

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Moving Forward while Staying Grounded in NASPSPA Traditions

By Anne Cox, NASPSPA President

It is with a mix of excitement and solemnity that I transition into the role of NASPSPA President this fall. I feel the responsibility to uphold the high standards of excellence and integrity that have characterized NASPSPA over its long history. I also feel the excitement and energy as we discuss new ways of moving forward to create a stable and sustainable future for NASPSPA.

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All of the recent, new initiatives within NASPSPA open up many opportunities for NASPSPA members to get involved, gain leadership experience, and help shape the organization that so many of us call our professional home. I want to highlight three of the newer ways that NASPSPA members can get more involved outside of the annual conference. The first is the **Motor Learning, Development, and Control Online Research Seminar Series**. This series is a great way to get involved in the dissemination of top-notch research in these areas. The second way to get more involved is the **Teaching Network** where you can learn about effective teaching practices in the NASPSPA disciplines. The third way is the **Taskforce on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**. This taskforce has made tremendous positive change in NASPSPA for its members including gathering feedback and suggestions from our members, developing workshops, and advising the BOD on nomination processes for board members. This past year, the task force has worked diligently to create a proposal for becoming a standing committee within NASPSPA. One of my top goals this year, is to see this process through so that we can continue to build on the synergy we have created between the BOD and the EDI Task force to make NASPSPA a more equitable, diverse, inclusive and accessible space for everyone. If any members have interest in getting involved in any of these initiatives, please feel free to reach out (anne.cox@wsu.edu).



Anne Cox

Over the past several years, NASPSPA has transformed, grown, and shifted in ways that have allowed us to expand our reach, meet the demands and challenges of our current world, and fulfill the purpose of NASPSPA in more diverse ways. In some ways, NASPSPA feels like a brand new organization compared to my first time on the Board of Directors (BOD) just three short years ago. However, our fundamental purpose remains the same: To develop and advance the study of human movement and physical activity through the fields of Motor Learning/Control/Development and Sport and Exercise Psychology. And we maintain the rich traditions of NASPSPA that have kept us focused on the student experience and student development as well as excellence in research through awards, grants and a stellar conference each year.

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All of this growth and change has the anxious part of me wanting to slow things down a bit and make sure that we are maintaining a high level of quality across all of the important functions of NASPSPA that are so integral to maintaining our integrity as an organization. I announced at the past-presidents lunch last year in Toronto, that my presidential theme would be “Back to the Fundamentals”. Mo Weiss suggested it should be “FUNdamentals” but that may be too much of a stretch for me (I’ll do my best Mo!). To me, this means a focus on all of our methods of communication including email, social media, and website and making sure that we are effectively communicating important information to our members. This also includes updating the website, making sure information is consistent, accurate, and easy to access. I am pleased to welcome Kip Webster as our new Communications Director who will work closely with the rest of the BOD on these initiatives.

In addition to Kip, the BOD welcomes President-Elect, Jeffrey Fairbrother, and student representative Franz Loetzner. One of the best things about serving on the BOD of NASPSPA is the collaborative, team approach we take to solving problems,

developing new initiatives, and doing the work of NASPSPA. I look forward to continuing my work with Secretary-Treasurer, Travis Dorsch, Past-President, Jackie Goodway, and Executive Director, Penny McCullagh. It’s hard to believe I first really got to know Penny during the 2005 and 2006 NASPSPA conferences when I was a student volunteer behind the registration desk. She has transitioned seamlessly into the role of Executive Director over the last few years and I could not be more grateful. We are looking for NASPSPA members who might be interested in the Executive Director Role in the future. Please reach out if you would like to discuss.

As I gaze out across the academic year, I’m looking forward to all of the various webinars, workshops, and opportunities that we will have to engage as members of NASPSPA between now and our conference in New Orleans in June. I hope to see many of you at these events, look forward to hearing from more of you who are looking for ways to get involved in NASPSPA, and wish you a fulfilling fall season.

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Past President’s Lunch in Toronto



Presentation in Toronto

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: AWARDS



The **NASPSPA Distinguished Scholar Award** recognizes outstanding long-term contributions in the research areas represented by 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 sent to the Executive Director (naspspaed@gmail.com) by December 1, 2023.** Any current NASPSPA member may nominate appropriate candidates. Details on how to nominate someone can be found in the *NASPSPA Policy Manual*.

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 7 years before nomination are eligible for the award. **Nominations may be sent to the Executive Director (naspspaed@gmail.com) by any NASPSPA member. Deadline for nominations is December 1, 2023.** Details on how to nominate someone can be found in the *NASPSPA Policy Manual*.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

By Franziska Loetzner, Student Representative



Franziska Loetzner

First and foremost, I wanted to thank **Katie Hirsch**, the 2022-2023 student representative, for all her hard work over the past year – I certainly have big shoes to fill. I also wanted to thank all the students and the student ambassadors that shared such valuable feedback about NASPSA and the 2023 Conference with both Katie and me in Toronto. I am so excited to serve as the student representative for the 2023-2024 academic year and I plan to take into consideration and address as many comments and suggestions as I possibly can. My main goal for this year is to foster an ongoing connection between NASPSA students throughout the year, streamline information accessibility, and continue to work on, and improve, many of the initiatives that Katie had started. Some things to look forward to in the coming months are a NASPSA Student Discord designed to keep student connected throughout the year and a Student “Tool-Kit” which will include artifacts from past student members to help current students with CVs, Cover Letters, DEI Statements, and more!

Here is a conference recap as it pertains to students: The 2023 conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, started with a wonderful welcome and opening lecture. It was amazing to see so many familiar student faces as well as new faces participating so early in the conference. Later in the day, we had a student welcome and a “meet the ambassadors” event. Thank you so much to the student ambassadors for herding all the students together and welcoming us to the conference. We then had another jam-packed day on day 2... Available for the students, with a preregistration, were the student faculty chats (Big thank you to the participating faculty who volunteered their time), the student meeting, and the student social. The student meeting had a large attendance this year. Thank you to every student who attended and shared their valuable feedback. Then, we had the student social at SPIN which had another large turnout. The last day included the Business Awards meeting, which, again, was heavily attended by students, and ended with dinner and dancing. We hope that NASPSA students left the conference with new connections, new knowledge, and great memories. The published abstracts for the presentations can be found in the *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology (JSEP) Supplement* which you can find on the website under 2023 Conference

I am always available to chat via email (loetzner@wayne.edu) or twitter (@FranziLoetzner).

Congratulations to the 5 winners of the 2023 Mehling Scholarship

Dimetrius Brandon - Ohio State
Molly Brillinger - University of Toronto
Bobbie Ann Craig - University of Calgary
Armand Hardiman - Utah State
Aarohi Pathak - University of Toronto

Thank you to the 2022-2023 SAC Members

Emily Tobin, University of Florida
Blaize Shiebler, Ohio State
Axel Franco, CSU Northridge
Chris Cinelli-Faia, McGill University
Sitara Sharma, University of Ottawa

**Thank you to our
25 amazing
Student
Ambassadors that
assisted at the
2023 Conference**



Ling Beisecker
North Carolina
Lead Ambassador



Becca Foti
Florida State



Cadly Seavey
Seattle University



Darice Brooks
Michigan State



Darrin Wijeyaratnam
U Ottawa



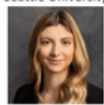
Emily Jakob
Purdue



Emily Tobin
Florida



Enzo Everett
Florida International



Giovanna Leone
South Carolina



Justin Worley
Utah State



Katie Alexander
Utah State



Kelsey Sick
Western University



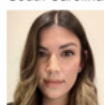
Liam O'Neil
Utah State



Kat Adams
Utah State
Lead Ambassador



Maša Iskra
DSHS Köln



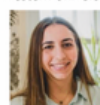
Lisa Bain
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Maeghan James
U Toronto



Meredith Wekesser
Michigan State



Samantha D'Agostino
Windsor



Sara Thompson
Washington State



Sitara Sharma
Ottawa



Stephanie Fuller
East Carolina



Stephanie Palmer
Michigan



Valeria Eckardt
DSHS Köln



Youngjun Lee
Michigan State

2023 CONFERENCE IN TORONTO

We had outstanding attendance at the conference in Toronto. A total of 425 abstracts were submitted and we ended up with an attendance of 525. We also had 18 late-breaking abstracts, presented as posters from 18 participants. The major speakers were all well received and we had a great reception and dinner.

Some other highlights:

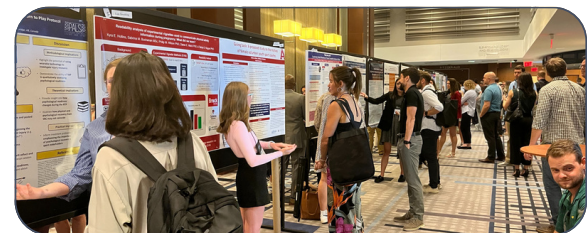
- We had ten universities and 2 businesses provide support for the conference.
- We had enough personal donations (remember NASPSA is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization) to support 25 student ambassadors with their registration fees (\$200 per student).
- We had five students supported by a Diane Methling scholarship fund
- NASPSA will continue with its Philanthropic activities to raise funds to support NASPSA. Look for upcoming details.



Thank you!

NASPSA would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all our sponsors for the 2023 conference. Without your support, our program would not have been so successful!

- Human Kinetics
- Movisens
- Auburn University
- Louisiana State University
- Michigan State University
- Ohio State University
- Rutgers University
- University of Calgary
- University of Florida
- University of Windsor
- Utah State University
- York University



AWARD WINNERS

Early Career Distinguished Scholar



Jaclyn Maher

Dr. Maher's research aims to understand: (1) how motivational processes within and outside of our awareness regulate our physical activity and sedentary behavior; (2) how physical activity and sedentary behavior impact psychological health and well-being, and; (3) how best to use technology to capture the dynamics of motivation, behavior, evaluations, and feelings as well as to intervene on behavior. The ultimate goal of her research is to develop low burden, just-in-time adaptive interventions that help people to create meaningful behavior change in the context of their everyday lives. Dr. Maher earned her Ph.D. and M.S. in Kinesiology (concentration: Psychology of Physical Activity) from the Pennsylvania State University. Congratulations Jaclyn, this is a well-deserved honor and we are looking forward to your talk in New Orleans.

AWARD WINNERS (Cont.)

President's Award

From Past-President, Jackie Goodway: Each year the President gets to recognize someone who has made outstanding contributions to the organization. The theme for this year's President's Award was mentoring. I was honored to recognize two incredible women who have had a profound impact on my career and the careers of so many scholars in the organization.



Penny McCullagh

Penny needs no introduction to the NASPSPA community. At every conference she can be found working her magic to make sure things run smoothly. Penny's first conference was in 1975 at State College, PA and she organized her first NASPSPA conference at Asilomar in 1981. Penny served as Communication Director in 1981-83 and President in 2003. More recently Penny has taken over a new role as NASPSPA's Executive Director to support the activities of the Board of Directors (BOD) across the year. What is not evident to most members are the countless hours and tireless work, year-round, behind the scenes, to support NASPSPA's initiatives. For those of us that have known Penny for a long time, we are well-aware of her ongoing commitment to mentoring the next generation of NASPSPA leaders. Whether it be the Student Rep, her student workers, early career scholars or NASPSPA BOD members, she always gives of her immense knowledge, remarkable skills, and social networks to support the careers of our members. Many of our NASPSPA leadership have started their careers at NASPSPA under her careful guidance and mentoring. Penny, you are the heart of NASPSPA and we appreciate all you do to support and mentor our organization and it's many members. From the NASPSPA community, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

In the motor development community, we affectionally call Jane Clark the "Grandmother" and "walking library" of motor development. Jane has been a long-time (46 years) member of NASPSPA who first attended NASPSPA in 1977 at Ithaca, NY. She is a former President, and often time scientific committee member. Across these years Jane has been a remarkable mentor to so many motor development scholars. I remember my first NASPSPA as a Graduate Student about to present, looking out into the audience and seeing Jane sitting there. I knew her questions were going to be tough, her knowledge is immense, and truth be told I was a little scared and intimidated. But I shouldn't have worried, Jane always takes the time to connect with new scholars and share her expertise and thoughts on a topic in a challenging but supportive manner. She has fiercely protected the "build them up, don't tear them down" climate of motor development. All of us in motor development have appreciated and benefited from this supportive mentoring environment across the years. I have been coming to NASPSPA for 33 years now and I want to thank Jane for her support and guidance across the years, not only to me, but all the other scholars in the field. Jane - on behalf of the NASPSPA community I congratulate you on this well-deserved recognition.



Jane Clark

NASPSPA Human Kinetics News



Remember that along with your NASPSPA membership you get free access to all articles in the **Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology** and the **Journal of Motor Learning and Development**. You can access the links to the journals once you sign into NASPSPA. These are located under "Resources" on our website under "Official Journals".



JOURNAL OF SPORT AND EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY



Excellence in Research Award - Johannes Meyer, Frowin Fasold, Karsten Schul, Matthias Sonnenschein, and Stefanie Klatt for their paper: "The Defender's Vision-Gaze Behavior of One-on-One Defenders in Basketball"



Excellence in Reviewing Award - Garcia Ashdown-Franks, University of Toronto

JOURNAL OF MOTOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Excellence in Research Award - Jeong Ah Kim (University of Southern California), Sungwoo Park, Linda Fетters, Sandra P. Eckel, Masayoshi Kubo, and Barbara Sargent for their paper: "Quantifying Infant Exploratory Learning"



Excellence in Reviewing Award - Kevin Becker - University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Student Awards

Outstanding Student Paper



Meredith Wekesser - Michigan State University - Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Meyers (SEP)



Jacquelyn Sertic - University of Minnesota - Advisor: Dr. Jürgen Konczak (MLC)



Darice Brooks - Michigan State University - Advisor: Dr. Janet Hauck (MD)

Graduate Student Award for International Travel

Graduate Student Research Awards



Nikki Aitcheson-Huehn - University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill - Advisor: Dr. Jason P. Mihalik



Rachana Gangwani - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Advisor: Jessica Cassidy



Samantha DuBois - University of North Carolina - Greensboro - Advisor: Dr. Jenny Etnier



Jacquelyn Sertic - University of Minnesota - Advisor: Jürgen Konczak

Madison Weinrich - Texas A&M University
Carrie Peters - University of Manitoba

PAST-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jackie Goodway, NASPSPA Past-President

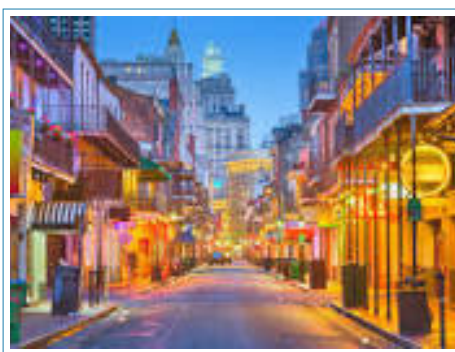
As the 2023-2024 academic year began, I reflected back on my summer. I am sure you will agree with me that the NASPSPA conference in Toronto was wonderful in all aspects; an outstanding scientific program and plentiful opportunities to reconnect with friends and colleagues. NASPSPA conferences feel like a family reunion to me, and I always look forward to the meeting both intellectually and socially. It's fun to catch up with my academic family. Many thanks to **Meghan McDonough** (Past-President, University of Calgary), **Katie Hirsch** (Student Rep, University of Windsor) and the three Program Chairs and their amazing scientific committees, **Janet Hauck** (MD, Michigan State University), **Kristina Neeley** (MLC, Auburn University), and **Leps Malete** (SEP, Michigan State University) for putting on such a great conference. A special thank you to Penny McCullagh for the countless hours she spends in ensuring we have a quality conference, and to our Canadian colleagues for such a warm welcome.



Jackie Goodway

2024 NASPSPA Conference in New Orleans

I am excited to spearhead what I anticipate to be a great conference in New Orleans from June 5-8, 2024. I was recently in New Orleans and checked out the conference hotel. The amenities are excellent for a conference and the location is just minutes away from the French Quarter with wonderful music everywhere.



I am delighted to announce that our overall keynote speaker is:

Dr. Marcio Oliveira - Assistant Vice President for Academic Technology and Innovation and Executive Director of the Teaching and Learning Transformation Center, University of Maryland, College Park.



Dr. Marcio Oliveira

Marcio A. Oliveira is a Clinical Professor and the Assistant Vice President for Academic Innovation and Technology at the University of Maryland. In this role, he spearheads the implementation and adoption of Enterprise Educational Technologies and also leads the Teaching and Learning Transformation Center, working across the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Information Technology. In this inaugural role, Marcio serves as a catalyst for advancing effective, engaging, efficient, and equitable teaching and learning. Collaboratively, he shapes the strategic institutional vision, setting the pace, and defining priorities, all while promoting academic excellence throughout the university. His scholarly work lies in the domains of cognitive and motor neuroscience, with NASPSPA as his academic home. Marcio is renowned for his creative implementation of technology-enhanced pedagogical practices and the design of collaborative learning environments that foster educational innovation and experiential learning. His talk will explore the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) in academia, unveiling the challenges and potential uses of AI to reshape the teaching and research of universities and faculty alike.

2024 NASPSPA Conference Keynote Speakers



SEP Keynote
Dr. Adele Diamond

Dr. Adele Diamond is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair Tier 1 and Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. As a co-founder of the field of developmental cognitive neuroscience, Adele studies how executive functions (EFs, i.e., attention, creative problem solving, self-control, working memory) are affected by biological and environmental factors. Specific to physical activity, Adele theorizes that if a program focuses only on training EFs (or improving aerobic fitness to improve EFs) and does little to address social or emotional needs, those unmet needs will oppose EF improvements, leading to disappointing intervention outcomes. Adele also theorizes that one route by which physical activity improves EFs is via improvements in postural control. Dr. Diamond is a member of the Royal Society of Canada, was named one of the “2000 Outstanding Women of the 20th Century,” and was listed as one of the 15 most influential neuroscientists alive today. Her many awards include an Award for Lifetime Contributions to Developmental Psychology in the Service of Science and Society plus two honorary degrees.

Dr. Rachael Seidler is a Professor in the Departments of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology and Neurology at the University of Florida. Her research focuses on the neural control of movement in health and disease, with a specific focus on motor learning. She uses a range of neuroimaging and neuromodulation techniques coupled with precise measures of movement and cognitive function to determine the neurocognitive underpinnings of motor control. Dr. Seidler has expertise working with a variety of populations including healthy young and older adults, patients with Parkinson’s disease, and NASA astronauts in both basic science and intervention experiments. Her work has been supported by the NIH, the NSF, NASA, the National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI), and a variety of private foundations. Active work in her lab includes investigation of human brain plasticity with spaceflight and experiments investigating which cognitive processes support skill acquisition and how they map onto underlying neural pathways.



MLC Keynote
Dr. Rachel Seidler



MD Keynote
Dr. Marianne Barbu-Roth

Doctor Marianne Barbu-Roth, PhD is currently affiliated with the Integrative Neuroscience and Cognitive Center of the CNRS and the University Paris Cité in France where she is the leader of the Perception-Action-Development Team. Dr. Barbu-Roth is a specialist in the field of early motor and locomotor development in human infants. She published several influential papers on the ontogenesis of human locomotion, challenging the idea that humans are born bipeds and neonatal locomotion is just a spinal reflex.

2024 NASPSPA Conference Senior Lecturers



SEP Senior Lecturer
Dr. Alan Smith

Dr. Alan L. Smith is Dean of the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University and Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science. He is a past president of NASPSPA and of the American Kinesiology Association and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Kinesiology. Al’s research encompasses the link of sport and physical activity involvement with young people’s psychological and social functioning.

Dr. Mark Williams is a Senior Research Scientist at the Florida Institute of Human and Machine Cognition. He is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society (BPS), National Academy of Kinesiology (NAK), British Association of Sport and Exercise Science (BASES), and the European College of Sports Sciences (ECSS). His research interests focus on the neural and psychological mechanisms underpinning the acquisition and development of expertise.



MLC Senior Lecturer
Dr. Mark Williams

2024 CONFERENCE (CONT.)

Many thanks to the Program Area Committees for their hard work in identifying the Keynote Speakers and Senior Lecturers:

Motor Development



Sam Logan

- **Sam Logan** – Oregon State University – Chair
- **Darice Brooks** – Michigan State University
- **David Anderson** – San Francisco State University
- **Harjiv Singh** – Performance and Development Scientist at Orlando Magic NBA Team
- **Mary Rudisill** – Auburn University
- **Sara Scharoun-Benson** – University of Windsor
- **Adam Pennell** – Pepperdine University
- **Priya Patel** – Cal State Fullerton University
- **Nalda Wainwright** – University of Wales Trinity St David
- **Janet Hauck** – Michigan State University

Motor Learning and Control



Tim Welsch

- **Tim Welsh** – University of Toronto – Chair
- **Jacquelyn Sertic** – University of Minnesota
- **Nadia Schott** – University of Stuttgart
- **Nicola Hodges** – University of British Columbia
- **Gavin Lawrence** – Bangor University
- **Luc Tremblay** – University of Toronto
- **Qin “Arthur” Zhu** – University of Wyoming
- **Matt Miller** – Auburn University
- **Sara Kaeutner** – University of British Columbia – Okanogan

Sport & Exercise Psychology



Jennifer Tomasone

- **Jennifer Tomasone** – Queens University – Chair
- **Jaclyn Maher** – University of North Carolina Greensborough
- **Jeemin Kim** – Michigan State University
- **Chrissy Pacewicz** – Miami University
- **Shereen Harris** – University of Waterloo
- **Jedediah Blanton** – University of Tennessee – Knoxville
- **Lindsay Duncan** – McGill University
- **Bettina Callary** – Cape Breton University
- **Spyridoula Vazou** – Michigan State University
- **Markus Geber** – University of Basel
- **Liam O’Neil** – Utah State University
- **Svenja Wolf** – Florida State University
- **J.D. DeFreese** – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Reduced Fee Membership Based Upon Country of Residence for Individuals from Lower-Income, Lower-Middle and Upper-Middle Income Countries

At the 2023 conference in Toronto NASPSPA passed a new reduced fee membership to those from low-income, lower-middle and upper-middle income countries (according to the World Bank Classification). It is \$20 for individuals from lower-income and lower-middle income countries and half price membership for those from upper-middle income countries. We hope you will share this with your international networks and encourage new scholars to join the NASPSPA community supporting NASPSPA’s core values.



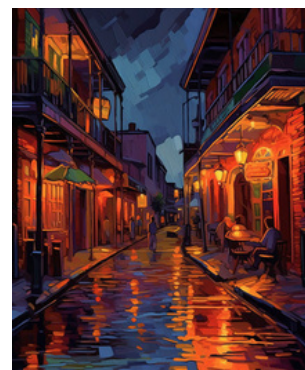
Overall Costs of Conference

We do our best to keep conference costs within reason. Unlike many conferences that are held in other countries, we do not have major support either from the country or from a university that hosts the conference. At such conferences there are often lavish meals and events. At NASPSPA these are at a minimum. NASPSPA must pay for all costs.

2024 NASPSA Conference in New Orleans - Logistics

When: Thursday June 6 (8 am) through dinner on Saturday June 8.

*There may be pre- or post conference workshops



Registration:

- Please register as soon as you can. If you register and your abstract is not accepted, your registration will be eligible for a refund.
- We will have an early bird registration fee and then later registration that costs more money. If you register AFTER May 15, there will be a greater registration fee. We need to put in counts to the hotel and it becomes more difficult after May 15.
- The fees will be determined by December and posted on the web (they will be similar to last year but may change once costs are determined).
- It is important that you carefully choose your options when you register online (e.g. you will be asked if you want to attend the Saturday dinner – which is INCLUDED in the registration fee – it is important that you answer accurately since head counts are provided to the hotel two weeks in advance of the event).

Registration will open in December and you will receive an email alerting you.

Hotel: Sheraton at 500 Canal Street



- Some people remark about the costs of the hotels that NASPSA stays at – NASPSA contracts years in advance with hotels and we typically pay NO meeting room fees – if we stayed at smaller hotels we would need to rent space (perhaps at a convention center) that would cost us a considerable amount of money so that cost would be passed back to members.
- Also we contract for a certain number of sleeping rooms and if we do not fill our block – we have to pay considerable fees in attrition (which we had to do in Hawaii and also for our previous contract in New Orleans).
- If you can, we encourage you to stay at the conference hotel – we often sell out and if we do in January, for example, it is often possible to get more rooms – that is typically not possible in April or May.
- **Our room rates are Single and Double \$189, Triple \$214 and Quad \$239.**
- Please only book if you intend to stay at conference hotel – if we lose rooms we may have to pay fees to hotel – **BOOK EARLY**

Hotel site will open in December and you will receive an email

Abstracts due January 22nd, 2024

Abstracts open October 31st – full details on abstract submission found on the NASPSA website.

We welcome Multi-Disciplinary Symposia - We had one multi-disciplinary symposium in Toronto which was really well-received. We encourage you to submit multi-disciplinary symposia that cross over our three program areas. Please reach out to Jackie Goodway (pastpresidentnaspsa@gmail.com) if you are unsure of which Program Area to submit to.

Business Award Meeting Power Points

If you missed the Business Awards Meeting, check the website under “About Us” and look for “Minutes and Reports” for NASPSA’s previous meeting minutes and slides.

THANK YOU TO OUT-GOING BOD MEMBERS



Meghan McDonough



Jenny O



Katie Hirsch

The NASPSPA BOD is a committed team of highly invested individuals who work hard to make NASPSPA a thriving organization. We are committed to ensuring continued growth and development in our disciplinary areas of motor learning and control, motor development, and sport and exercise psychology. At this time, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our outgoing BOD members. Thank you for your leadership and service to NASPSPA!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: BOD

We welcome any and all nominations for our open Board of Directors positions. We presently seek a slate of candidates for President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Student Representative. *For students interested in the Student Representative position, see the nomination information included in the “Student News” section later in this newsletter. **Nominations of colleagues or self-nominations for these positions are welcomed at any time and should be sent to the Executive Director (naspspaed@gmail.com). Nominations received by December 1, 2023** will receive full consideration by the Nominations Committee for the current openings. A slate of two candidates for each position will be forwarded for online voting in Spring 2024.

Both President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer alternate between Sport and Exercise Psychology members, and Motor Learning and Control/Motor Development members. For 2024, we are looking for professional members from the Sport and Exercise Psychology area for President-Elect and for professional members from Motor Learning and Control/Motor Development for Secretary-Treasurer. If you are considering either of these positions, please read the description of the responsibilities involved in the *NASPSPA Policy Manual*.

NASPSPA’s process for determining a slate of candidates is that there is a nomination committee, chaired by the President, who determines a slate of two candidates for each position for the membership to vote on. We would like to strongly encourage anyone interested in these two positions or in serving on the BOD in the future to reach out. We are hopeful that with this encouragement and using all of our communication methods, we may expand the pool of potential leaders for NASPSPA.

If you are interested in running for an open position in 2024, please send an expression of interest to Executive Director Penny McCullagh (naspspaed@gmail.com) by December 1, 2023. In your email, please briefly state why you are interested in the position and how you believe your skills align with the responsibilities of that position. Please note that your expression of interest is not a commitment to stand for the position, it is just the start of a conversation.

If you have questions or want to discuss your potential future involvement in leadership in the organization, please also email Penny (naspspaed@gmail.com) with a brief description of your questions or interests in involvement in NASPSPA leadership.

We hope to hear from many of you and I would also be happy to have a conversation with anyone interested in talking about leadership opportunities in NASPSPA. There are many that go beyond just these elected positions.

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NASPSA REPORTS AND MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The NASPSA 2023 Business Meeting and Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes can also be accessed via the NASPSA website (<https://www.naspsa.com/minutes-reports/>), under: 2023 Business Meeting Minutes. Official Spring minutes will not be posted until approved during the Fall Executive Committee Meeting.

Financial Report and Membership Report

The NASPSA 2023 Financial Report and Membership Report can be accessed via the NASPSA website (<https://www.naspsa.com/minutes-reports/>).

MEMORIALS

If you know of a NASPSA-related scientist who has recently passed, please send information to President-Elect Jeff Fairbrother (jtf0049@auburn.edu).

NASPSA MENTORING PROGRAM

The purpose of the NASPSA mentoring program is to provide networking and mentoring opportunities for professional members of NASPSA so that these members can make informed decisions about the research, teaching, leadership, service, and creative professional activities that shape their career trajectories and long-term career goals. This program is intended to emphasize advice and information for mid-career academics and, as such, is currently restricted to professional members of NASPSA who are 7+ years since beginning their first faculty position. In the first year there are six mentors and six mentees.

The following topics will be covered in group meetings this year and in addition the mentees will have individual meetings with their mentors. The program is being led by **Timothy Welsch** and **Cathi Sabiston** from the University of Toronto.

- **September 22 2023.** What is happening in higher education? Where higher education is heading, how institutions 'work' and the general 'hierarchies' on campuses.
- **December 1, 2023.** Career paths: navigating path to full professor, preparation for leadership roles, and balancing leadership, administration, and research
- **January 26 2024.** Negotiation, delegation, and intentional decision-making.
- **April 5 2024.** Working with graduate students: mentorship, progression, success, and accountabilities.
- **May 31 2024.** Growing your network, collaboration, and branding

UPCOMING NASPSA EVENTS



Motor Development, Learning, and Control Online Research Seminar Series

Integrating fNIRS and EEG Measurements into Motor Development, Learning, and Control Research




Dr. Nancy Getchell
University of Delaware
Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS)





Dr. Matt Miller
Auburn University
Electroencephalography (EEG)



3 November, 2023
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT
Online
[Registration Link Below](#)

1st I-MDRC National Conference on Teaching Motor Development

NOVEMBER 9-10
2-5PM CST
MICROSOFT TEAMS

REGISTRATION IS FREE FOR I-MDRC MEMBERS AND NASPSA MEMBERS.
REGISTER BY OCT 18 HERE.



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STUDENT NEWS

Call for 2023-2024 Student Advisory Council (SAC) Members

If you are interested in serving on the 2023-2024 Student Advisory Council or know someone who is an excellent candidate, please fill out the Qualtrics link in the QR code to the right. We are looking for 3 individuals across our three disciplines. This council will function to support the Student Representative by providing feedback and suggestions on matters pertaining to the student experience. Members of the council will serve up to 2 one-year terms.



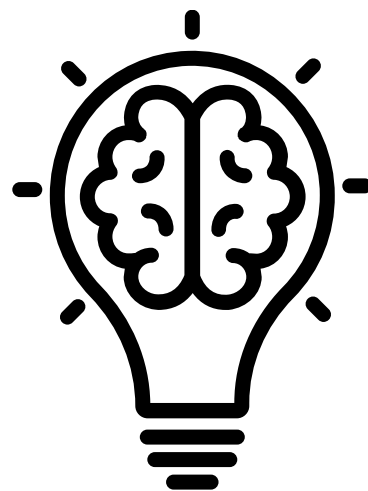
Call for 2023-2024 Communications Interns

If you want to become a Communications Intern for the 2023-2024 academic year, please contact the Communication Director, Kip Webster (naspspacd@gmail.com), with a 200-word paragraph expressing why you are interested in serving and what skills you will bring to the communications team. Communications interns will Assist the Communication Director and meet virtually as needed.

Call for 2024-2025 Student Representative

If you are interested in serving NASPSPA as the Student Representative for the 2024-2025 academic year or know someone who is an excellent candidate, please submit nominations to Penny McCullagh at naspspaed@gmail.com. The deadline for nomination is December 1st, 2023. The nomination package includes (1) a statement of interest (200 words) and (2) your CV. The NASPSPA Student Representative is primarily responsible for representing student members at the Executive Committee meetings, as well as organizing and conducting student meetings and events at the annual conference, contributing a student column to the newsletter, and providing a report at the Annual Business Meeting.

If you have further questions regarding the Student Representative position or are interested in becoming more involved in NASPSPA, please reach out to Franzi at loetzner@wayne.edu



Call for 2024 Lead Student Ambassadors

If you are interested in serving NASPSPA as a Lead Student Ambassador for the 2024 Annual Conference or know someone who is an excellent candidate, please submit nominations (200 words) to Franziska Loetzner at loetzner@wayne.edu by December 1st. The Lead Student Ambassadors are responsible for the training of Student Ambassadors who will serve as volunteers at the conference, assisting with student inclusion, taking photos and videos of conference sessions, and other tasks deemed necessary by the Lead Student Ambassadors, Student Representative, and Executive Director.