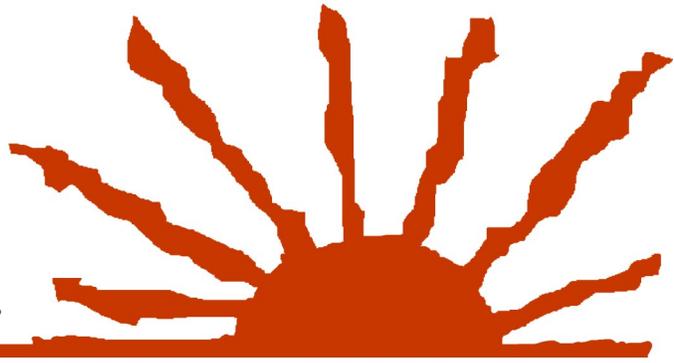


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Hauntings from Our Psychological Pasts

By **Dr. Christian L. Hart** **President**



I briefly considered writing this column on a Halloween-themed topic such as ghosts and hauntings, but as I started thinking about the atypical perceptions, corrupted memories, and motivated beliefs that go along with visits from these specters and phantoms, my mind drifted to verifiable people from our past whose lingering shadows still haunt the way we think about psychology.

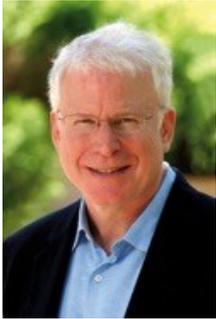
In the last newsletter, I wrote a short piece about Janet Spence, a past SWPA president who had many significant accomplishments in our field and left a lasting impression on the way we view human nature. If we track further back to the first president of SWPA, Gardner Murphy, we find a man more qualified to write a Halloween-themed column, as he wrote a book on clairvoyance, telepathy, precognition, and psychokinesis. This brief review of ghosts of SWPA's past brought to mind thoughts of the ghosts from our own individual psychological lineages whose whispering voices from the past have shaped us into the psychologists we are today. Constructing an academic lineage is an interesting way to look back and behold what ghosts from the past turn up in our academic family trees.

I earned my Ph.D. under Tim Barth at Texas Christian University. Thankfully, Tim is still above ground, and has not reached ghost status as of yet. Tim is an extremely tolerant and supportive gentleman who mentored me to my Ph.D. despite my best attempts to sabotage my budding career. I'm fortunate to say that he shaped me as a scientist considerably, and I patterned many of my approaches to teaching after his easy-going professorial manner. He was mentored to his Ph.D. in 1986 by Tim Schallert at University of Texas at Austin, a gregarious and brilliant psychologist whose approaches as a researcher I certainly recognize in the traditions I've inherited. Dr. Schallert earned his Ph.D. in 1976 under Ernest P. Lindholm at Arizona State University. Lindholm earned his Ph.D. in 1970 at University of Wisconsin under Richard E. Keesey. Keesey earned his under Julius W. Kling at Brown University in 1960. Kling earned his under G. Robert Grice at University of Illinois in 1952. At this point, more recognizable ghosts of psychology's past begin to emerge. Grice earned his Ph.D. in 1947 under Kenneth Spence at University of Iowa. Spence was a significant figure in learn-

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SWPA Invited Speakers

Join us at the 2016 SWPA conference in Dallas, Texas. Submissions are currently being accepted. The theme for the conference is *Evolutionary Psychology: The Adapted Mind*, but submissions from all topic areas are accepted. There will be a great series of talks on the theme of evolutionary psychology, as well as a whole host of other topics and activities. Some of the speakers will be...



Dr. David Buss
Professor

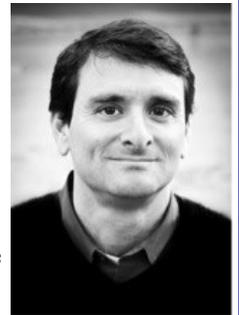
Saul Sells Lecturer
University of Texas-Austin

Dr. David Buss is a leading figure in modern evolutionary psychology. Dr. Buss earned his B.A. at University of Texas, Austin and his Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley. He has held faculty positions at Harvard and the University of Michigan. He is currently a professor and head of the Individual Differences and Evolutionary Psychology division in the Department of Psychology at the University of Texas, Austin. Dr. Buss holds many awards and distinctions including the APA Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contributions to Psychology. He is consistently listed as one of the most cited living psychologists. He is the author of the popular textbook, *Evolutionary psychology: The new science of the mind* as well as several other books and scores of journal publications. His work spans the areas of sexual desire, interpersonal violence, sexual strategies, jealousy, sex differences, and personality.

Dr. Robert Kurzban
Associate Professor

Forensics Psychology Lecture
University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Robert Kurzban is a distinguished evolutionary psychologist who unlocks the mysteries of morality. Dr. Kurzban earned his B.A. in psychology at Cornell University and his Ph.D. at University of California, Santa Barbara. He is now an associate professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded the Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Human Behavior and Evolution by the Human Behavior and Evolution Society. He co-authored the book, *The Hidden Agenda of the Political Mind* and he authored the book, *Why Everyone (Else) is a Hypocrite: Evolution and the Modular Mind*. He is the current editor-in-chief of the journal, *Evolution & Human Behavior*, and he conducts research on revenge, punishment, forgiveness, moral judgment, and altruism.



Dr. Daniel Fessler
Professor of Anthropology

University of California—Los Angeles

Dr. Daniel Fessler is a prominent evolutionary anthropologist. He earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Anthropology at University of California, San Diego. He is currently a professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for Behavior, Evolution, & Culture at University of California, Los Angeles. He is a past Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Evolution & Human Behavior*. He has made important discoveries on topics such as the perception of formidability in potential adversaries, disgust, fire learning, emotion, and morality.

Dr. Martie Haselton

Professor of Psychology **University of California—Los Angeles**

Dr. Martie Haselton is a leading researcher on the roles of hormones in human psychology. Dr. Haselton earned her B.A. in psychology at University of San Diego, her M.A. at College of William & Mary, and her Ph.D. at University of Texas, Austin. She is a professor with appointments in the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Psychology, and the Institute for Society and Genetics at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Haselton is a past editor-in-chief of *Evolution & Human Behavior*. She has conducted ground-breaking research in the areas of cognitive bias, sexuality, and psychological changes across the ovulatory cycle.



Dr. Aaron Lukaszewski

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Oklahoma State University**

Dr. Aaron Lukaszewski is an evolutionary psychologist. He earned his B.A. at Loyola Marymount University and his Ph.D. at University of California, Santa Barbara. After working as a post-doctoral scholar at University of California, Berkeley and research associate at UCLA, he moved to his current position as an assistant professor of psychology at Oklahoma State University. He received the New Investigator award from the Human Behavior & Evolution Society and is currently a consulting editor for *Evolution and Human Behavior*. Dr. Lukaszewski's current work focuses on the evolved conditional rules that govern the expression of personality traits.

SWPA Timeline to Dallas - Mark your calendars!

By Dr. Sharon Roberts **Oklahoma State Representative**



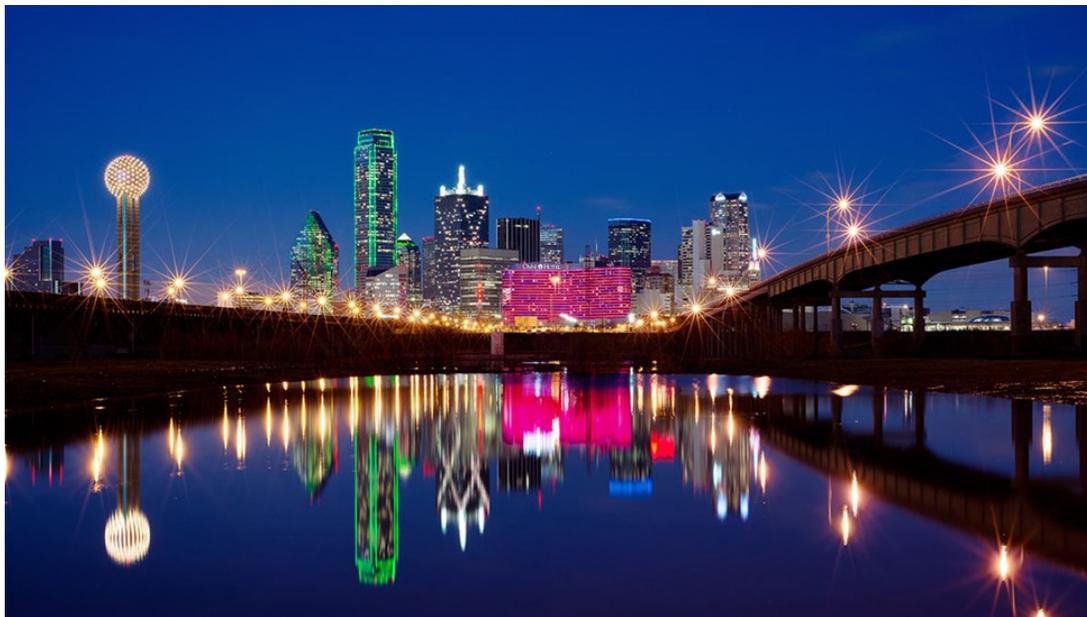
Now

- Watch for the SWPA *call for papers** anticipated by October 1 as well as *submission guidelines* and *presenter information** for the upcoming conference.
- Plan proposals with colleagues for talks, posters, symposia, workshops, and special meetings.
- Encourage students to submit their research reports, with your sponsorship, for competitive awards.
- Invite new colleagues to consider SWPA membership. New Professional Members who have moved to the SWPA 9-state region within the past 3 years and are joining for the first time are eligible for waiver of first year member dues (conference registration not included). See *member categories*.*
- Contact your State or Student Representative or any of the *SWPA officers** with questions or comments, including ones for the attention of the Executive Council – any time.

November

- If you or your co-authors of SWPA submissions haven't paid your *member dues*,* do so before abstract submis-

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Welcome to Dallas!

Join us at the SWPA 2016 convention April 8-10, 2016! The convention will be held at the Omni Hotel in the vibrant heart of downtown. Within easy walking distance of the hotel, you can find a never-ending supply of fun things to do and see. Whether you are looking for restaurants, nightlife, museums, or other entertaining things to do or see, you will find it. If you don't want to walk, there is a free trolley covering much of downtown and easy mass transit beyond that.

The Dallas Arts District is a large urban arts district of award-winning museums, galleries, and performance venues including the Dallas Museum of Art, Nasher Sculpture Center, and Crow Collection of Asian Art, the Winspear Opera House, the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, the Wyly Theatre, the AT&T Performing Arts Center, and many

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Registration Changes

By Dr. Arn Froese

Treasurer/Past-President

SWPA's finances do not change much during the summer months. We pay occasional bills and receive a few dues/registration payments from June through September. Dues payments increase in October and stampede to the abstract deadline dates early in December. Our finances remain strong and our endowment funds have increased significantly over originally invested proceeds despite the recent market declines. Instead of reviewing financial details, this article describes some changes in registration fees that the Executive Council approved at the April meeting.

The Executive Council deliberated about needs and funding for future SWPA conventions. Those needs include increases in audio and projector equipment for large rooms, flexibility in funding for invited speakers, and increased administrative/convention support costs. Securing funds for these needs requires changes in monies we collect from our members. In short, here are the decisions which will be effective for the 2016 convention:

No change in dues. Professional member dues are \$55. Student member dues are \$20.

Registration costs will increase. For 2015, registration for all members was \$20. For those registering within 3 weeks of the convention, there was an additional \$15 "late fee." For 2016, registration will be \$40 for all members. However, a \$10 Early Bird discount will apply to all registrations paid one month or more before the convention begins, producing a \$30 registration fee unless members pay after the discount ends.

On-site registration will cost more than on-line registration. Those registering at the convention will pay the \$40 regular registration fee plus a \$15 on-site registration fee.

Non-member registration will increase the same amounts and with the same Early Bird discount as for members. Non-members registering on site will also pay the additional on-site fee.

Our goal is to increase revenue in ways that allow members and registrants to minimize the financial impact of increases to them by planning and paying early. These early payments assist SWPA in projecting income for planned expenses.

We have changed the dues/registration descriptions on the web page to a chart instead of text to clearly show what your expenses will be. You will see that chart when you open your member page. Review the chart and avoid surprises as you make decisions about what you wish to pay for when you pay your dues.

Arn Froese

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ing and motivation theory and the spouse of SWPA past-president Janet Spence. Spence earned his Ph.D. at Yale under Robert M. Yerkes, a pioneer in comparative psychology and intelligence testing. Yerkes was president of APA but also a proponent of eugenics (don't we all seem to have embarrassing figures in our lineage?). Yerkes earned his Ph.D. under Hugo Munsterberg at Harvard in 1902. Munsterberg was the architect of applied psychology, fostering the creation of forensic psychology, clinical psychology, and industrial-organizational psychology. Munsterberg was from Germany, and while at University of Leipzig, he earned his doctorate in 1885 under the person often recognized as the founder of the field of psychology, Wilhelm Wundt. Wundt founded the first psychological laboratory, beginning the long tradition of psychological research that we all carry forward and celebrate at the SWPA convention each year.

None of us spontaneously emerges as a self-organized psychologist. We are all, in part, the latest progeny of evolving practices, approaches, and ideas that were passed down from generation to generation from our psychological predecessors. As we ponder the nature of stupefying psychological phenomena or hatch grand ideas for new studies, we can each ask ourselves how those whispers and murmurs from the ghosts of our psychological pasts haunt our minds today.

~Chris

How to Get the Most Out of Your SWPA Membership

By Kelli Wierzbicki

Undergraduate Student Representative

With the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, students often neglect to engage in opportunities, no matter how great, unless they fall in our laps. The SWPA annual conference is something that most of us have in the back of our minds all year while trying to prepare our research. When you take a closer look, there are many other benefits that can come from membership other than presenting at the conference. So, here I am dropping them in your lap.

Year-round benefits

While it is common for students to only visit the website (www.swpysch.org) to pay our dues and to submit our abstracts, there is a whole year's worth of benefits waiting for us, such as:

- Psychology organizations relevant to our region and links to their websites.
- A list of every psychology department in the Southwest region and links to their websites.
- Professional development resources for writing, presentations, teaching, and...
 - ◊ Graduate school. It gets its own bullet point because there is SO MUCH information. There is a section of links that contain a ranked list of Ph.D. programs, directories that include multiple degree types to help narrow



it down, and career information. There is also a list of book resources and reviews about each that has advice on how to apply to grad school and how to manage grad school life.

- Information about SWPA such as: mission statement, origin, bylaws, and we can stay up-to-date with the organization by reading the wonderful e-Newsletters.
- Networking opportunities. All of the SWPA officers and affiliate organization representatives have their contact information on the

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more.

Other exciting sites are the amazing Perot Museum of Nature and Science, The Sixth Floor Museum and Dealey Plaza (site of the JFK assassination), the Dallas World Aquarium, and the Dallas Zoo, and the observation deck of Reunion Tower.

For outdoor activities, walk or bike the 10 mile track around White Rock Lake, enjoy the food trucks and activities at the downtown Klyde Warren Park, walk or bike the downtown Katy Trail, or take a trip to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Dallas has 14 different entertainment districts, with restaurants, lounges, live music, bars, nightclubs, and brewpubs to suit any taste. From the live music in Deep Ellum and the Bishop Arts District, to the posh bars in Uptown, to the eclectic restaurants and nightlife on Lower Greenville, there is something for everyone.

The conference will be amazing, but the entertainment in Dallas should make the conference particularly memorable.

We hope to see you there!



Coastal Bend Psychology Conference

November 6 & 7, 2015

Hosted by Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Kingsville, TX 78363

The 1st Annual Coastal Bend Psychology Conference invites proposals from faculty and students. The conference is scheduled for the first weekend in November, beginning Friday afternoon, and continuing through lunch on Saturday and is being hosted this year by Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The conference will serve two purposes. At 1:00 Friday afternoon, we will begin with a keynote address by Dr. Jane Halonen, a recognized expert on critical thinking, assessment and faculty development, followed by sessions on the teaching of psychology.



Saturday will be devoted to undergraduate and graduate student papers and posters and will conclude with a luncheon and keynote address by Nathan DeWall, co-author of the David Myers introductory psychology textbook, on the topic of self-regulation.

The electronic submission deadline for proposals is Friday, October 16, 2015.

To submit proposals and register go to: <http://www.tamuk.edu/artsci/psycsoci/>

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website and most include their research interests. Contact them if you have questions!

Annual convention benefits

- **SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH.** Presenting research is an accomplishment that offers a sense of gratification and looks really good on a curriculum vitae. It also gives you an opportunity to share your research with people who have similar interests.
- Look at the graduate program tables every year, not just your junior and senior years. Since the convention is held in different locations, you will get access to different schools each year, along with a lot of free pens.
- **Network!** As a senior in my undergraduate degree, I think networking is the most important part of the convention. Talk to everyone and say your name as much as possible.
- **IT'S FUN.** We get to take a break from our lives to nerd out about psychology for three days. What could be better?

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sion. Check the *guidelines of affiliate organizations** for their policies.

- *Submit abstracts** online during the submission period beginning November 1. Coordinate with colleagues and students to prevent duplication of submissions.
- Volunteer to review submissions for SWPA (contact Program Manager Trey Hill, wthill@fhsu.edu), for affiliate organizations (contact *affiliate officers**), or for the Graduate and Undergraduate Research Competitions (contact Awards Committee Chair Lauren Scharff, laurenscharff@gmail.com).

December

- Submit any remaining *abstracts**, but don't wait until the final minutes of the December 9 deadline.

January

- Watch your email for notice of the results of review of your submissions for presentation.
- Think about serving SWPA as a committee member, also responding to the Election Commissioner's upcoming request for nominations for elected offices.

February

- Make your *hotel reservation**.
- Check the *online program** when published. For corrections in author names or affiliations, *member profiles** should be updated. For title spelling or other editorial corrections, contact Program Manager Trey Hill, wthill@fhsu.edu
- Check your *member profile** to see whether you paid your *conference registration** at the time of your dues payment. If not, take advantage of the \$10 Early Bird discount for registering up to one month before the convention begins.

March

- Volunteer to help with needs at the conference site.
- See the *preview of speakers** for the exciting lineup of invited addresses as well as SWPA and affiliate organizations' special events and fellow members' presentations.
- Confirm talk time, poster space, and the audio-visual equipment policy details in *presenter information**.
- Put the finishing touches on your presentations, and make copies of handouts.

April

- **Enjoy the conference Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12!**
* Go to <http://www.swpsych.org>

Sharon Roberts, SWPA OK State Representative

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By Dr. Drew Curtis Newsletter Coordinator

As always, I am happy to deliver the SWPA newsletter. I hope it receives you all well. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas related to the newsletter: drew.curtis@angelo.edu.

- Drew

