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Message from the Executive Director Mike Toglia

It has been said that “time waits for no man.” In PC terminology, it would be “no person.” Regardless of how we express the swiftness of time, the SARMAC VIII Biennial Conference in Kyoto, Japan is only 7 months away! Kaz Mori and his organizing committee are busy with the many details that define planning in the home stretch of the Society’s next conference in July 2009. For the Program Committee, the call for papers ended December 1, and they are swamped evaluating about 300 submissions. Nevertheless, by the end of January they will send out decisions. As indexed by submissions, there is clearly great interest in coming to Japan. This appeal stems from at least two sources: the historical significance of our location and of course, the science. For the latest details concerning the Kyoto meeting, please read Kaz Mori’s piece on SARMAC VIII in this newsletter and visit the conference website: sarmacjapan.org.

Our highly successful conferences are a major contributor to the visibility of the society. Linda Henkel and the SARMAC Board of Governors have spent considerable time this year exploring visibility via *Applied Cognitive Psychology*; in particular, the showcasing of select articles through press releases. We hope to adopt several methods to best accomplish this during 2009.

Last year at this time I reported that we had nearly 300 members - a record, as we closed 2007. Our 2008 numbers have crested at some 260 memberships. I had anticipated a new record, but alas it has been an average year. If you have not yet renewed your SARMAC membership or have let it lapse for a year or

two, please take a moment to go to www.sarmac.org and sign up for 2009 membership.

With membership, everyone receives *Applied Cognitive Psychology* and *Cognitive Technology*. *Cognitive Technology* is planning a special issue based on papers presented in Kyoto; an endeavor spearheaded by Steve Fiore, the journal’s relatively new editor. Speaking of new folks, we are looking for a new Technical Advisor, as Dale Pember is stepping down after 5 years of service. I take this opportunity to personally thank him for the hundreds of questions he fielded, for maintaining the website, and for developing our databases and interface with PayPal. His dedication to SARMAC will be missed.

As of this writing, the Society has not settled on the location of the 2011 meeting. I hope to be able to announce soon where we will hold SARMAC IX. Before I get too far ahead of myself, I look forward to seeing many of you in Kyoto.

While my previous email continues to be active, my new address is m.toglia@unf.edu. I have just completed my first semester as chair of the psychology department at the University of North Florida. My new position has presented me with many new and mostly exciting challenges.

The Society continues to seek ways to best serve its membership and to attract new members. This means that 2009 will bring us fresh challenges that I look forward to addressing. Enjoy the Holiday Season and best wishes for the New Year!

Happy Holidays

SARMAC VIII Biennial Conference Kaz Mori

On behalf of the Program Committee of SARMAC Japan, I am very happy to inform you that we have received nearly 300 submissions before closing the Call for Papers on December 1, 2008. Accordingly, there was no need to extend the submission period. We received 21 symposium submissions, 94 papers, and 101 posters. We are now reviewing all of the submissions and plan to send out decisions in January, 2009.

We will be busier than Santa Claus! We will have more plenary sessions than the former SARMAC conferences - with six keynote speeches and six plenary symposia. The invited keynote speakers are posted on the SARMAC Japan website (sarmacjapan.org) so here I list only the plenary symposia.

- Paula Hertel, one of the keynote speakers, will convene an exciting symposium on "Recent Developments in Clinical Cognition."
- Harlene Hayne has organized a symposium "Memory in, and Memory of, Childhood," in which Qi Wang, Mark Howe, Catriona Morrison, and Martin Conway will present their recent findings.
- Lorraine Hope will chair the symposium "New Techniques for Extracting Information from Eyewitnesses," and Neil Brewer, Rachel Zajac, and Rod Lindsay will contribute to it, as well as Lorraine herself.
- We will also have a symposium convened by the Japanese Organizing Committee, "Psychological Statement Analysis: The Methods and Findings." Sumio Hamada, a Japanese specialist in statement analysis will present in this symposium.
- And, there will be one more on Cognitive Technology convened by the editor of CT, Steve Fiore.

Lastly, Maryanne Garry is preparing a special event for all of us.

I look forward to meeting you all in Kyoto next year. Best wishes for the holidays and a Happy New Year!

Position Announcement Assistant/Associate Professor – Legal University of Texas El Paso

The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Psychology invites applications for the position of Assistant or Associate Professor in **Legal Psychology** to begin in the fall of 2009. Our faculty

conducts research in a variety of legal areas, including eyewitness identification, child witnesses, jury decision making, alibi witnesses, interrogation and confessions, and the impact of language translation on forensic statements.

Our proximity to the U.S. – Mexico border offers unique opportunities to pursue law related studies and research funding from a multitude of national and international agencies and foundations. We have unique research opportunities in the context of homeland security as well. We are seeking a dynamic investigator who has a clear trajectory in her or his research program and will contribute to our legal psychology doctoral program, as well as teach undergraduate and graduate courses. Candidates must have a PhD and should have a record of extramural funding and an active research program.

ABOUT UTEP: The department has 15 faculty members, more than 600 undergraduate majors, and 52 graduate students in MA and PhD programs (<http://www.utep.edu/psych>). UTEP is classified as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Intensive University, ranking 4th among public universities in Texas in research expenditures. UTEP is located in the most populous bi-national metropolitan area in the world, with a combined population of 2.4 million.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should send a letter of application summarizing research interests and qualifications plus a curriculum vita and three letters of reference to:

Legal Psychology Search Committee
Department of Psychology
University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, TX 79968-0553 or
legalpsych@utep.edu

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Position Announcement
Assistant Professor, Lifespan Development
University of Florida

The Department of Psychology at the University of Florida invites applications for a full-time (9-month), tenure-accruing Assistant Professor in DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (Position #00012156). Our doctoral training program focuses on Development Across the Lifespan; we have a preference for applicants with expertise in the early phases of life or multigenerational research linking to infancy and childhood. Preference will be given to candidates who complement current faculty interests (see <http://www.psych.ufl.edu/>). The successful applicant will establish an independent program of research that can garner extramural support, supervise and mentor graduate students, teach graduate and undergraduate classes, and participate in governance activities.

Interested candidates should submit, via email, curriculum vitae, research statement, teaching statement, three reprints or preprints, and three letters of recommendation to dvsearch@grove.ufl.edu. If electronic applications are not possible, send hard copies of the required information to: Julia Graber, Chair, Developmental Search Committee, Dept of Psychology, PO Box 112250, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-2250.

Applications will be considered upon receipt; to ensure full consideration, applications should be received no later than January 5, 2009. Applications received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the Committee or hiring authority. The position will start August 2009; salary will be

commensurate with qualifications. A Ph.D. degree in Developmental Psychology, Human Development, or related area is required. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida's Government in the Sunshine and Public Records Laws.

Third Annual Scientific Meeting
The Organization for the Study of Sex Differences
Eileen Resnick

The Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (www.ossdweb.org) is convening its third annual scientific meeting from June 4-6, 2009 in Toronto, ON, Canada. The program includes Jeanne T. Lee, M.D., Ph.D. as the Keynote Lecturer and Virginia M. Miller, Ph.D. as the Capstone Lecturer. The rest of the program is composed of seven symposia and two poster sessions. Symposia topics include sex differences in: pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics and drug development; childhood obesity: manifestations and mechanisms; sex chromosomes and autoimmunity; progenitor and stem cells: implications for tissue injury, repair, and regeneration; cerebral vascular biology and stroke; knee osteoarthritis; and cognition.

The deadline for poster abstract submissions is March 16, 2009. Visit www.ossdweb.org to view the full agenda and register. Contact Viviana Simon, Ph.D. (viviana@ossdweb.org) for additional information.

APPLIED MEMORY

Matthew R. Kelley

Editor

The goal of the applied memory volume is to highlight many interesting and creative applications of basic memory phenomena that are underrepresented, or even unrepresented, in the literature. Authors were charged with the task of reviewing relevant basic and applied research and offering new empirical investigations into the applications of these benchmark phenomena. To this end, *Applied Memory* consists of 17 chapters that explore the influences of generation, irrelevant speech, verbal overshadowing, isolation, part-set cuing, reminiscence, hyperemnesia, placebos, mental state, metamemory knowledge, flashbulb events, and traumatic events on memory in everyday settings, as well as applications of source memory, social memory, involuntary autobiographical memory, dream memory, and strategic memory regulation. The volume is designed as a resource for basic and applied memory researchers and as a supplementary text in graduate or upper-level undergraduate courses in cognitive psychology, human memory, or applied psychology.

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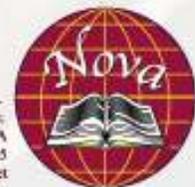
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Congratulations to our Fellow SARMAC Members

Congratulations to our fellow SARMAC members for earning the following awards and honors—appearing in the media---publishing and making some outstanding presentations!

NAME	Susan Bluck
PUBLICATIONS	Bluck, S. & Alea, N. (2008). Remembering being me: The self-continuity function of autobiographical memory in younger and older adults. In F. Sani, (Ed.). <i>Self-continuity: Individual and collective perspectives</i> (pp. 55-70). New York: Psychology Press.

NAME	F. Richard Ferraro
AWARDS AND HONORS	Congratulations to Professor Ferraro, who directs the General Experimental Program in UND's Psychology Department, who was selected for Fellow Status by National Academy of Neuropsychology.

NAME	Sean Lane
PUBLICATIONS	Lane, S. M., Roussel, C. C., Villa, D., Starns, J. J. & Alonzo, J. D. (2008). Information about diagnostic features at retrieval reduces false recognition. <i>Memory</i> , 16, 836-851. Lane, S. M. & Meissner, C. A. (2008). Methodological fixation in eyewitness identification research: A "middle road" approach to bridging the basic-applied divide. <i>Applied Cognitive Psychology</i> , 22, 779-787. (special issue "Basic and Applied Issues in Eyewitness Research: A Münsterberg Centennial Retrospective.")

NAME	John J. Shaughnessy
PUBLICATIONS	Helder, E. & Shaughnessy, J.J. (2008). Retrieval opportunities while multitasking improve name recall. <i>Memory</i> , 16, 896-909.

NAME	Azizuddin Khan
PUBLICATIONS	Khan, A., Sharma, N.K., & Dixit, S., (September, 2008). Cognitive Load and Task Condition in Event- and Time-Based Prospective Memory: An Experimental Investigation. <i>The Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied</i> . 142 (5) Heldref Publication
AWARDS AND HONORS	Congratulations to professor Azizuddin Khan for being selected for "Young Scientists Program" at XXIX International Congress of Psychology, Berlin, Germany, from July 20-25, 2008.

SARMAC Newsletter Submissions

We encourage you to send us information to share with your SARMAC colleagues. We are interested in recent publications, job announcements, calls for papers – or anything else you'd like to share with your colleagues. If you would like to include information in the next newsletter (winter, 2008) please email Leslie (Driesliemiller@hotmail.com) or Lauren (lauren.shapiro@ndsu.edu).

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Please invite your students and colleagues who do cognitive psychology research that spans applied and basic interests to join the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC).

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