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Editorial
Eric Dubow,
North American *Bulletin* Editor



Welcome to the June 2016 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*. In one month, we'll meet in Sydney, Australia, for the XXIInd ISRA World Meeting from July 19-23. The co-organizers are Wayne Warburton (wayne.warburton@mq.edu.au) and Tom Denson (t.denson@unsw.edu.au). We look forward to this meeting with great excitement! Wayne and Tom and the scientific committee have put together an intellectually stimulating program of presentations that include symposia, papers, and poster sessions. **The feature presentation of this issue of the *Bulletin* is the program for this upcoming meeting.**

We start off this *Bulletin* with messages from President-elect Mike Potegal, President Kaj Björkqvist, Executive Secretary Dominic Parrott, and Editor of *Aggressive Behavior*, John Archer. Next, we include the tentative Scientific and Social Program for the Sydney World Meeting. Then we present the slate of candidates for the election of ISRA Executive Officers and Council Members (you only have a few more days to vote—by June 20; see the voting instructions in that section). Next, there is a special announcement, and John Knutson's remembrances, about two major losses to our field this year—Len Berkowitz and Murray Straus. What incredible individuals—we will miss their scholarship, collegiality, and warmth. I follow this with important ISRA news about members who have written to me about their accomplishments in the past year. Then, I am introducing a new addition to the *Bulletin*—a spotlight on a long-time ISRA member (Ron Slaby). Next, I include descriptions of recent and soon-to-be Ph.Ds—please send me and Manuela information about your students so we can include it in this section in future *Bulletins*. Then, I include a listing of presentations from the 2016 meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence that I attended—focusing on sessions on adolescent aggression and violence research. You'll notice many of our ISRA members' names among those presenters.

As always, we end the *Bulletin* with the ISRA Flyer that is designed to describe our society, increase our exposure, and attract new members; **be sure to share this flyer with your colleagues and students to distribute to your colleagues and networks to encourage them to join ISRA.**

In closing, please remember that our goal for the *Bulletin* is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work. So, please email Manuela with any materials you would like us to include in the next issue of the *Bulletin* in December 2016.

Best wishes and I hope to see you in Sydney! *Eric*

A Message from Our President-Elect, Michael Potegal



Dear ISRA fellow members

2016 Elections-As president-elect I had the honor of heading up the Nominations committee for this year's round of elections. Happily, the slate of candidates that was put together includes some of our most accomplished and productive members. Whoever is elected will represent ISRA proudly and serve us well. For convenience, voting will be by Qualtrix electronic survey. Please vote by June 20-a unique link was emailed to each ISRA member by Dom. If you lost that email, contact him ASAP for your unique link. Thanks to Nominations Committee members Sarah Coyne, Doug

Gentile, Jane Ireland, and Georges Steffgen for their great suggestions and invaluable help

New ISRA website-As Exec Sec Dom Parrott has written (see below), we are putting a lot of effort into developing a new ISRA website that will represent the broad range of interests in our society and is intended to serve as a major communication hub for exchange of ideas on and possible collaborations about current research on aggression by ISRA members and others (who we hope will become ISRA members). It will include social media blogs and resources for both members and the public. The launch of the website will be announced with great fanfare at the upcoming meeting. Stay tuned for further emails about building it

Speaking of which, we would like to arrange for the meeting to be live-tweeted in order to share all the excitement in real time. If you will be there & are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Tracy Vaillancourt who will be coordinating this activity (tracy.vaillancourt@uottawa.ca)

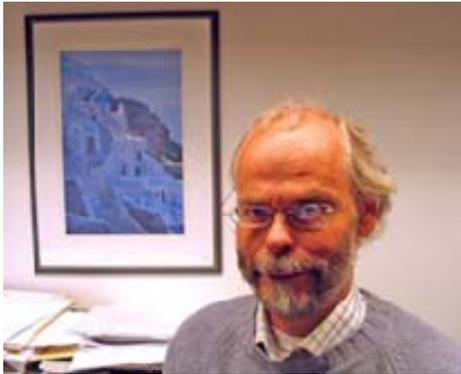
2016 Young Investigators Program-The meeting in Sydney will be a great one, springing as it does from the unrelenting work of local organizers Tom Denson & Wayne Warburton. The Young Investigators (YI) Program that will take place there involves 13 participants, the largest group of grad students, post docs & assistant professors yet, coming from 7 countries with research interests that range from game theoretic approaches, brain neuroanatomy & neurochemistry and familial genetic linkages thru sexual dominance and intimate partner violence, to access to firearms and positive affect aspects of aggression. As in prior years, discussions planned for the pre-meeting workshop will include the development of grant proposals and papers for publication by various participants as well as broad-ranging exchanges about the nature of aggression & how best to study it.

Aggression escalation/de-escalation symposium-I look forward to learning a lot during the Friday morning symposium on the escalation and de-escalation of aggression that will feature YI Irene Camerlink's introduction to game theoretic approaches to these key phenomena, Aki Takahashi's description of her findings about the role of serotonin and other neurotransmitters, and Michael Daffern's work on de-escalating aggression in forensic facilities. A follow-up Friday afternoon demonstration of de-escalation techniques by Bob Bowen, vice-president of the Mandt Company, is intended as an invitation to aggression researchers to see what some of the current practices are and to

encourage any who are interested to launch or collaborate on serious scientific study of these issues and practices. The demonstration will involve no promotional material.

Regards,
Mike

A Message from Our President, Kaj Björkqvist



Dear ISRA Colleagues,

When I was going to sit down to write this column, the news just reached me about the deadly shootings in Orlando, FL: 50 dead, and another 53 wounded. I feel that I just have to comment on this, all other topics suddenly seem irrelevant.

At the time of writing, this horrible bloodshed appears to have been planned and acted out by a single man, an ISIS sympathizer. It does not appear to be a typical terror attack planned by any particular group. Rather, it seems to be a question of a lone lunatic

with a more or less bizarre ideology, anti-Western and homophobic. What comes to my mind is the Norwegian mass killer Anders Breivik, who murdered 77 people on July 22, 2011; he also had a clear (in his case, a far right) ideology, and acted alone. The question of whether he was to be considered insane or not has divided opinions among psychiatric experts and within the Norwegian judicial system.

When a tragedy like this happens, the importance of a society like ISRA is obvious. When ISRA was founded on that August day in 1972 at the Prince Hotel in Tokyo, Japan, I am sure the founders had in mind a scientific society able to bring forward knowledge that could help to explain and prevent incidences of aggression like the one in Orlando.

It is not enough to put the blame on a particular ideological agenda only. When we look for possible causes, the most important ones are in my opinion the personality of the perpetrator, and the life history which has shaped the personality and attitudes of the individual in question. The ideology is chosen by the individual to fit his or her experience of the world. Gun availability certainly plays a role as well.

My native country, Finland, has not experienced any mass killings of that magnitude, but we have had some school shootings with tens of casualties. I took an interest in these, and wrote an article about them [Björkqvist, K. (2015). "White rage: Bullying as an antecedent of school shootings". *Journal of Child & Adolescent Behavior*, 3:1]. What I found was, perhaps not so surprisingly, that all the Finnish school shooters had been victims of school bullying, and wanted to take revenge at their school. In one of the cases, the shooter also had, in addition, a clear political agenda: he declared a "total war on humanity", he wrote a manifesto and wanted to put "natural selection back on its track".

I received a copy of an interview with a would-be school shooter who planned a mass-killing, but came to his senses, turned himself in, and received long-term psychotherapy which enabled him to overcome his urge to kill and understand his trauma. He suggested that school shootings (perhaps also other mass killings) are made in a state of dissociation. Furthermore, he suggested that the school shootings are made in a state which he called “white rage”. According to him, most murders are carried out in a state of “black rage”, when an individual is suddenly overwhelmed by anger and loses impulse control. Typically these murders are not planned at all. “White rage” is something completely different, he suggests. During white rage there is no lack of impulse control; quite the opposite. The murderer is in a completely cool state of mind. He feels that his killings are perfectly justified. They have usually been planned long in advance. This state of mind, he claims, is typical of school shooters.

He himself had been severely victimized by school bullying. He told that “when I was lying in the mud, and two boys were jumping on me, what happened inside of me was a so-called dissociation. I kind of left my body in order to close the pain out of me.”

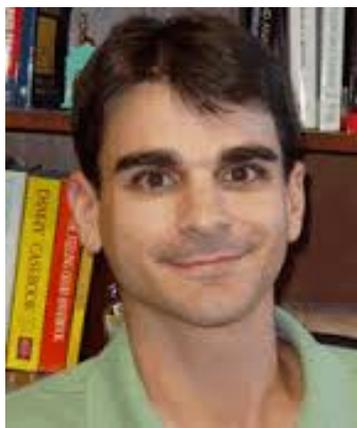
Due to overwhelmingly negative experiences like this, he suggests, some people will develop depression and perhaps kill themselves. Others will, through the process of dissociation, open the channel to “white rage”.

At the moment, I know too little about the personality of the perpetrator of the Orlando mass killings to draw any parallels. I find it likely, however, that the shooter had had some negative life experiences, and found a suitable ideology which made “revenge” on a particular target group feel justified. A mass killer does not think he is doing anything wrong. In the way he looks at the world, it is always justified.

With these sad reflections, I will end this column. I look forward to seeing you in Sydney!

Kaj

A Message from our Executive Secretary, Dominic Parrott



Dear ISRA Colleagues:

I hope this issue of the ISRA Bulletin finds you all doing well. As I write from Atlanta, GA, we are entering a hot and humid summer in the southeastern US; and, on the opposite side of the globe, the years of planning for the 22nd World Meeting in Sydney, Australia, are only weeks away from being realized. Based on my correspondence with co-organizers Tom Denson and Wayne Warburton, I am very confident that attendees will have a truly memorable ISRA experience.

I'm also thrilled to announce that the 23rd ISRA World Meeting will be held at Université Paris Descartes in Paris, France, from Tuesday, July 10 to Saturday, July 14, 2018. Dr. Farzaneh Pahlavan will be the local organizer. I'm also excited that the

2018 World Meeting will conclude with the celebration of Fête de la Fédération (Federation Holiday) – or as many of us know it – Bastille Day.

In addition to confirming the 2018 ISRA World Meeting, a major order of business over the past six months has been the long overdue redesign of the ISRA website. I will summarize how this process has unfolded and what you can expect in the coming weeks.

Beginning in the Fall of 2015, the Executive Committee began a serious discussion of how to completely overhaul the ISRA website. This discussion began with a brainstorming session of functions that the new website should have (e.g., accepting membership applications and renewals and processing payments) and ways that the website could facilitate interactions among ISRA members (e.g., blogging, social media).

Then, led by President-Elect Mike Potegal, a search of website design companies identified six that seemed viable as website developers. This list was reduced to three companies from whom we received formal proposals. In March, the ISRA Council approved a proposal from ScienceSites – and since that time Mike and I have been working diligently on the redesign process.

The new website is scheduled to “launch” on July 8, 2016. At that time, you will find some content has been retained from the current website (e.g., information about ISRA’s history, previous World Meetings, past winners of various awards). However, you will also find that old content has been significantly upgraded and much new content has been added. For example, a new membership portal will be created that allows for online payment of membership dues. You will also find a wealth of new content that promotes scholarly interaction and discourse. Examples of content include:

- Blog posts (expectation of 2-3 new posts every 1-2 months) that allow for discussion threads
 - A “Featured Article” from Aggressive Behavior
 - A Young Investigator’s Corner designed to promote the YI program and include content from ISRA’s junior scholars.
 - Links to ISRA’s new presence on social media: Twitter (@ISRA_Society), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ISRASociety/>), and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/isra_society/).
- If you subscribe to any of these social media sites, I hope that you will follow ISRA posts.

By Fall 2016, we will introduce a password protected (for ISRA members only) portion of the website that allows for additional scholarly interaction and access to relevant resources (e.g., syllabi for courses on aggression). We have also contracted with ScienceSites for the maintenance of the website. This will make it very easy for ISRA to update the website in a timely fashion.

Overall, our vision is for the website to be dynamic and interactive. Content will be archived and thus, over time, a “digital history” of sorts will be created. We hope that it becomes a common place for our members – and many other aggression scholars – to visit and interact. Of course, if you have ideas how the website can be improved, please feel free to send those suggestions to me.

Best Regards,
Dominic Parrott
ISRA Executive Secretary

A Message from the Editor-in-Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*, John Archer



The journal has continued much as before, with a fairly consistent editorial board: this consists of myself as Editor-in-Chief, 6 Associate Editors and 25 Consulting Editors. The Associate Editors and I share out the submissions for action. I initially scrutinize all submissions, and some are rejected without being passed on to an Action Editor. Those that are passed on are given a second look by the Action Editor, and some rejected at this stage. Action Editors send papers for review and make a final decision based on the outcome of the review process. Consulting Editors agree in theory to review up to one paper a month, although in practice it works out much less than this for most Consulting Editors. Ad-hoc reviewers are not part of the Editorial Board but provide a valuable and much appreciated service for the journal. Changes to the Consulting Editor list generally reflect the inclusion of previous ad-hoc reviewers and the exclusion of those who could not continue their commitment to regular reviewing.

The latest (2014) Impact Factor of the journal is 2.47, similar to previous years, with a 5-year value of 3.08 (highest for several years). We await the 2015 metrics at the end of June.

The number of manuscripts submitted per year was around 200 in the years 2009 to 2012, and it increased to over 250 during 2013 to 2015. Present indications for 2016 suggest that it is down to the 2009-2012 level. There are two possibilities that might account for this drop. The first is that the journal imposed a page limit in September 2016 to avoid unnecessarily long papers. In practice, this limit of 30 pages overall is intended for single-study papers: authors can request consideration of longer papers when these have more than one study, a longitudinal study, or a meta-analysis. It is possible that some authors have submitted papers elsewhere rather than shortening them to conform to the page limit. A second possibility is the impact of a relatively new journal, *Psychology of Violence*, an APA journal started in 2011, which has now had time to gain a reputation and Impact Factor (similar to that of *Aggressive Behavior*). The remit of the APA journal is slightly different from that of *Aggressive Behavior*, concentrating more on extreme aggression and on interventions, but there is much overlap, making it a suitable alternative for many aggression researchers. Although from the viewpoint of editor and publisher, *Psychology of Violence* could be viewed as a competitor, as aggression researchers we should welcome this additional outlet for our work.

Over the last three years (2013 to 2015), 50 to 60 of those manuscripts submitted in a particular year were eventually accepted: percent finally accepted (i.e., of those submitted in that year) has ranged from 17.3 to 22.3 for the years 2012 to 2015, 2014 being the lowest point. There was some concern about having too long a publication lag for accepted papers at one point, but this is no longer a concern.

This report is a summary of a presentation to be given at the 2016 ISRA conference, which will contain the above information (and more) in graphical form. I would like to thank my editorial assistant, Diana Armistead, for her continuing good work in supporting the journal, and for providing the statistics cited above; and of course the editorial board and reviewers for enabling the smooth running of the journal.

John Archer, Editor-in-Chief, *Aggressive Behavior*

**International Society for
Research on Aggression**

**XXIInd WORLD MEETING 2016
Sydney, AUSTRALIA**

July 19-23, 2016



The ISRA 22nd World Meeting in Sydney is almost here!

The 22nd World Meeting of the International Society for Research on Aggression is almost upon us! It will be in Sydney, Australia from **July 19-23, 2016**. Here are some important things to note:

We still have space for some posters

Please send your abstracts to Tom Denson (t.denson@unsw.edu.au) and to Wayne Warburton (wayne.warburton@mq.edu.au) as soon as possible.

Early bird registration closes June 17

Register before then for the early bird rate. The cost of registration will increase from June 18. See the [website](#) for details.

Preconference symposium now fully booked

With more than 140 registrations already we can take no more people for the preconference symposium on June 19. Thus we have closed registrations.

The conference program and talk schedule is now finalised

The conference program has been finalised, including the schedule for talks and symposia. The only item yet to be finalised involves the details for the Saturday afternoon visit to the Walkabout Wildlife Park. The tentative schedule is included in this Bulletin, but can also be downloaded at:

http://www.iec.mq.edu.au/research/cfrc/isra_2016/scientific_social_program/

The ISRA 2016 Facebook page has all the latest news

Visit the ISRA 2016 Facebook page for news and updates. We will also upload the conference app to Facebook when it is finished: <https://www.facebook.com/ISRA2016>

Other important links:

The conference website: www.iec.mq.edu.au/research/cfrc/isra_2016/

Registrations (<http://www.trybooking.com/145228>). You should read through the conference information [here](#) before registering.

Click on <https://youtu.be/dPou3FrKUgM> to see a short (and hopefully amusing) video about ISRA 2016. For more information on Sydney and New South Wales (NSW) you can visit Destination NSW [here](#).

Contact the conference organisers Wayne Warburton and Tom Denson on wayne.warburton@mq.edu.au and t.denson@unsw.edu.au.

Conference registration costs (prices are in Australian dollars)

Early bird rates (before June 17, 2016)

ISRA Members	\$350
ISRA Students	\$195
Non-members	\$425
Non-member - student rate	\$270
Day Registration	\$140

* You can apply for ISRA membership here <http://www.israsociety.com/application.html>
Student membership is only \$30 USD.

If registering after June 17, the following rates apply:

- ISRA Members \$425
- ISRA student members \$195
- Non-ISRA students \$270
- Non-members \$495.

Optional costs

Outing: Afternoon/evening of Thursday July 21 (choose only one)

- 3 hour cocktail and canape Captain Cook Cruise on stunning Sydney Harbour (\$85 per person)
- Visit to the Bara Barang Aboriginal Community, nearby Sacred Sites (7-20,000 years old) and Bush Tucker meal (\$99 per person)

Gala banquet Friday July 22: \$98 per person

Certificates of Attendance and Professional Development

If you would like, we can provide certificates of attendance. If you are Australian, attendance counts toward Australian Psychological Society professional development (see APS listing [here](#)) and towards teacher CPD in NSW. Please email t.denson@unsw.edu.au if you would like a certificate.

Special Day Dedicated to Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

Friday July 22 will have symposia streams and posters dedicated to research on domestic violence and child abuse.

The ISRA social program

There are heaps of opportunities for attendees to engage in a wide variety of social events in and near Sydney. All are optional, and some have a cost that needs to be paid at registration.

The Opening Celebration

At the Coogee Bay Hotel Seaview room opposite beautiful Coogee Beach
Tuesday July 19 at 4.30pm (free to registered delegates)

All delegates are invited to attend the opening celebration at the Coogee Bay Hotel. Catch up with your old and new ISRA friends at this informal welcome, opposite beautiful Coogee Beach. Complimentary canapes will be served and there will be an open bar to purchase drinks. People will also be able to register for the conference here.



Restaurant night – make new friends with those who share your preferred cuisine.
Wednesday July 20 at various Sydney restaurants

Pioneered successfully by Mike Potegal and his team at ISRA in Minneapolis, this night will allow delegates to choose a preferred cuisine at the time they register for the Meeting. The choices are modern Australian, seafood, Japanese, Thai, Italian and Spanish/Tapas. Delegates will then be sent details of the restaurant they are booked at, and will meet the other delegates who also chose that cuisine when they arrive. This will afford the chance to connect with new people, forge new friendships, and experience incredible cuisine. It's going to be a night to remember!

Thursday afternoon outings (July 21). There are two to choose from:
3 hour Captain Cook Cruise (\$85 per person)

Enjoy complimentary canapes and Australian beer and wines as you soak up the world's most stunning Harbour from the water. Watch the sun go down over Sydney Harbour and see the Harbour Bridge, Opera house and city lights from the comfort of a sleek, modern vessel. This will be a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon/evening for all aboard.



Visit the Bara Barang Aboriginal Community and local Sacred Sites, and enjoy a bush tucker meal (\$99 per person).

In a rare opportunity, the elders of the Bara Barang Aboriginal Community have offered to host a group of ISRA delegates for the afternoon and evening of July 21. Delegates will be transported to the Green Central Community on the NSW Central Coast, north of Sydney. They will be greeted with a Welcome to Country, offered the chance to participate in a smoking ceremony (see video clip at <https://youtu.be/dPou3FrKUgM>), and then given a guided tour of aboriginal artefacts nearby. These have been dated at 7,000-20,000 years old. A Darkinjung elder will tell the traditional stories related to the carvings. Delegates will then return to Bara Barang to enjoy a meal of delicious bush tucker, including crocodile, kangaroo and chicken dishes, before being transported back to Sydney.



The Gala Banquet on Friday Night

At the Cyren restaurant overlooking beautiful Darling Harbour
Friday July 22 (\$98 per person)

A bus will leave the conference at 6.30 to take delegates to the Cyren Restaurant (Bar, Grill, Seafood) which overlooks beautiful Darling Harbour and has fabulous views of the Sydney CBD at night (<http://www.nicks-seafood.com.au/venue/cyren/>). At night the City skyline sparkles off the water. There will be a 3 course meal served and an open bar to purchase drinks. The bus will return delegates at the end of the night.



Walk at The Rocks Historic District

On Thursday night, after the Thursday outing, there will be a walk through The Rocks historic district (many pubs and restaurants available). This would work for participants on the Harbour Cruise, which

finishes at 6.00pm close to The Rocks. However those visiting the Bara Barang Community would return too late to go on this outing.

Farewell Barbeque Saturday July 23 (free)

At the close of the Meeting, delegates are invited to attend an informal farewell barbeque at the UNSW library quadrangle park (2 minutes walk from the conference venue).

The Walkabout Wildlife Park.

We are currently organizing a visit to the [Walkabout Wildlife Park](#) (where much of the [ISRA promotional video](#) was filmed) for Saturday afternoon (23rd July) after the conference and BBQ.

Although the visit and the travel arrangements are not yet confirmed, it is likely a bus will leave at 12.30 and arrive back at 6pm. The visit will likely include light lunch/refreshments at the park, talks on animal aggression, a tour of the park (including handling native animals), and opportunities to see kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, echidnas, emus and other Australian native fauna close up (many wander around wild and can be approached). Numbers will be limited to 40.



ISRA 2016 in Sydney is going to be great so register as soon as you can! See you there.

International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) Scientific Program

Program at a glance

Time	Tuesday July 19	Wednesday July 20	Thursday July 21	Friday July 22	Saturday July 23	
8.00am	Preconference symposium at Macquarie University (Young Investigators)	Registration	Council Meeting	ISRA Business meeting Poster #2 display		
8.30am						Poster Session #3 on display
8.45am			Welcome			
9.00am			Plenary Jack van Honk	Plenary Gawaian Bodkin- Andrews	Plenary Joanna Bourke	Plenary Eddie Harmon - Jones
9.15am			Symposium Session #1	Symposium Session #4	Symposium Session #6	Symposium Session #9
9.30am						
9.45am						
10.00am						
10.15am						
10.30am						
10.45am						
11.00am						
11.15am			Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea
11.30am						
11.45am			Symposium Session #2	Symposium Session #5	Symposium Session #7	Presidential address: Kaj Björkvist
12.00pm						Farewell BBQ and goodbyes
12.15pm						
12.30pm						
12.45pm						
1.00pm						
1.15pm		Lunch	BBQ lunch	Lunch	A visit to the Walkabout Wildlife Park is being organized for Saturday afternoon	
1.30pm						
1.45pm						
2.00pm		Symposium Session #3	Outing Harbour Cruise or visit Bara Barang Aboriginal Community with bush tucker meal	Symposium Session #8		
2.15pm						
2.30pm						
2.45pm						
3.00pm						
3.15pm						
3.30pm		Afternoon tea		J P Scott Award Address: John Archer (video) with afternoon tea		
3.45pm						
4.00pm		Poster Session #1	6pm – optional walk through The Rocks District	Poster Session #2		
4.15pm						
4.30pm	Opening celebration at Coogee Bay hotel					
4.45pm						
5.00pm						
5.30pm						
6.00pm			Restaurant outing			
6.30pm				Gala Banquet		
7.00pm						
7.30pm+						

International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) Scientific Program

Tuesday July 19, 2016

Preconference symposium: *Perspectives on aggression*
X5B Theatre 1, Macquarie University, Sydney

Time	Program Item	Details
9.00	Registration, arrivals	Registration in X5B level 1 foyer
9.30	Welcome, housekeeping, Introduce Professor Simon Handley, FoHS Dean	Dr Wayne Warburton
9.35	Welcome by Professor Simon Handley, FoHS Dean	Professor Simon Handley, FoHS Dean
9.45	Introduce Professor Jack van Honk	Dr Wayne Warburton
9.47	Professor Jack van Honk	Title: <i>On the prosocial qualities of testosterone and the antisocial properties of oxytocin</i>
10.30	Morning tea	Served in X5B level 1 foyer
10.45	Introduce Professor Eddie Harmon-Jones	Ass. Professor Tom Denson
10.47	Professor Eddie Harmon Jones	Title: <i>Anger: Toward a psychophysiological understanding</i>
11.30	Introduce Professor Joanna Bourke	Dr Wayne Warburton
11.32	Professor Joanna Bourke	Title: <i>A Global History of Sexual Violence</i>
12.15	lunch	Served in X5B level 1 foyer Meeting of those interested in establishing an Australian Research Collective on Aggression and Bullying (X5B292)
1.15	Young investigators to break out room	X5B012
1.15	Introduce Ass. Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews	Ass. Professor Tom Denson
1.17	Ass. Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews	Title: <i>Aboriginality, Essentialism, and Epistemological Violence</i>
2.00	Introduce Ass. Professor Kay Bussey	Dr Wayne Warburton
2.02	Ass. Professor Kay Bussey	Title: <i>Bullying and Aggression Across the Life Span: A Social Cognitive Theory Perspective</i>
2.32	Afternoon tea	Served in X5B level 1 foyer
2.45	Introduce Dr Sally Fitzpatrick	Ass. Professor Tom Denson
2.47	Dr Sally Fitzpatrick	Title: <i>Explorations into Social Bullying</i>
3.15	Panel Discussion/questions with all speakers	Close 3.45

Opening Reception

4.30 - 7.30	Opening Reception Registration also available	Coogee Bay hotel Seaview Room
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International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) Scientific Program

July 20, 2016. John Niland Scientia Building, University of NSW, Sydney

Time	Event	LOCATION			Other activity	Social Excursion
		Main Hall	Breakout #1	Breakout #2		
8:00am-5.30pm	Registration	Poster Session #1 on Display				
8.45am	Welcome	Welcome				
8:50 am	Welcome to Country	Welcome to Country				
9:00–9:45am	Plenary Speaker	Plenary Speaker Jack van Honk				
9:50–11:20am	Symposium #1	Symposium #1a: Cyberbullying and Cybervictimization: Predictors and Moderators of Adolescents' Involvement in Cyberbullying and Subsequent Adjustment Ehrenreich Meter Bauman Hatchel	Symposium #1b: Neurocognitive and Biological Characteristics of Individuals with Aggression Regulation Disorders and Associations with Treatment Smeijers Bakker McCloskey Verkes	Symposium #1c: Symposium #1c: A Social-Cognitive-Ecological Model of Exposure to Ethnic-Political Violence: Effects of Exposure on Palestinian Youths' Aggressive and Violent Behavior Dubow Boxer Huesmann		
11:20–11:40am	Morning tea break					

Time	Event	LOCATION			Other activity	Social Excursion
		Main Hall	Breakout #1	Breakout #2		
11:40-1:10pm	Symposium #2	Symposium #2a: Media Violence 1 – Short-term Effects Anderson Warburton Stockdale Prot	Symposium #2b: Gender, evolution, dominance and aggression Camerlink Kasumovic Blake Patulny	Symposium #2c: Aggression in Schools Levy Gumpel Reynolds Chen		
1:10-2:00	Lunch (Provided)				YI Lunch #1	
2:00-3:30pm	Symposium #3	Symposium #3a: Media Violence 2 – Long-term Effects Huesmann Coyne Gentile Busching	Symposium #3b: From Mice to [aggressive] Men: Genetics and Basic Brain Mechanisms Kolla Bortolato László Piotrowska	Symposium #3c: The Effects of Parents and Children on Aggression and Defending of Peer Victimization across Development Bussey Nelson Meter Ehrenreich		
3:30-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea					
4:00-5:30pm	Poster Session #1	Poster Session #1				
<p>6.00pm: Restaurant outing – participants who chose this outing during online registration will have identified one of six cuisines. Delegates should note which cuisine they chose, as a booking will have been made for each person making a cuisine choice. Delegates will be given the location of each of the six restaurants in Sydney and its designated cuisine, and will make their way there not knowing who most (or all) of the other ISRA diners will be. Hopefully participants will then get to know some other ISRA members they don't know already.</p>						Restaurant outing

Thursday July 21, 2016. John Niland Scientia Building, University of NSW, Sydney

Time	Event	LOCATION			Other activity	Social Excursion
		Main Hall	Breakout #1	Breakout #2		
8:00am-1.10pm	Registration	Registration				
8.00am	ISRA Council Meeting	ISRA Council Meeting			ISRA Council Meeting	
9:00–9:45am	Plenary Speaker	Plenary Speaker Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews				
9:50–11:20am	Symposium #4	Symposium #4a: Translational Approaches to Understanding Alcohol-Related Aggression: Individual, Relational, and Social Level Determinants Stapenbeck Sprunger Eckhardt	Symposium #4b: Advancing Knowledge about Adolescent Bystanders in Cyberbullying Episodes Allison Bussey Fitzpatrick Spears	Symposium #4c: Population Perspectives on Violence Gracia Connell Stanley Schofield		
11:20–11:40am	Morning tea Break					

Time	Event	LOCATION			Other activity	Social Excursion
		Main Hall	Breakout #1	Breakout #2		
11:40-1:10pm	Symposium #5	Symposium #5a: Emotions and Aggression Steffgen Lutz Chester Vasquez	Symposium #5b Sex Differences in Indirect/Social/Relational Aggression Björkqvist Nelson Coyne Underwood	Symposium #5c: Aggression in the Real World: Threats, Suicides, and Campus Violence Twine Botha Warren Chan		
1:10-2:00	BBQ Lunch (Provided)					
<p>2.00pm. Optional Outing <u>Visit to Bara Barang Aboriginal Community</u> with Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, guided visit to ancient carvings and bush tucker meal. Bus leaves 2.00pm. Arrive Bara Barang 3.15, Depart Bara Barang 7.00pm, Arrive at UNSW around 8.15pm <u>Harbor Cruise:</u> Cruise of Sydney Harbour from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. Drinks and canapes served. Watch the sun go down and the city lights come on from the harbour. Bus leaves around 2.30pm. At the conclusion of the Cruise there is an optional walk at The Rocks historic district (where you can also get dinner) or people can make their own arrangements for a meal and return to their hotel.</p>						Optional Outing: Harbour Cruise or Visit to Bara Barang
6.00pm: Explore The Rocks						The Rocks

Friday July 22, 2016. John Niland Scientia Building, University of NSW, Sydney

Time	Event	LOCATION			Other activity	Social Excursion
		Main Hall	Breakout #1	Breakout #2		
8:00am-5.30pm	Registration	Poster Session #2 on Display				
8.00am-9.00am	ISRA Business Meeting	ISRA Business Meeting			ISRA Business Meeting	
9:00–9:45am	Plenary Speaker	Plenary Speaker Joanna Bourke				
9:50–11:20am	Symposium #6	Symposium #6a: Intimate Partner and Family Violence - Part 1 R. Anderson Darko Senkans Lila	Symposium #6b: Targeting Specific Psychological Processes to Reduce Aggression in Children Dadds van Dijk Knutson Lee	Symposium #6c: Understanding Risk Factors for Sexual Assault: New Evidence from Chile, Germany, Turkey, and the U.S.A. Swan Krahé Demirtas Schuster		
11:20–11:40am	Morning tea Break					

11:40-1:10pm	Symposium #7	Symposium #7a: Intimate Partner and Family Violence - Part 2	Symposium #7b: <u>Part 1:</u> Aggression escalation and de- escalation in humans and other animals: Evolutionary constraints, neurobehavioral mechanisms	Symposium #7c: Psychiatric Populations		
		Renaud Rodriguez Österman Tsoumakis	Sell Takahashi Daffern Potegal	Novaco Chen Chen Goulter		
1:10-2:00	Lunch (Provided)			Agg Beh Eds Mt	YI Lunch #2	
2:00-3:30pm	Symposium #8	Symposium #8a: Intimate Partner and Family Violence - Part 3	Symposium #8b: <u>Part 2:</u> Clinical implications and applications	Symposium #8c: Moral Disengagement in the Production of Aggression		
		Mendoza Pfiffner Tully Bloss	Bowen Potegal	Alleyne Gutzwiller- Helfenfinger Bussey Runions		
3:30-4:00pm	Scott Award Address	Scott Address John Archer (video)			Afternoon Tea served	
4:00-5:30pm	Poster Session #2	Poster Session #2			Lagerspetz Award meeting	
6.30pm: Gala Banquet. Buses leave for Gala Banquet at 6.30pm. Banquet from 7.00pm-11.00pm at Cyrens Bar & Grill						Gala Banquet

Saturday July 23, 2016. John Niland Scientia Building, University of NSW, Sydney

Time	Event	LOCATION			Other activity	Social Excursion
		Main Hall	Breakout #1	Breakout #2		
8:30am-12.20pm	Registration	Poster Session #3 on display				
9:00-9:45am	Plenary Speaker	Plenary Speaker Eddie Harmon-Jones				
9:50-11:20am	Symposium #9	Symposium #9a: Individual Differences Ickes Miller Bondü Bond	Symposium #9b: Bullying, cyberbullying and online aggression: Multiple perspectives and approaches Green Spears Karklins Stretton	Symposium #9c: Media and Technology Keenan Hasan Overgaauw		
11:20-11:35am	Morning tea Break					
11:35-12:20pm	Presidential Address	Presidential Address: Kaj Björkqvist				
12:20-1:30pm	Farewell BBQ and depart					
TBA						Walkabout Wildlife Park

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The slate of candidates for the 2016 ISRA elections has been decided by the Nominations Committee. The following positions are now due for election: President-Elect, Treasurer, Archivist, and 5 Council seats.

Elections will be conducted electronically consistent with ISRA by-laws which require that “electronic ballots must be conducted in a manner that assures confidentiality and verification of membership.” Dom sent an email to all ISRA members (2016 paid members) that contained a unique weblink to vote. If you have not already voted, PLEASE access the ballot through that weblink. If you cannot find the email, contact Dom ASAP (parrot@gsu.edu) and he will resend you the email with the link.

All votes must be cast by June 20th. Thank you in advance for taking the time to vote!!!
Please note that only ISRA Fellow, Associate, and Life Members have voting privileges.

The following offices and council member positions are up for election, with the description of the term/duties of the office from the Constitution, and the candidate statements for those positions included below.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: The President-Elect shall serve for a period of two years and then succeed the President in that office; shall carry on the functions of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President, and shall be a voting member of the Council.

Candidates for President-Elect

Barbara Krahe, University of Potsdam, Germany

It is a great honour for me to have been nominated to stand for the position of president-elect of ISRA. As a social psychologist, I have worked in the field of aggression research for the last 30 years, focussing on sexual aggression and the impact of media violence on aggression. I received my diploma degree in Psychology from the University of Bonn, Germany, in 1978, followed by a PhD in 1981. In 1987, I completed my higher doctorate (Habilitation) at the University of Landau, Germany. Following positions at the University of Mainz and the Free University of Berlin and visiting fellowships at the University of Sussex, UK, I have been Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Potsdam since 1993. My research has been funded by the German Research Foundation and the European Agency for Health and Consumers and has involved large-scale international collaborations. Books include *The Social Psychology of Aggression* (2nd ed. 2013) and *Sexual Assault and the Justice Gap: A Question of Attitude* (2008; with J. Temkin). I received a Feodor-Lynen-Fellowship by the Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation and a Heisenberg-Fellowship by the German Research Foundation. I am a Fellow of the British Psychological Society and a Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. In 2015, I was awarded the German Psychology Prize for my research on aggression (<http://www.deutscher-psychologie-preis.de/presse/the-social-psychology-of-aggression.html>).

I joined ISRA in 2001 and was a member of the ISRA council from 2004 to 2009. From 2005 to 2012, I served ISRA as associate editor of *Aggressive Behavior*. In 2011, I was appointed by the ISRA council to chair the ISRA Media Violence Commission, formed by an international group of eminent media violence researchers, whose report on the impact of media violence on aggression was published in *Aggressive Behavior* in 2012. The report is also available in German, Greek, and Romanian (<http://www.israsociety.com/news.html#MVReport>). I was on the

program committee of several ISRA meetings and contributed to the Research Briefs from the 2014 World Meeting in Atlanta. I have attended all ISRA meetings since 2006 and found them to be the most fruitful and inspiring conferences in my fields of interest.

As president of ISRA, my aim would be to further promote the visibility of the society as a major forum for aggression researchers worldwide, in particular for young scientists and in countries (such as my own) that are not yet well-represented in the membership. Sustaining and extending the Young Investigators program to consolidate it as a platform for facilitating networking and collaboration among new researchers entering the field of aggression would be a major aim. Moreover, I would seek to promote the exchange between the different disciplines studying aggression in line with the transdisciplinary character of the society, which I have always found to be a crucial and particularly appealing feature of ISRA.

For further information please see: <http://www.uni-potsdam.de/sozialpsychologie/en/sozpersonal/krahe.html>

Marion Underwood, University of Texas at Dallas, USA

As President of ISRA, I would work closely with the other officers and council members to advance our understanding of aggression around the world. I would advocate continuing to invest in the development of young investigators, by supporting the Young Investigator program and by implementing a mentoring program for emerging scholars, perhaps focused on grant writing. I would continue the modernization of ISRA, by supporting the development of the new website (as a university administrator I have led the development of two large, new websites in the past year) and by working to institute a video conference on aggression in the years the ISRA conference does not convene to foster sharing of current research among international colleagues. I would work with the other officers to increase the visibility of research on aggression, using social media to share what we are learning and working strategically with the media to disseminate the results of our research to parents, educators, and policy makers (as I did when I served as a consultant on the recent CNN documentary, #BeingThirteen: Inside the Secret World of Teens, <http://www.cnn.com/specials/us/being13>).

I am seeking the position of President of ISRA because I would like to serve the organization that has meant so much to my own professional development. I joined ISRA prior to 1990 while I was still a clinical psychology graduate student studying physical aggression under the supervision of Dr. John Coie. I still remember being so excited to discover Kaj Bjorkqvist's early studies of indirect aggression. My primary service to the organization to date has been as a frequent reviewer and Consulting Editor for *Aggressive Behavior*. I currently hold the position of Ashbel Smith Professor of Psychological Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas, where I also serve as Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Provost. I am fortunate to have strong support for continuing my research program while relishing the challenges of high level administrative work. I enjoy working collaboratively and strategically to try to raise the quality of large systems.

My research has always focused on aggression among children and adolescents: physical aggression, social aggression, and cyberaggression. I use innovative methods to try to move beyond self-reports in understanding how aggression unfolds in real and developmental time. Our work has been published in numerous scientific journals and our research program has been supported by the National Institutes of Health since 1995. In 2003, I authored a book, *Social Aggression among Girls*. Since 2003, we have been conducting a longitudinal study of origins and outcomes of social aggression, and how adolescents use digital communication. My passion for research has always been fueled by a love of teaching: abnormal psychology to undergraduates and seminars on anger and aggression to doctoral students. I received the 2001 Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, was granted a FIRST Award and a K02 Mid-Career Independent Scientist Award from the National Institute of Mental Health, and I am a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall serve for four years, shall collect dues and disburse funds to meet the obligations of the Society, shall prepare an annual written report on the Society's finances for the Council, present a similar biennial report to the Membership at its biennial meeting, and be a voting member of the Council. The term of the Treasurer shall commence on a biennium alternating with the commencement of the term of the Executive Secretary.

Candidates for Treasurer

Sarah M. Coyne, Brigham Young University, Utah USA

I received my BSc degree in Psychology from Utah State University, and my PhD in Psychology from the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England. I am currently an associate professor of child development at Brigham Young University.

Research area-I have two broad areas of interest – media and relational (indirect/social) aggression. Much of my research examines how media portrayals of relational aggression (e.g., Mean Girls) influences behavior in real life

Aggression –relevant teaching/mentoring- I teach multiple classes at the undergraduate and graduate level (e.g., social development, adolescent development, media effects). In each, we spend time covering aggressive behavior. I also mentor dozens of students every year on research on aggression. For example, seven of my students presented at the ISRA conference in Atlanta.

Experiences with ISRA-I have been a member of ISRA since the first year of my PhD. I have attended every ISRA conference since then (starting with Santorini, Greece) except for the one in Storrs, CT. I only missed this one because I was literally giving birth during the middle of the conference! I have also served on the ISRA council for two consecutive terms and currently serve as associate editor for *Aggressive Behavior*. I am extremely loyal to ISRA and consider it to be my professional home.

Treasurer statement- As treasurer, I plan on keeping excellent records to ensure that ISRA is always in a good financial position. My hope is to fully explore the possibility of collecting membership dues online. This should streamline the entire process and be more convenient for all.

Finally, if you need one more reason to vote for me as treasurer – my maiden name is “Money” and my married name is “Coyne”. So, I’ve got money in my blood!

Tracy Vaillancourt, University of Ottawa, CA

I am Canada Research Chair in Children’s Mental Health and Violence Prevention at the University of Ottawa where I am cross-appointed as a full professor in Counselling Psychology, Faculty of Education and in the School of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences. I am also an elected member of The College of the Royal Society of Canada and an adjunct professor in the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience, & Behaviour at McMaster University. I received my B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia (human development), my post-doctoral diploma from the University of Montreal and Laval University (developmental psychology), and post-doctoral re-specialization in applied child psychology (clinical) from McGill University. My research examines the links between aggression and mental health functioning. To date, I have published 97 peer-reviewed articles and 26 book chapters. I am the 2014-2015 recipient of the University of Ottawa Award for Excellence in Media Relations and the 2015-2016 recipient of the University of Ottawa Award for Excellence in Research.

I have been involved with ISRA since 2002. I am currently on the executive committee and have participated as a committee member for the Young Investigators Program, the Kirsti Lagerspetz Award, the Scott Award, and the Atlanta 2014 planning committee. I am also on the editorial board of *Aggressive Behavior* and was on the review

panel for Montreal, 2002, Budapest, 2008, Luxembourg, 2012, and Atlanta, 2014. I strongly share ISRA's goals and vision. I am very committed to finding solutions to reduce aggressive and violent behavior. I take a multidisciplinary approach because I recognize that a complex issue like aggression requires scientific approaches that match its complexity. I am also actively involved in the dissemination of knowledge concerning the causes and consequences of aggression and how we can reduce this significant problem. Finally, I am dedicated to international collaboration and to the mentorship of young scholars.

ARCHIVIST: The Archivist shall serve for four years and shall record, and make available to the membership, minutes of Council Meetings and Business meetings through appropriate ISRA vehicles. The Archivist shall preserve documents, records and other papers of historical interest received from the files of officers and other members of the Society. With the approval of the Council, the Archivist may arrange for deposit of materials at a suitable institution to assure security and continuity. Papers so deposited may be transferred, by vote of Council, to a different location, particularly to a permanent Society headquarters if one is established in the future. The Archivist serves on Council.

Candidates for Archivist

Kaj Björkqvist, Åbo Akademi University, Vasa, FI

Kaj Björkqvist received his Ph.D. in Psychology 1986. He is Professor of Developmental Psychology at Åbo Akademi University since 1992. He is also Adjunct Professor (Docent) of Social Psychology at Turku University, Finland, and a Licensed Psychologist. He is at present President of the International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA).

Kaj has served in various positions at his university, such as Department Head (1992-2011), and as Faculty Dean (1995-98 and 2005-9). His research is focused mostly on human aggression (including school and workplace bullying), conflict resolution, sex differences in aggression, media psychology, worldview, and cross-cultural studies. He is particularly known for his studies on indirect aggression. He has published 13 books and more than 100 scientific articles. Besides in English, his work has also been published in Japanese, German, Italian, Finnish, and Swedish. Of his books, those probably best known to the international public are "Of Mice and Women: Aspects of Female Aggression", by Björkqvist & Niemelä, published in 1994 by Academic Press, and "Cultural Variation in Conflict Resolution: Alternatives to Violence", by Fry & Björkqvist, published in 1997 by Lawrence Erlbaum. He has also published a well-received book on chess, "Romantic D-openings: An Opening Repertoire for White", published 2003 by Castor & Pollux.

Douglas Gentile, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, USA

The work for which I am most known focuses on the effects of media violence and prosocial media on children, adolescents, and emerging adults. I have conducted experimental, correlational, and longitudinal studies in several countries around the world. I have been trying to move the field past the false "debate" about whether media violence has an effect to a more appropriate and nuanced risk and protective factor approach.

I have conducted aggression-relevant research since about 1999 and have been involved in ISRA for over 10 years. If elected to the position of Archivist, I promise to return the archivist's dungeon to its former glory. The records will be guarded by a horde of marauding elderly Barbie dolls who have lost their jobs to modern versions with somewhat more reasonable body styles.

COUNCIL MEMBERS (TOP 5 WILL BE ELECTED): The Council shall consist of the six executive officers and not fewer than ten nor more than twenty other councilors. Councilors shall be chosen to represent different scientific disciplines and regions of the world. The Council shall be the principal decision-making body of the Society, and shall conduct its business either at regular meetings

of the Society, by mail, or electronically. The Council shall submit a report of its activities for approval of the Members every other year. Councilors shall serve for four years but may be re-elected. Councilors' terms will be staggered; so 5 to 10 will be elected every two years. Subject to the above restrictions, additional Councilors may be elected by majority vote of the Council to serve until the next regular election. If not serving on the Council as an officer or elected member, the Editor-in-Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*, the two editors of the *ISRA Bulletin*, and the ISRA member serving as the Web Master shall serve as ex-officio members of the Council.

Candidates for Council

Katja Bertsch, Personality Disorders Workgroup, Dept of General Psychiatry, University of Heidelberg, Germany

I am a clinical psychologist and head of the Personality Disorders workgroup at the Dept of General Psychiatry, University of Heidelberg. My research focuses on psychological and neurobiological correlates of anger and aggression. In the last ten years, I have studied threat sensitivity, feelings of anger, and aggression in healthy volunteers, but also in patients with mental disorders, such as borderline or antisocial personality disorders. I use a range of methods to investigate these questions, including brain imaging, endocrine, or psychophysiological techniques to measure neural, physiological, and behavioral responses to socio-emotional cues and have tried to capture previous results in several review article that include testable working models. I am also interested in developing new, evidence-based psychotherapeutic and pharmacological treatment options for patients with severe deficits in anger regulation or impulse control.

I have been an active member of ISRA since 2010 starting with the Young Investigator Program. I am also actively involved in several national and international interdisciplinary scientific organizations, for instance as the chair of the scientific committee for the 2017 conference of the International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders. As an ISRA board member, I would like to increase the involvement of biologically and clinically interested scientists in ISRA by motivating young investigators for the study of aggression and by improving interdisciplinary communication within ISRA and connections between ISRA and other scientific societies.

Paul Boxer, Associate Professor of Psychology, Rutgers University-Newark, Rutgers-Newark Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, NJ USA

I have been an aggression researcher since my college days, when I completed an honors thesis examining the impact of interparental conflict and aggression on children's development. Throughout my career, I have been deeply concerned with and engaged in studying how aggression in all arenas of the social ecology affect development, and how developmental science can inform our approaches to preventing and treating child and adolescent aggression. At present I direct the Rutgers-Newark Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, and I maintain an active, externally funded research program of both research and service projects targeting community-wide aggression and violence prevention, serving individuals who have been harmed by aggression and violence, and understanding causal pathways to aggressive and violent outcomes.

I first joined ISRA as a doctoral student in clinical-developmental psychology and have served as a consulting editor for *Aggressive Behavior* since 2004. I welcome nomination to the ISRA Council as I have long believed that ISRA has the capacity to inform discourse and policy world-wide on the understanding and management of aggression in human society, particularly with respect to using our science to promote healthy youth development and reduce violent crime in communities. I am eager to serve in this capacity and appreciate your consideration of my candidacy.

Brad Bushman, Professor, Ohio State University, OH USA

I received my Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Missouri in 1989 with Russ Geen (who was mentored by Len Berkowitz). I have been a professor at Iowa State University (1990-2003), the University of Michigan (2003-2010), and The Ohio State University (2010-present). I have studied human aggression for over 30 years. I am a member of President Obama's gun violence committee, and have testified before the U.S. Congress on the topic of youth violence. I have published about 200 peer-reviewed journal articles. My research has challenged several myths (e.g., venting anger reduces aggression, violent people suffer from low self-esteem, violence and sex on TV sell products). One colleague calls me the "myth buster." Each summer I have been a professor at the VU University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands since 2005, and the University of Luxembourg since 2015. I was also a visiting professor at the Warsaw School of Social Psychology, Poland in 2005. I also have been a research fellow at University of Kent, United Kingdom (2011-2014), and the Institute of Sociology, Bucharest, Romania (2014-present). I have conducted research with colleagues in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, and Singapore.

I have been a member of ISRA since 1984, when I was an undergraduate student. I am deeply committed to international research, and want ISRA to be international in scope. Although I do research on human aggression, I also think it is vital that ISRA includes colleagues who do aggression research on other animals.

Tom Denson, Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia

I am an Associate Professor in the School of Psychology at the University of New South Wales in Sydney Australia. I received my PhD in 2007 from the University of Southern California, after which I emigrated to Australia. My research examines aggression in humans across multiple levels including hormonal, neural, affective, cognitive, and behavioral. My lab examines hormones, brain imaging, and good old fashioned social psychological laboratory experiments. We've done a lot of work on anger regulation including reappraisal, suppression, distraction, and rumination. We've also done work on alcohol-related aggression, intergroup aggression, intimate partner violence, and we've tested techniques for improving self-control over aggressive desires. I was recently elected Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science for sustained, outstanding contributions to psychological science and have published 75 articles and book chapters.

My first ISRA meeting was in Storrs and I've been hooked ever since! With Wayne Warburton, I am co-organizing the 2016 ISRA World Meeting in Sydney. I hope to be a part of the ISRA Council and the organization is extremely important to me and I value the mentorship I've received from senior members. We hope you can attend the 2016 World Meeting in beautiful Sydney!

Lisabeth DiLalla, Professor, Family and Community Medicine, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychology, SIU, IL USA

As a developmental psychologist and a behavior geneticist, I have been involved in research on violence and the early development of aggression for 30 years. Through my Southern Illinois Twins/Triplets and Siblings Study (SITSS), I have demonstrated the roles of daycare experience, parental sensitivity, birth complications, peers, and genotype as influences on children's aggressive behaviors, with specific foci on gene-environment correlations and interactions.

I have been a member of ISRA for 15 years. I have chaired a symposium, mentored a Young Investigator, and sent a graduate student to present to an ISRA meeting. I would greatly welcome a chance to become more involved in this important society.

Kenneth A. Dodge, William McDougall Professor of Public Policy, Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University NC

I study how aggressive behaviors develop across the life span, how they can be prevented, and how public policy can be shaped to prevent violence. I am trained as a clinical and developmental psychologist and have conducted laboratory, longitudinal, and intervention studies of how aggressive behaviors develop. I am a Principal Investigator of the Fast Track randomized controlled trial of 891 high-risk children; a 25-year longitudinal study of aggressive behavioral development in three American communities called the Child Development Project; a longitudinal study of parenting and child aggressive behavior across 14 cultures worldwide; and a randomized controlled trial of child abuse prevention called Family Connects. I am the founding Director of the Duke University Center for Child and Family Policy Center. In this role, I lead an effort to bridge basic scientific research in children's development with public policy affecting children and families.

I have attended ISRA meetings and have been honored with the J. P. Scott Award for Lifetime Contribution to Aggression Research from ISRA.

Jozsef Haller, Behavioral Neurobiology Department, Institute of Experimental Medicine and Institute of Behavioral Sciences, National Institute of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

Jozsef Haller has been studying the neurobiological bases of aggression since 1988. He has published 132 papers in peer reviewed international journals, most of which address various aspects of aggressive behavior. His work has helped in elucidating the role played by stress responses in aggressiveness, in the development of the concept of abnormal aggression in laboratory rodents, and in understanding the neural background of abnormal attack patterns. He currently leads the Behavioral Neurobiology Department of the Institute of Experimental Medicine, and the Institute of Behavioral Sciences of the National Institute of Public Service (both in Budapest, Hungary).

Jozsef has been a member of ISRA since the early 90's, and served as a Council member between 1999-2000 and 2008-2010. He organized the 18th World Meeting of ISRA in 2008 (Budapest, Hungary), and organized workshops and conferences at various other ISRA World Meetings (e.g. the XX meeting, 2012, Luxemburg).

David A. Nelson, Professor of Human Development, School of Family Life, Brigham Young University, UT USA

David earned his Ph.D. in child psychology at the Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus (director Dr. Nicki R. Crick). He is a professor of human development in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University. Dr. Nelson's research has mostly focused on three main areas: comparative studies of physical and relational aggression in children (preschool through adolescence), social information processing related to aggression (particularly the concept of hostile attribution bias), and parenting related to aggression (authoritative, authoritarian, permissive, and psychologically controlling parenting). Dr. Nelson has conducted much of his research in other cultures and currently serves as Project Director for the PACIFIC (Parents and Child in Families and in Cultures) Project, which focuses on familial correlates of aggressive behavior in preschool children in diverse cultures (China, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Turkey). His recent research also focuses on children's perceptions of the nature of aggression in diverse cultures (Turkey, Ukraine, Taiwan, and the US). In this work, children's descriptions of aggression are coded into discrete subtypes of aggression (using a coding scheme Dr. Nelson developed; Nelson, et al, 2008).

Dr. Nelson has been a member of ISRA over the past decade and attends and presents at the biennial meetings as frequently as possible. He finds the ISRA meetings to be a wonderful opportunity for exposure to diverse theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of aggression. The meetings are also an invaluable opportunities to meet with old and new colleagues as we seek to advance our understanding of the development of aggressive behavior.

Michele Ybarra, Center for Innovative Public Health Research (CiPHR), San Clemente CA, USA
Dr. Ybarra is a recognized researcher in technology-related health issues for young people. She has published extensively in the areas of Internet harassment and other types of online victimization, health information seeking, and research methods as they relate to technology. Current projects include a national longitudinal survey of youth that aims to identify youth characteristics related to the emergence of sexual violence over time. Past projects include a national survey that endeavored to better understand the positive and negative experiences of LGBT and non-LGBT youth online via a national survey; as well as a longitudinal study examining associations between exposure to violent new media and seriously violent behavior. Dr. Ybarra has been a member of ISRA since 2008.

Edited for brevity & consistency by M Potegal, with apologies to the candidates!

Two Major Losses to the Field of Aggression Research in 2016: Leonard Berkowitz and Murray Straus



Len Berkowitz at the 2008 ISRA World Meeting in Budapest with his wife Norma and ISRA Life Fellow Simha Landau



Murray Straus receives his ISRA Life Fellow award at the 2008 ISRA World Meeting in Budapest

These remembrances were contributed by John Knutson

Sadly, ISRA lost two long-time prominent members this year. Leonard Berkowitz died January 3 and Murray Straus died May 13. Both were ISRA Life Fellows and both regularly attendee Biennial World Meetings, eagerly engaging the multidisciplinary character of ISRA. Both were also ISRA members to whom one could point when countering the notion that a meeting of aggression researchers must surely be an acrimonious event.

An obituary for Leonard Berkowitz appears on the University of Wisconsin website: <http://news.wisc.edu/leonard-berkowitz-influential-social-psychologist-dies-at-89/>. Len served as President of ISRA in 1982 and was the recipient of the ISRA Scott Award at the meeting in Budapest-- markers of his active role in the Society and his life-time contributions to aggression research. I first met Len in the spring of 1971, when he was one of several researchers participating in a

multidisciplinary aggression conference being held at The University of Iowa. I welcomed Len and another presenter at the Cedar Rapids airport in the early afternoon and we spent a little time in the airport bar waiting for the arrival of another conference presenter before driving to Iowa City. The time was spent engaged in serious discussion about human and nonhuman data pertaining to a theoretic formulation of the time. Len was so engaged in the topic that he left his luggage behind and did not discover its absence until registering at the hotel following an afternoon and evening of conversation that could only be characterized as serious, engaged, and spirited. He and I chuckled about that episode on several occasions. Over the years I came to recognize that episode reflected one enduring aspect of Len's persona. He was always interested in aggression research and always ready to identify the connections between his own work and that of other scholars. Although he certainly was an impassioned supporter of specific theoretical formulations and an admirable adversary in an argument, he was always respectful and supportive of others. Indeed, when my graduate students had the occasion to interact with Len, they always noted how positive, supportive, and engaging he was. At ISRA, he always made it a point to encourage young scholars.

Len's research was important to aggression research within the context of social psychology. Additionally, his work clearly had implications for public policy, and he was not shy about pressing those implications. Although he was first and foremost an aggression researcher, and it was his research that initially brought us together, he was by no means narrow in his interests. Because of his interests in art, music, and experiencing other cultures, spending time with Len always enriched my experiences at ISRA meetings. In addition to ISRA meetings, I was lucky to have other opportunities to spend time with Len and his wife Norma. He was politically aware and engaged in local, national, and international contexts. That engagement was not just conversational, however. For example, he and Norma personally contributed their volunteer efforts to the Chernobyl recovery. As an ISRA member, Len was valued for his scholarship, his collegiality, and his excellent citizenship.

An obituary for Murray Straus appears on his University of New

Hampshire homepage: <http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/> Murray was honored by ISRA with a Life Fellow Award at the meeting in Budapest. Although his name recognition is most closely tied to the Conflict Tactics Scale, he was a sociologist whose research on aggression went far beyond that instrument. An active ISRA member for decades, I first met Murray at the "off year" Boston Regional ISRA meeting in 1981. At that time I was still transitioning from working exclusively with rodent and avian subjects to extending my research to families and the physical abuse of children. Naturally, I was very interested in Murray's presentation that focused on the adverse consequences of "relatively minor" corporal punishment, including spanking. At that time spanking was virtually ubiquitous in North America, with over 90% of mothers reporting its use and over 85% of adult samples reporting experiencing spanking as children. As I came to realize over the many years of interacting with Murray, that presentation was one of his early salvos in an effort to change the disciplinary climate to which children were exposed. What made Murray's 1981 ISRA presentation so memorable after more than 3 decades was his self-disclosure during his presentation that he was concerned that his own use of spanking might have long-term and, as yet unidentified, adverse sequelae for his son. I soon came to realize that the openness that characterized my first encounter with Murray was congruent with how he engaged others in professional meetings and social interactions. He was an uncommonly open and candid person with absolutely no pretense.

Murray and I interacted on many occasions at ISRA meetings and other professional venues where child maltreatment was the focus. He was always serious of purpose, but he also evinced an unfailing warmth, positive affectivity, and empathy for others. He was always receptive to initiatives from new investigators, and he was very good at making constructive suggestions and recommendations in a manner that would be well-received by even the most sensitive researcher. On a few occasions I had the opportunity to observe Murray in a serious debate with another researcher. On each occasion, there was absolutely no negative affect on Murray's part. Even when he was advancing a fervently held position, he always did so with respect and civility. He recognized that the laws of behavior that apply to our research subjects also apply to us, and he certainly modeled the sorts of behavior that he advocated.

Len and Murray both died at 89. It is, of course, completely irrational to expect valued ISRA colleagues to contribute their scholarship and their efforts to the Society as octogenarians, but both Len and Murray did exactly that. Those of us who knew them personally will miss their presence, but those who only knew them by their published work will also miss the possibility of an informative encounter at a future ISRA meeting.

Important ISRA News

NEWS ABOUT ISRA MEMBERS

Rae Ann Anderson notes a recent publication: Anderson, R. E. Brouwer, A. M., Wendorf, A. R., & Cahill, S. P. (2016). *Women's Responses to Date Rape Threats: Exploring Qualitative Themes*. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, in press, doi: 10.1007/s10508-015-0682-2

She also reports: "I will be on the job market in the Fall. I am interested in the psychological mechanisms linked to sexual victimization and sexual perpetration as well as measurement issues in these areas. For example, my past research has explored how interpersonal skills may strengthen self defense to reduce sexual victimization risk and men's perceptions of their own sexual perpetration behavior."

Sheri Bauman had published two books in the past year:

Bauman, S., & Shaw, L. (2016). *Group work with persons with disabilities*. Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.

Bauman, S., & Rivers, I. (2015) *Mental health in the digital age*. London: Palgrave.

Silvia Bonino has published the following book: Bonino, S. (2015). *Amori molesti. Biologia e cultura nella violenza di coppia (Harassing loves. Biology and culture in the couple's violence)*. Laterza, Roma-Bari, 2015.

Ken Dodge was elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine.

Eric Dubow was appointed as Incoming Editor of *Developmental Psychology* by the American Psychological Association.

Enrique Gracia has published a paper about a puzzling issue in the field of partner violence, that he has called the 'Nordic Paradox'. That is, the high prevalence of partner violence against women in countries with the highest levels of gender equality (like the Nordic ones). This is a question rarely asked, and one that remains unanswered: Gracia, E., & Merlo, J. (2016). Intimate partner violence against women and the Nordic paradox. *Social Science & Medicine*, 157, 27-30.

John Hamil has recently been made a Research Fellow at the University of Central Lancashire, U.K. He is now offering domestic violence courses for professionals online, at www.domesticviolencetrainings.org. And, he is chairing a conference, the Association of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs 2016 World Conference, to be held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire (1 hour from Boston) on July 10 (go to www.battererintervention.org).

Peter Miller has recently been successful in two major grants: a) Driving Change: Using Emergency Department Data To Reduce Alcohol-related Harm. NHMRC; and b) An assessment of late night alcohol restrictions in Queensland . ARC Linkage.

Peter Smith announces the publication of his book: *School Bullying in Different Cultures: Eastern and Western Perspectives* (2016).

<http://www.cambridge.org/ls/academic/subjects/psychology/educational-psychology/school-bullying-different-cultures-eastern-and-western-perspectives>

HAVE YOU RECENTLY PUBLISHED A BOOK? ARE YOU ABOUT TO LAUNCH A NEW BOOK? Why not share this information with all other ISRA members who might be more than interested to read or recommend it to colleagues and students? If you would like to see an advertisement for your book in the next *Bulletin* in December 2016, please contact Eric Dubow (edubow@bgsu.edu) or Manuela Martinez (manuela.martinez@uv.es)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR ISRA WORLD MEETING VENUES

We would like to urge our members to start developing proposals for our future ISRA World Meetings meetings (2020, 2022, etc.). If you would like to consider hosting a meeting, please let Mike, Dom, or Kaj know. It's not too early to start that discussion!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN THE NEXT ISSUE OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE?

Wiley makes it possible to receive an email alert when a new issue is available. It requires that you create a Wiley log-in which can be done from Wiley's Aggressive Behavior home page. The link to receive "new content alerts" is located in the upper left section on the home page under "Journal Tools". <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291098-2337>

Spotlight on Longtime ISRA Member, Ron Slaby



Ron Slaby, PhD, has been a member of ISRA since 1987, and he has served as Treasurer from 1992 to 1994. Although he will not be attending the upcoming ISRA World Meeting in Sydney, Australia, he sends you his greetings.

For several decades, prevention has been the primary focus of Ron's work in the field of violence and aggressive behavior. He has: (1) coauthored a first National Plan for the Prevention of Violence for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; (2) coauthored two National Reports for the American Psychological Association's Commission on Violence and Youth; and (3) introduced and taught for many years his graduate course at Harvard University, devoted entirely to applying research to prevent violence.

Ron is currently involved in several new violence prevention activities.

Eyes on Bullying in Early Childhood. Ron and his colleague, Dr. Kim Storey, recently presented their bullying prevention program in a public forum in Abu Dhabi and two universities in the United Arab Emirates, at the invitation of the royal family's foundation and its Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Development. This program extends into early childhood the Eyes on Bullying program they presented at the ISRA Conference in Budapest. It focuses on how parents and teachers can prevent the development of bullying in young children by stopping their "pre-bullying" aggressive behaviors. Though hurtful, these "pre-bullying" behaviors have not yet reached the full bullying criteria of intentional and repeated abuse of power to harm a less powerful child. The program helps parents and teachers understand how early bullying develops and how to apply effective prevention strategies. Skills-building activities allow the adults work with young children to develop the social skills needed to stop and prevent bullying, including: (a) empathy (particularly for children who are prone to bullying others); (b) assertiveness (particularly for children who are prone to become victims of bullying); and (c) social problem-solving (for everyone since all children may become bystanders to bullying).

<http://www.kimstorey.net/publications>

<http://www.thenational.ae/uae/education/bullying-victims-as-young-as-4-in-the-uae>

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP). The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation and the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts have co-funded a "Game Change" initiative in more than 90 high schools throughout Massachusetts to prepare men to stand up against men's violence and sexual assaults toward women. The MVP program, co-created by Ron with Jackson Katz and Northeastern University's Center for Sport in Society and launched in 1993, is based on the "bystander intervention strategy" that Ron first introduced into the field of violence prevention in the late 1980's. In a 3-day training, 900 high school student leaders and several of their teachers become prepared to co-deliver the MVP program to their classmates, parents, and coaches. The MVP program has been implemented with many groups and organizations, including: the National Football League; the World Cup; Major League Baseball teams; the US Army; the Australian Army; over 150 universities in the USA; and organizations in Sweden and the Dominican Republic. Robert Kraft, Owner of the New England Patriots Football Team, has said: "Sport in Society's MVP program is the most effective of its

kind that I have seen. MVP offers the best means of eliminating violence against women before it starts.”

<http://www.wbur.org/2015/09/15/patriots-kraft-healey-domestic-violence>

Media Literacy for Safe and Healthy Choices. This intervention program has recently become one of the first media literacy intervention programs to be approved through independent review for inclusion in SAMHSA’s National Review of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). The NREPP review was based primarily on the earlier program evaluation research conducted by Ron and his colleague, Dr. David Bickham, at our Center on Children and Media, Children’s Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School (Bickham & Slaby, 2012, *Journal of Children and Media*). The program develops media-literacy beliefs, knowledge, and skills, to help students in grades 4 to 6 critically evaluate unrealistic and glorified portrayals of media violence, bullying, alcohol, tobacco, and non-nutritional eating, while encouraging pro-social skills that promote healthy choices and positive uses of media. This media literacy program has recently been funded by the Governor of New Hampshire for delivery in schools throughout the state. The Media Power Youth organization that developed and currently implements this program has recently received the 2016 Nonprofit Impact Award for their achievement in empowering youth to lead safe, healthy lives through smart use of media.

<http://www.facebook.com/Media-Power-Youth-30229196695/timeline/>

<http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/ProgramProfile.aspx?id=54>

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Recent and Soon-to-Be Ph.D.s

Ashley D’Inverno, Rutgers University, Newark, USA (Mentor: Paul Boxer)
Psychology Student Wins Award for Dissertation on Violence

Excerpts from the web article from: <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/about-us/have-you-met-rutgers-newark/ashley-dinverno-phd>

In fall 2010, Ashley D’Inverno enrolled at Rutgers University–Newark (RU-N) in the Graduate School to pursue her Ph.D. in psychology. Five years later, she is the winner of the 2016 Graduate School Dean’s Doctoral Dissertation Award. The award is given to the dissertation with the highest ranking by an RU-N committee comprised of students and faculty. Currently, D’Inverno is an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She hopes to continue her work at the CDC as a behavioral scientist at the conclusion of her fellowship.

Abstract from Ashley’s Dissertation: The Impact of Violence Exposure on Psychosocial Outcomes: How do Exposed Offenders Adapt?

Research has shown that traumatic events, including violence exposure, are associated with deleterious outcomes (Scarpa, 2003). While this has been studied extensively in the community, there has been very

little attention to a population forced to live in an environment in which violence is common – jail. The present dissertation research examines the impact of violence exposure on a variety of psychological and behavioral variables. The research opens with three studies, two of which use a sample of ex-offenders, and concludes with a longitudinal study assessing jail inmates. The first study (Study 1) examines the effect of violence exposure on aggression in a sample of emerging adults. Results show those with more exposure to violence endorse aggressive beliefs, which leads to increased levels of aggression. In Study 2, I survey a group of males recently released from prison about their experiences with sexual assault and murder in prison and determine their association to psychiatric symptoms post-incarceration. The results provide support for the detrimental impact of prison violence on symptoms of anxiety and post-traumatic stress. Study 3 evaluates the relation between pre-incarceration mental health problems, feelings of safety during incarceration, and victimization during incarceration in a group of formerly incarcerated males. It further examines how these variables affect psychosocial adjustment during re-entry. The results indicate all three examined variables are uniquely associated with psychosocial difficulties. The final study, Study 4, investigates experiences before, during, and after jail to examine their relation to mental health functioning and recidivism. Four hundred male and female adult inmates were recruited to participate in a 16-week study. During this time period, surveys were administered at four separate times: Wave 1) Within the first three months of admission to jail; Wave 2) Five weeks after Wave 1; Wave 3) Six weeks after Wave 2; Wave 4) Approximately one month post-release. Recidivism data was collected for all participants. Overall, the results suggest that violence exposure, both during incarceration and in the community, negatively impacts mental and behavioral health; however, exposure to violence, in jail or in the community, did not increase the likelihood of recidivism.

Schappell, A., Docherty, M., & Boxer, P. (2016). Violence and victimization during incarceration: Relations to psychosocial adjustment during reentry to the community. *Violence and Victims, 31*(2), 361-378.

Ruschelle Leone, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (Mentor: Dominic Parrott)

Ruschelle Leone is entering her 5th year as a doctoral student in the clinical psychology program at Georgia State University. Her dissertation research was recently funded by a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism entitled “Effects of Acute Alcohol Intoxication on Bystander Decision Making and Intervention Behavior for Sexual Violence.”

The impetus of this project is to address a critical gap in the scientific evidence base for bystander intervention programming. The bystander effect is a well-studied phenomenon in which the presence of others inhibits helping behavior (for a review, see Fischer et al., 2011); however, application of this research to sexual aggression is still in its infancy. Extant research estimates at least 50% of sexual assaults involve alcohol use (for a review, see Abbey, 2002), yet there is not a single published study that examines the acute effects of alcohol on bystander intervention to prevent sexual aggression. Addressing the role of alcohol is necessary to build an evidence base from which we can develop or modify programs to teach bystanders in drinking contexts how to intervene in sexual aggression.

The proposed laboratory-based study seeks to investigate the following specific aims: (1) test the interactive effects of alcohol intoxication and evidenced-based situational-predictors (i.e., audience norms) on the likelihood and speed of bystander intervention for sexual aggression, and (2) examine perceived barriers for intervention among individuals who do not intervene. To address these aims, self-identified heterosexual, drinking men will present to the laboratory. During Session 1, participants’ eligibility will be verified, and they will complete several self-report questionnaires. During Session 2, participants will be randomly assigned to consume an alcoholic (target BrAC of .08%) or no-alcohol control beverage. Participants and four other ostensibly intoxicated confederates will watch an intoxicated

female confederate, who reports a strong dislike of sexual content in the media, view a sexually explicit film which they can stop at any time. Prior to watching the female view the film, participants will be randomly assigned to a social-norms audience manipulation wherein one male confederate will set the group norm to reflect prosocial or ambiguous norms regarding intervention behavior. Bystander intervention is operationalized as whether the participant stops the video and the time in seconds it takes the participant to stop the video. Findings will make a critical, formative contribution toward the evidence base upon which existing programming efforts can draw from to enhance bystanders' skills in alcohol-related contexts. Further, conduction of this project will provide the foundation for the future work in developing larger scale studies that will more closely examine mechanisms of alcohol-related bystander intervention (e.g., gender).

Helena Rohlf, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany (Mentor: Barbara Krahé)

The Development of Aggression in Middle Childhood: Longitudinal Analysis of the Role of Anger Regulation, Social Rejection, and Peer Socialization

In my PhD project, I examined the role anger regulation, social rejection, and peer socialization on the development of aggression in middle childhood. In addition, an observational measure of anger regulation was developed and validated. Specifically, the following research aims were addressed:

Research aim 1: Developing and validating an observational measure of anger regulation in middle childhood.

The comparison of different methods for the assessment of anger regulation in middle childhood suggests that observational measures of anger regulation may provide the most valid information of the children's actual behavior in anger-arousing situations. However, there is a lack of validated observational measures for children in middle childhood. The observational measure developed within the scope of this dissertation was found to be cross-sectionally related to anger reactivity, aggression and social rejection as well as longitudinally related to self-reported anger regulation. These results provide evidence for the construct and criterion validity of the measure.

Research aim 2: Examining the longitudinal link between maladaptive anger regulation and aggression under consideration of social rejection as a mediating variable.

Maladaptive anger regulation is a well-established risk factor of aggression. Theoretical assumptions as well as empirical findings suggest that this link may partially be explained by the influence of social rejection. However, studies that have addressed this assumption in middle childhood are rare. In my study, I found that T1 maladaptive anger regulation showed no direct link to T2 aggression, but an indirect link through T1 social rejection. This indirect link was found for the frequency of aggression as well as for reactive and proactive aggression.

Research aim 3: Examining the potential moderating effect of class-level aggression on the individual development of aggression from T1 and T2 and on the path from T1 aggression to T2 social rejection.

Previous studies have shown that a high level of aggression in a classroom contributes to an increase in individual aggression over time. However, to date only very few studies have considered differences in the initial level of aggression when examining peer group influences. My study revealed that with regard to relational aggression, a high level of classroom aggression predicted an increase of individual aggression only among children with initially low levels of aggression. For physical aggression, it was found that the overall level of aggression in the class affected all children equally. Furthermore, prior research has indicated that the extent to which aggression is evaluated negatively by peers depends on the

normativity of aggression in the classroom. However, there is a lack of longitudinal studies addressing this cross-level interaction. I found that physical aggression increased the likelihood of social rejection irrespective of the class-level of aggression whereas relational aggression led to social rejection only in classes with a generally low level of relational aggression.

Rohlf, H., & Krahe, B. (2015). Assessing anger regulation in middle childhood: Development and validation of a behavioral observation measure. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6, Article 453. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00453

Kirsch, F., Rohlf, H., & Krahe, B. (2015). Measuring anger regulation in middle childhood through behavioural observation: A longitudinal validation. *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 12, 718–727. doi:10.1080/17405629.2015.1101375

Rohlf, H., Krahe, B., & Busching, R. (in press). The socializing effect of classroom aggression on the development of aggression and social rejection: A two-wave multilevel analysis. *Journal of School Psychology*.

**Recent Adolescent Aggression Research
from the Society for Research on Adolescence
Biennial Meeting, March 31 - April 2, 2016, Baltimore**

The 2016 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence was held in Baltimore, MD, from March 31-April 2. There were many presentations on the topics of youth aggression. I searched the online program for the keywords “aggression,” “bullying,” “family conflict,” etc. Below, I list the symposia and papers on these topics. (The online program also lists poster presentations on these topics.) If you would like more information about specific presentations listed below, go to the SRA webpage where you can access a printable program of the biennial meeting, along with author contact information at the end of the program book: <http://www.s-r-a.org/sites/default/files/2016%20SRA%20Program%20Book.pdf>

Invited Address

Teaching Adolescents to Be More Benign and Peaceful Creatures

Kenneth A. Dodge, William McDougall Professor of Public Policy, Duke University

Bullying

The Role of Peer Intervention in School Bullying

Individual and Contextual Predictors of Willingness to Intervene

Chelsey Bowman, Boston University; Gerald Reid, Boston University; Melissa Holt, Boston University; Jennifer Greif Green, Boston University

Defending Victims of Bullying: What Does it Take to Intervene in Bullying and How is it Rewarded by Peers?

Rozemarijn van der Ploeg, University of Groningen; Tina Kretschmer, University of Groningen / University Medical Centre Groningen; Silja Saarento, University of Turku; Christina Salmivalli, University of Turku; René Veenstra, University of Groningen

Defending Comes at a Cost: The Psychosocial Correlates of Defending Behaviour

Laura Lambe, Queen's University; Chloe Hudson, Queen's University; Wendy Craig, Queen's University

Bystander and Victim Perspectives on Bystander Intervention

Adaurennaya Chidinma Onyewuenyi, University of Washington; Karin Frey, University of Washington; Zoe Higheagle Strong, Washington State University

Global Perspective on Bullying: A Focus on Adolescents from low- and middle-income countries

Contrasting Bullying in Mexico and the U.S.: Who Is at Greater Risk for Victimization?

Tracy Evian Waasdorp, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Gabrielle Mercedes Orozco, University of Guadalajara, Mexico; Catherine P. Bradshaw, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Virginia

Profiles of bullying victimization in four low-resource settings: Results from the Young Lives Study

Amanda J. Nguyen, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Catherine P. Bradshaw, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Virginia; Judith K. Bass, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Cyberbullying and Cybervictimization in Tanzania Secondary Schools: The role of Age, Gender, and Social Assertiveness

Hezron Onditi, University of British Columbia; Jennifer D Shapka, University of British Columbia

Aggression in Dating Relationships

Aggression, Bullying, and Conflict within Dating and Sexual Relationships

Specific Contexts of Exposure to Violence Predict Later Dating Aggression

Hans Saint-Eloi Cadely, University of Rhode Island; Sylvie Mrug, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Michael Windle, Emory University

Dating Violence: A Cross-Lag Panel Model with Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents

Michelle Toews, Kansas State University; Norma Perez-Brena, Texas State University

Using Personality to Help Explain the Sexual Adaptiveness of Bullying Behaviour

Daniel A. Provenzano, Brock University; Ann H. Farrell, Brock University; Anthony A. Volk, Brock University

Mediators: Social-Cognitions, Emotional Processes, Biological Factors

Implicit Cognitive, Emotional and Evaluative Processes Related to Adolescents' Aggression

What is Measured? The Psychometric Properties of the Aggressiveness-IAT for Adolescents

Gunnar Lemmer, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany; Mario Gollwitzer, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany; Eva-Maria Schiller, University of Münster, Germany; Dagmar Strohmeier, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria, Austria; Rainer Banse, University of Bonn, Germany

Are Aggressive Early Adolescents More or Less Sensitive to Angry Facial Expressions?

Mario Gollwitzer, Philipps-University Marburg, Germany; Marianne Hannuschke, Philipps University Marburg, Germany; Christophe Blaison, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Adolescents' Explicit and Implicit Evaluation of Hypothetical Peers with Different Bullying Participant Roles

J. Loes Pouwels, Radboud University; Tessa A. M. Lansu, Radboud University Nijmegen; Toon Cillessen, Radboud University

Burn! The Role of Implicit and Explicit Attitudes in Predicting Adolescents' 'Hot Sauce' Aggression Towards Classroom Peers

Tessa A. M. Lansu, Radboud University Nijmegen

Desensitization to Violence? From American Suburbs and Inner City to the Middle East

Dual-Process Model of Reactivity to Community Violence in African American Male Adolescents

Noni Gaylord-Harden, Loyola University Chicago; Grace J. Bai, Loyola University Chicago; Dusan Simic, Loyola University Chicago

Violence Exposure throughout Adolescence and Physiological Reactivity to Stress

Sylvie Mrug, University of Alabama at Birmingham; David C. Knight, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Marc N. Elliott, RAND Corporation; Susan Tortolero, University of Texas; Mark A. Schuster, Harvard University

Effects of Exposure to Persistent and Extreme Ethnic-Political Violence During Adolescence

Paul Boxer, Rutgers University; Erika Niwa, CUNY-Brooklyn; Eric Dubow, Bowling Green State University; L. Rowell Huesmann, University of Michigan; Khalil Shikaki, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research; Cathy Smith, University of Michigan

From Family Conflict to Adolescent Adjustment: Cognitive and Neurological Mediators

Maternal Implicit Attitudes Following Conflict Increase Harsh Parenting in Adolescence

Meredith J. Martin, University of Rochester; Melissa L. Sturge-Apple, University of Rochester; Christine V. Romero, University of Rochester; Patrick T. Davies, University of Rochester

Adolescent Marital Conflict Appraisals and Diurnal Cortisol as Mediators of Links between Conflict and Adolescent Adjustment

Rachel G. Lucas-Thompson, Colorado State University; Erika S. Lunkenheimer, Colorado State University; Adina Dumitrache, Colorado State University

Family Climate Contextual Effects on Adolescent Threat Appraisals: A Longitudinal Evaluation

Gregory Fosco, Penn State; Mark E. Feinberg, Pennsylvania State University

Family Aggression Exposure and Externalizing Behavior: The Mediating Role of Amygdala Volume

Hannah Lyden, University of Southern California; Sarah I. Gimbel, University of Southern California; Larissa Del Piero, University of Southern California; A. Byrna Tsai, University of Southern California; Matthew Sachs, University of Southern California; Jonas T. Kaplan, University of Southern California; Gayla Margolin, University of Southern California; Darby Saxbe, University of Southern California

Cyber-Aggression

Theoretical Developments in Cyberaggression Perpetration

Adolescents' Online Hostile Attribution Biases and Cyberaggression: The Role of Beliefs of Online Anonymity and Disinhibition

Michelle F. Wright, Masaryk University

Maintaining Status Using Digital Means: An Examination of Resource Control Theory in Cyber Contexts
John D Ranney, Gannon University; Wendy Troop-Gordon, North Dakota State University

Expanding the Barlett Gentile Cyberbullying Model to Predict Cyberbullying Perpetration
Christopher Barlett, Gettysburg College

The Family Context

Mechanisms Linking Child Maltreatment, Dating Violence, Sexual Coercion, and Early Parenting
Do Depressive and Trauma Symptoms Mediate the Link between Child Abuse, Violence Exposure, and Dating Violence Victimization?

Michele Cascardi, William Paterson University

Does Dating Violence Influence Romantic Relationship's Attachment Pattern?

Hye Jeong Choi, University of Missouri, Department of Health Sciences; Michele Cascardi, William Paterson University; Jeff R Temple, University of Texas, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Reproductive Coercion, Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy Risk Among Adolescent Women in Foster Care

Heather McCauley, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC; Elizabeth Miller, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Predictors of Early Parenthood among Youth Emancipating from Foster Care: The Impact of Prior Childbirth and Risky Behaviors

Svetlana Shpiegel, Montclair State University, McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy; Michele Cascardi, William Paterson University

The School Context

Leveraging Innovative Technologies in Secondary School Settings to Address Behavior Problems and School Climate

Increasing Cultural Proficiency and Student Engagement to Reduce Discipline Gaps: Findings from A Randomized Study

Catherine P. Bradshaw, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Virginia; Elise T. Pas, Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence; Presenting Author: Katrina Debnam, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Reducing Behavior Problems among Adolescents with an ASD: Coaching Teachers in a Mixed-Reality Setting

Elise T. Pas, Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence; Stacy Johnson, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Kristine Elisabeth Larson, Johns Hopkins University; Linda Brandenburg, Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins University Graduate School of Education; Robin Church, Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins University Graduate School of Education; Catherine P. Bradshaw, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Virginia

Using Technology to Initiate Positive Change in a School's Bullying Climate: The Free2B program – Stephen S. Leff, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Tracy Evian Waasdorp, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Danielle Centeno, The Violence Prevention Initiative at The Children's

Hospital of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine; Katherine B. Bevans, The Violence Prevention Initiative at The Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine; Flaura K. Winston, The Violence Prevention Initiative at The Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Promoting Support for Adolescent Development: High School Teachers' Openness to Implementing Evidence-Based Practices

Stacy Johnson, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Elise T. Pas, Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence; Deanna Loh, Johns Hopkins University; Katrina Debnam, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Catherine P. Bradshaw, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Virginia

War and Armed Conflict

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¹⁾ M Furtman, *Magic on the rocks* (2000) ISBN: 0-916691-02-0

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