regulate and control human movement. Professor Elliott joined the then Department of Physical Education and Athletics at McMaster University in 1982 and retired from the now Department of Kinesiology in 2007 as a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Motor Control and Special Populations. From his first NASPSPA presentation at Boulder in 1980 to his contributions to papers presented at NASPSPA 2015 in Montreal, Digby's support of the Society's mission to develop and advance the scientific study of human behavior and improve the quality of research and teaching in motor development, learning and control has been constant. Indeed, his continued commitment to NASPSPA's research excellence and critical knowledge translation efforts is evidenced by his election to NASPSPA President in 2006.

Dr. Tim Lee is considered by many to be a Canadian icon in motor control and learning research. Dr. Lee has been participating in NASPSPA since 1979 (the same time he has been committed to research in our field with both SCAPPS and AAHPERD). While perhaps most well-known for the internationally utilized textbook Schmidt & Lee, *Motor learning and performance: From principles to application* which has made it to its fifth edition, Tim has contributed well over 100 published research articles in some of the top journals in the field of motor control and learning.

His research has had international appeal, with two of his conceptual papers having received over 500 citations (Guadagnoli & Lee, 2004; Lee & Magill, 1983), where Tim and co-workers forwarded ideas concerning the importance of forgetting, challenge and cognitive effort for long term learning (also Lee et al., 2009). Tim has also provided an important applied /knowledge translation component to his work.

Tim is one of the most distinguished contemporary scholars in the field of motor skill learning.



The 2017 Distinguished Scholars Dr. Digby Elliott and Dr. Tim Lee (receiving award from President Dr. Daniela Corbetta).

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2017 Conference Photos



Former students and colleagues of Dr. Digby Elliott and Dr. Tim Lee in attendance at the 50th Anniversary celebration of NASPSPA



Past-Presidents at the 2017 NASPSPA Conference

Front Row

Mike Wade
Penny McCullagh (with grand-daughter Kaia)
Bob Christina
Glyn Roberts
Dick Magill
Karl Newell
Jane Clark

Back Row

Bev Ulrich
Brad Hatfield
Daniela Corbetta
Steve Bray
Kathleen Haywood

Back Row (continued)

Digby Elliott
Mo Weiss
Gil Reeve
Deb Feltz
Mark Fischman
Jenny Etnier
Diane Ste-Marie
John Shea
Kathy Williams
Gaby Wulf
Jody Jensen
Al Smith
Jill Whittall

NASPSPA CONFERENCE

Come join us for next year's NASPSPA conference in Denver, Colorado

We will meet at the beautiful Embassy Suites hotel in the center of downtown Denver, which will include free breakfast and free happy hour. The conference will take place Thursday, June 21 to Saturday, June 23. Here are some important details about this year's conference.

- This conference will begin with pre-conference programming on Wednesday and regular programming beginning Thursday morning, and will end with the traditional banquet dinner on Saturday night.
- Book your hotel room early! Embassy Suites is ideal for students, groups and families and is a very popular hotel which will likely sell out most nights in the summer. We have great rates with all rooms having one bedroom and a pull out couch. Conference rates are:
 - **Rates \$179 to \$204 for singles and doubles**
 - **Triple \$194 to \$219**
 - **Quad \$209 to \$234.**
 - **You can cancel with no penalty if you do so early.**

Fly into Denver International airport – light rail is available to get to the hotel, and ground transportation information will be posted on the NASPSPA website.



Upcoming Conference Deadlines

December 1, 2017: Website is open for all presentation submissions (symposia, posters, verbal presentations). Anyone buying a membership from this date onwards will be given 2018 membership.

January 15, 2017: Deadline submission date.

March 1-15, 2018: Decisions for presentations announced.

June 21-23, 2018: Conference

Looking Ahead to 2019

Save the dates June 6 - 8 for NASPSPA 2019 at the Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore, Maryland

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COLUMN

Student Awards Available Through NASPSPA

By Taylor Buchanan, Student Representative



Taylor Buchanan

Hello NASPSPA student members! It is surprising that four months have passed since enjoying the captivating beach scenery of San Diego, California. Fall semester is upon us, and I hope that it was a smooth transition from an enjoyable and productive summer. I would like to thank all of the student presenters at the 2017 conference. NASPSPA 2017 was a huge success, thanks to the strong research presence of the student body providing a wonderful collection of verbal and poster research presentations.

I would like to acknowledge the student members who were recognized at the 2017 conference for their hard work. Congratulations to Valentin Benzing, Marcos Daou, An De Meester, and Sabrina Thurman for their Outstanding Student Paper Awards; to Jerraco Johnson, Ming-Sheng Chan, and Alexis Slutsky for receiving Graduate Student Research Grants; and to Sanne Veldman and Matthew Stork for being awarded the International Travel Grant. Also, I would like to acknowledge last year's student representative, Tayo Moss, for his exceptional work that went into organizing the student activities in San Diego. His dedication to enhance the professional environment of the NASPSPA organization was

clearly evident. Thank you Tayo for all of your hard work, and making the 2017 conference unforgettable!

NASPSPA is dedicated to enhancing the student member experience. It does so by offering several award opportunities, which are both financially and personally beneficial. A brief summary is included below. For further details please visit the NASPSPA website at <http://naspspa.com/graduate-student-awards/>. Think ahead, as it's never too early to start thinking about applying for these awards!

1. Do you have research that is original, innovative, important, and significant to the field? Up to three **Outstanding Student Paper Awards** are available, one for each NASPSPA research area (i.e., motor development, motor learning/control, sport/exercise psychology). Application portions for this award are due February 1st, and require submission of a short abstract, a five-page abstract, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Outstanding Student Paper applications should be submitted to the Area Program Chairs. Recipients of this award will receive a \$200 prize and have their conference registration fee waived.
2. Do you want to present at a conference outside North America, but not sure if it is in your budget? The **NASPSPA Graduate Student Award** for International Conference Travel may be your solution! You may apply for this \$700 award by September 30, January 31, and May

31. The application package for this award must include a short abstract, a five-page abstract, a letter of information regarding the conference location and research significance, and a letter of recommendation from your advisor.

3. Have a research project that is in need of funding? The **Graduate Student Research Grant** provides up to \$2,000 that can be used toward research costs such as equipment, travel for data collection, and participant recruitment. To apply for this award, the following are due to the NASPSPA President before April 1, 2018: a five-page outline of the proposed study, verification of ethics approval, an estimated budget, a two-page CV, and a letter of support and approval of the budget from your advisor.

Save the dates! The NASPSPA Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, from June 21-23. I am truly looking forward to meeting you all, and providing events and opportunities that will benefit the student members academically, professionally, and socially. If you have any suggestions on how to enhance the experience for students, do not hesitate to contact me at taylorlbuchanan@ufl.edu. As for frequent visitors of the "Centennial State," I am hoping to hear from you regarding student social venues and activities!

Interested in playing a bigger role in NASPSPA? The Student Representative position is responsible for organizing student events at the conference and being the liaison between student members and the Executive Committee throughout the year. Please let me know, if you are interested. The application deadline for next year's Student Representative position is February 1, 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all in Denver!

2017 Student Awards

Information on Student Awards can be found in Section IV Awards in the NASPSPA Policy Manual (available at www.naspspa.com). Awards are available for outstanding student papers, research grants, and international travel.

2017 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award

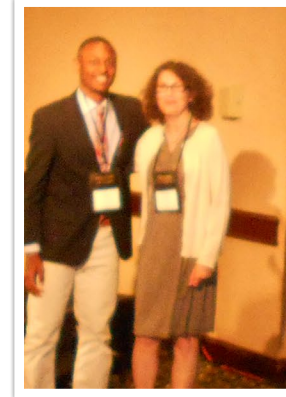
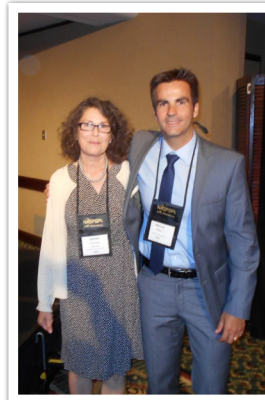
The 2017 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners were Valentin Benzing (University of Bern, Switzerland) for Sport and Exercise Psychology, Marcos Daou (Auburn University) for Motor Learning and Control, An De Meester (University of Ghent, Belgium) for Motor Development, Sabrina Thurman (University of Tennessee) for Motor Development.

2017 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants

The 2017 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grants were awarded to Jerraco Johnson (Auburn University), Ming-Sheng Chan (University of Southern California), and Alexis Slutsky (University of North Carolina-Greensboro).

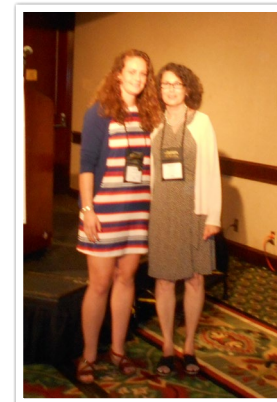
2017 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel

Sanne Veldman (University of Wollongong, Australia) and Matthew Stork (University of British Columbia) were awarded the NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Conference Travel.



2017 NASPSPA Graduate Student Research Grant winners Alexis Slutsky, Ming-Sheng Chan, and Jerraco Johnson were recognized during the Business Meeting in San Diego.

2017 NASPSPA Outstanding Student Paper Award winners Sabrina Thurman, Marcos Daou, An De Meester, and Valentin Benzing received their awards during the Business Meeting in San Diego.



2017 NASPSPA Graduate Student Award for International Travel winners Matthew Stork presenting at ISSP World Congress and Sanne Veldman receiving her award during the Business Meeting in San Diego.

Tribute to Dr. Frances (Fran) Allard

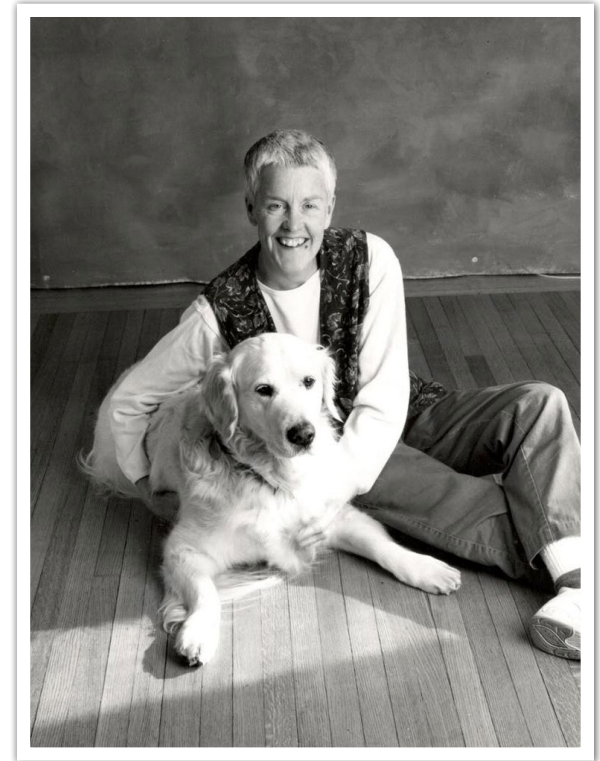
Respectfully submitted by Dr. Janet Starkes, Professor Emeritus, McMaster University

Fran passed away suddenly at her Waterloo home, of a fall, on March 21, 2017. She was 72. She had retired from University of Waterloo in 2010 following many years as Associate Chair in Kinesiology and Associate Dean in the Faculty of Health Sciences. She had been a member of NASPSPA since 1975.

To sketch the background of her academic career: she was a brilliant research mind, an engaging teacher, a perceptive critic and strong mentor. In 1983 she was awarded the University Distinguished Teacher award. As a reviewer Fran was able to synthesize material and critique studies with a laser focus. Yet somehow in offering sharp criticism she was able to leave the recipient's ego intact to fight another day. She was a multi-disciplinary researcher before the term existed, and easily wove research from experimental, cognitive, and sport psychology. She is best known as a pioneer and prolific author of research on sport perception, expertise, and neuromotor control.

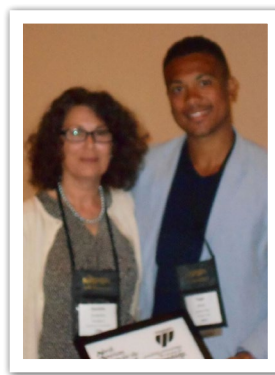
A collage of Fran as a person would show she loved being an aunt and great aunt. She also loved all dogs, the Toronto Blue Jays and Maple Leafs, red wine, dark beer and detective novels.

To complete her portrait one needs to understand that as a supervisor Fran lived by a set of unwavering principles. She felt if you had grant funding it should be spent in support of your students, and that a supervisor was there to support one's students not just in their academic pursuits but their pursuit of life. Throughout her career Fran had a tremendous impact as a supervisor, co-author, and colleague to many current and past NASPSPA members. If one considers academic geneology - Fran Allard's influence has now impacted 3 generations of subsequent NASPSPA members. What better legacy.



Thank you to former Executive Committee Members

A heart-felt thank you is extended to all of the Executive Committee Members who completed their terms of office in 2017 including: *Dr. Jennifer Etnier (Past-President), Dr. Maureen Weiss (Past-Presidents' Liaison), Dr. Quincy Almeida (Communication Director), and Tayo Moss (Student Representative).*



NASPSPA Reports and Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The NASPSPA 2017 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes can also be accessed via the NASPSPA website (<http://naspspa.com/minutes-reports/>), in the documents titled: "[Pre-Conference Meeting Minutes 2017](#)", "[Business Meeting Minutes 2017](#)", and "[Post-Conference Meeting Minutes 2017](#)". Official minutes will not be posted until approved during the Fall Executive Committee Meeting.

Financial Report and Membership Report

The NASPSPA 2017 [Financial Report](#) and [Membership Report](#) can be accessed via the NASPSPA website (<http://naspspa.com/minutes-reports/>), in the documents titled: "Financial Report 2017" and "Membership Report 2017".

Special Awards and Recognitions

President's Award

Kim Scott received the President's Award at the 2017 Business Meeting. President Daniela Corbetta and Past-President Jennifer Etnier presented a gift to Kim in recognition of her long-term service to NASPSPA.

On our 50th Anniversary, a special President's award was presented to Kim Scott from Human Kinetics for her tireless contributions to NASPSPA. Behind the scenes, Kim has organized our abstract and registration processes, guided development and production of our newsletters, and helped in the design of our conference programs. She has contributed to NASPSPA significantly for many years and NASPSPA is grateful for her dedication to the society.



NASPSPA Newsletter

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