

WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2017! Hope everyone enjoyed their long winter break and is ready for the upcoming quarter!

The winter quarter is quite eventful with two annual conventions: Illinois School Psychologist Association (ISPA) and National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Winter quarter also tends to be a course work heavy term and requires lots of hard work! Second year students begin interviewing for internships and interns prepare for job opportunities.

This newsletter features additional information on ISPA and NASP, as well as how some students have kept busy over the break with volunteer work.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday,
February 2nd–
Saturday,
February 4th**
ISPA Annual
Convention
@Springfield, IL

**Tuesday,
February 21th–
Friday, February
24th**
NASP Annual
Convention @San
Antonio, TX

Tues, Feb 21st,
Presentations by
Jennifer Cooper,
and Angie Dugger

Wed, Feb 22nd,
Presentations by
Mark Shinn,
Jennifer Cooper,
and Kathleen
Cummings

Thurs, Feb 23rd,
Presentations by
Jennifer Cooper,
Justyna Bartolik,
Julia Kane,
Anastasia Papas.

Fri, Feb 24th,
Presentations by
Monica Guio and
Nicki Giannelli

National Association of School Psychologists NLU Presenters

Congratulations to everyone who has had their proposals accepted to present at the **2017 National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)** Annual Convention in *February!* This year again, there will be a combination of both NLU faculty and students who will be presenting at the convention. Dates, times and links of presentations are provided below. Please come show your support to your fellow peers and faculty!

Students

Justyna Bartolik - *Evaluation of an Executive Functions Program: Critical Components for Success* (Poster Presentation)

Presenting- Thursday, February 23, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/session-detail.aspx?id=8013>

Kathleen Mars Cummings - *Engaging Disruptive Students: Student Reported Benefits of Strong Kids Curriculum* (Poster Presentation)

Presenting- Wednesday, February 22, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Monica Guio and Nicki Giannelli - *An Approach to Teaching Skills Necessary for Practice* (Poster Presentation)

Presenting- Friday, February 24, 9:30 AM–11:00 AM

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/session-detail.aspx?id=8049>

Julia Kane and Jennifer Cooper - *Reading Growth in Spanish-Speaking Bilingual Students* (Paper Presentation)

Presenting- Thursday, February 23, 8:00 AM–8:50 AM

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/session-detail.aspx?id=7879>

Anastasia Papas and Jennifer Cooper - *Findings from a Computer-Based Reading Intervention: Bilingual Student Comparison* (Poster Presentation)

Presenting- Thursday, February 23, 9:30 AM–11:00 AM

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/session-detail.aspx?id=7589>

Faculty

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D. and Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D. - *Supporting Graduate Students Understanding: Teaching from a Big Ideas Focus* (Mini-skills Presentation)

Presenting- Wednesday, February 22, 8:00am - 9:50am

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/session-detail.aspx?id=8039>

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D. - *The Makings of A Social Justice Advocate: What We Know* (Paper Presentation)

Presenting- Tuesday, February 21, 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/session-detail.aspx?id=7222>

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D. and Angie Dugger- *An Innovative Training Model to Enhance Pre-Service School Psychologists' Mental Health Practices in School Settings* (Poster Presentation)

Presenting- Tuesday February 21, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D., Michelle M. Shinn, Kimberly A. Gibbons, Robert Pasternack, and W A. Coulter -*The Common Core Crash: Preventing More Children From Being Left Behind* (Featured Session)

Presenting- Wednesday, February 22, 9:00a.m.–10:20a.m.

<http://apps.nasponline.org/professional-development/convention/featured-sessions.aspx>

Illinois School Psychologist Association NLU Presenters

Congratulations to those accepted to present at the **2017 Illinois School Psychologist Association (ISPA)** Annual Convention in *February!* This year we have a faculty member and a student from each cohort! Please come show your support to your fellow peers and faculty!

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D., Angie Dugger, and Aleta Wurfel- *Addressing the Missing Link: Assessing Social Emotional Learning in Schools.* (Poster Presentation)
Presenting- Thursday, February 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm at the University Hospitality Suite.

Sanita Saengvilay- *School-based CBT in Secondary Schools.* (Poster Presentation)
Presenting- Thursday, February 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm at the University Hospitality Suite.

Student News

Congratulations to *Anastasia Papas* for being a recipient of the Illinois Fund for Careers in School Psychology Minority Scholarship! The award is worth \$5,000. These few awards are given to promising students from minority backgrounds, and she is the second NLU student in a row to receive this award.

Anastasia will receive her award at the Award Luncheon at ISPA, to be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 11:50am. Please remember to show your support and congratulate her, we are very excited for her!

Faculty News

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D., had an article titled "*Musings From Social Justice Leaders in School Psychology – Part I*" published in the NASP October 2016 *Communique* (Vol 45, Issue 2).

A follow up article titled "*Musings From Social Justice Leaders in School Psychology – Part II*" was published in the NASP November 2016 *Communique* (Vol 45, Issue 3). Article contributors were social justice leaders in the field of school psychology: Brianna Sarr-Kerman, Christina Mulé, Nathaniel von der Embse, Alissa Briggs and David Shriberg. Editorial assistance was provided by Kristina Oprishchenko.

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D., after becoming a NASP PREPaRE trainer for crises prevention over the summer, she has recently delivered two PREPaRE trainings. One training was to NLU students and the other one was to Orland Park district.

Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D., has been serving on Mayor Rahm Emanuel's City of Chicago Literacy Task Force for the past year. The recommendations have finally been released in *Closing the Literacy Gap for Students with Disabilities*, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's ADA 25 Literacy Task Force was released on November 2016.

Recent Volunteering Events

“Feed My Starving Children” Food Bank

SPO wants to thank everyone who came out for the “Feed My Starving Children” Food Bank on Thursday December 8th in Schaumburg, IL. The volunteers packed a total of 118 boxes with 25,488 meals to feed 70 children for a year. Pictured are NLU students having a blast packing food!



La Casa Central

As a part of the ISPA bicultural bilingual workgroup, students volunteered at La Casa Central. They brought food as well as helped serve food to families in need and volunteers of La Casa Central. The holiday event was held for families and participants of their programs. Interns are holding a poster the children made for them as a thank you.



National Association of School Psychologists 2017 Annual Convention

NASP will be holding their annual convention on February 21, 2017 through February 24, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. The NASP annual convention is the biggest event for the field of School Psychology that provides a variety of professional development opportunities through presentations on various topics. Last year we had 20 students and faculty attend NASP 2016 at New Orleans. Let's have another great turn-out!

Registration Dates

Registration is still open! Register by January 25th, 2017. Student cost: \$114.

Follow this link to register more info and to register:

<https://www.nasponline.org/professional-development/nasp-2017-annual-convention/convention-registration/deadlines-and-fees>

Flying to the Convention



Search often and book early to make sure you get the best deal on your flight. You can get special discount using United Airlines with meeting event code *ZXCC163800*.

To make your reservation and/or for flight information, contact one of the two options below and reference the meeting event code (*ZXCC163800*): *Premiere Travel/Travel Leaders, United Airlines*.

Hotel Information



Take advantage of special savings on hotel rooms for convention attendees available through the NASP Housing Center. Most convention activities will take place at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Rooms are available at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, and Hilton Palacio del Rio, all steps away from the convention center. *See roommate options presented in the SPO News section by the NASP Delegates.*

Housing Reservation Deadline: January 25, 2017

| | Grand Hyatt San Antonio 600 East Market St. San Antonio, TX 78205 | San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter 101 Bowie St. San Antonio, TX 78205 | San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk 889 East Market St. San Antonio, TX 78205 | Hilton Palacio del Rio 200 South Alamo St. San Antonio, TX 78205 |
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| Single | \$217 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 |
| Double | \$217 | \$209 | \$209 | \$209 |
| Triple | \$242 | \$229 | \$229 | \$234 |
| Quad | \$267 | \$249 | \$249 | \$259 |

For more information about the convention, visit <https://www.nasponline.org/professional-development/nasp-2017-annual-convention/travel-and-hotels/hotel-information>

Illinois School Psychologist Association 2017 Annual Convention

ISPA is holding their annual convention on February 2, 2017 through February 4, 2017 in Springfield, Illinois. This is the biggest convention in Illinois for School Psychologist and is an extremely important event to attend for second year students who will be applying for internships and beginning their interview process! It is also beneficial to current interns who will be looking for full-time positions. Districts from all over Illinois are represented, as well as some out of state!

Even if you are not in looking for an internship or a job, it is still a good experience to gain some additional education with professional development opportunities and to engage in some networking within the field. Many students and faculty from other Illinois programs attend as well as other professionals in the field. Students in the past have been able to find practicum placements and internship positions due to forming connections at ISPA.

Second Year students are *required* to attend the Job Placement Bureau, it will take place on Friday, February 3rd, 8am-12pm. Remember to submit your one-page resume by email to ispajobplacement@gmail.com before *the January 20th deadline*, to be shared with interviewers. When you arrive Friday morning, printouts of attending districts will be provided and you can choose those you are interested in interviewing with. Bring copies of your one-page resume and curriculum vitae you may be interested in sharing with sites. Good luck to all!

NEWS FROM YOUR ISPA DELEGATE (Lauren Buck)

ISPA Annual Convention 2017

2017 Annual ISPA Conference Registration Open!

The Winter ISPA Convention will be held in Springfield on February 2nd-4th, 2017 at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E Adams St, Springfield, IL United States, 62701.

Registration: Register at http://www.ilispa.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=2/2/17&eventid=38. It is \$185 for the Student Registration for all three days, total. Keep in mind the \$185 includes the breakfasts and lunches for those days, the Mixer, and all of the panels you attend. Friday/Saturday 1/2 Day Registration = \$135. 1/2 day registration can only be done via MAIL or FAX. Registration after January 13th is considered on site registration.

Hotel

Hotel Room Discounts for the Wyndham Hotel Rooms are now open. For 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds it is now \$98 per night. There is a LIMITED number of rooms that ISPA has reserved, so once they are gone, they are GONE. You can call 877-999-3223, identify yourself as being with the Illinois School Psychologists Association and mention the code, or you can go online here: http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2017/49084_ILSCHOOPSYCHOLOGISTSASSN/main.wnt Code is: ISPA2017. The hotel room includes a one car parking pass for the duration of your stay if you are the one buying the room.

Want to Volunteer at ISPA?

You will be reimbursed for each block of time you cover. Student and Intern participation help with registration is welcome. Contact Bruce Kelsay: bkelsay@dupage88.net ASAP to indicate interest or inquire about responsibilities. Volunteers assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Google Doc for NLU ISPA Roommates:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17IsHDA2spWrKm5YZw7QITrhW4bfgXFZDKnpAzOYw-lk/edit?usp=sharing>

Google Doc for NLU Carpool:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1L6M4duXe-oLHbXeCAopWhuWPSGCba9ggZ-Q1NZRTX1E/edit?usp=sharing>

SPO News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Quarter SPO Meeting Dates

- Workshop on Saturday March 11th, 2017 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Location: TBA
- Students who wish to attend not on the SPO board may RSVP at schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com for additional information.

School Psychology Internship Panel

Current Interns will provide a panel on *January 17th* from *4:00-4:30pm* in room 476 with tips for interviews and applying for internships for 1st and 2nd year students.

Conference Travel Stipends from SPO

Thank you very much to everyone who applied for a travel stipend for SPO. We will notify applicants of their awarded stipend amount as well as details on how to obtain your check soon. Applicants are asked to attend one SPO meeting before the end of the school year and consider participating in or contributing to a volunteering event. Because we understand the winter quarter 3-hour workshop is a larger commitment than applicants are likely able to make, please note that applicants may alternatively attend one of our spring quarter meetings or fulfill this requirement by taking a quiz on the contents of the SPO section of this newsletter and SPO happenings available here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRM9HMF>

GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



NLU Annual Holiday Drive: Battle of the Cohorts - It's a tie!



SPO made a goal of donating at least 40 non-perishable food items to the NLU annual holiday drive. As announced in the previous newsletter, we decided to make meeting our goal a little bit more fun by instigating a competition between the cohorts. The winners are 1st years AND 2nd years with 13 items each. Below is a picture of students showing off items donated! Unfortunately, we did not reach our goal of 40 items. We hope to increase student and faculty participation in future events! Thank you to all donors!

Community Clothing Center - Niles Township

The community clothing center of Niles Township is looking for volunteers to help sort clothing. The center provides clothing for children in need attending any schools in the Niles Township district and is located near campus. We strongly encourage students to sign up to volunteer - evening slots are available! We ask all students, and particularly students who applied for a travel stipend, to consider participating in a community event on behalf of SPO and the school psychology program at NLU and this is a great opportunity. You can sign up for a time convenient for you here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ba4aa2aa0fc1-community>. If you sign up, please email us at schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com to let us know how it went and feel free to send us your pictures!

FUNDRAISING

Epic Burger

Thank you to everyone who ate at Epic Burger on November 15th to help raise money for SPO!

Blaze Pizza

Come support School Psychology Organization (SPO) by helping us raise money for travel grants and networking events that will benefit our graduate students! You can help us by eating at *Blaze Pizza* at 4999 Old Orchard Center in Skokie (across the street from campus) on *Tuesday, March 7th, 2017* anytime between 10:00am to 9:00pm. Help us by passing the word on to your friends, family, and colleagues and don't forget to tell your professors!

SOCIAL EVENTS



Thank you to the students who joined us for our end-of-fall-quarter social event at Buffalo Wild Wings near campus on Wednesday, November 16th. SPO looks forward to planning a similar end-of-quarter social event this winter so keep your eyes peeled for additional information. And professors, don't forget that you are invited to come celebrate and socialize with us as well!

NEWS FROM YOUR NASP DELEGATES (Angie Dugger & Julia Kane)

NASP 2017 Annual Convention, February 21-24, 2017 – San Antonio, Texas

The NASP Annual Convention in San Antonio is fast approaching! In addition to sessions on a wide range of topics, there are sessions specifically for students and early career professionals. Learn, collaborate, and network with 5,000 school psychology students and practicing professionals! [Register](#) by 1/25/17 to receive the preconvention rate! Be sure to check the NASP Convention page to find updates on sessions [specifically targeted for graduate students](#).

NASP Find-a-Mentor Program

NASP recently launched a Find-a-Mentor Program designed to connect school psychologists, and those preparing for a career in school psychology (graduate students!) a chance to connect with more seasoned practitioners to seek advice, share challenges, and impart knowledge to boost professional growth. Find your mentor today!

Are You Ready to Begin Your Career?

Check out the NASP Career Center for school psychology job postings from around the country! Find career opportunities or post your resume to let universities and districts know you're ready for the next step! Visit the [Career Center](#) and find out more.

Looking for a Roommate?

NLU Roommate Finder:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bB0AZPzo9LxvPI7jqUEeIIJiEdxyT8P6S_ptVN31g1I/edit?usp=sharing

NASP Roommate Finder:

<https://show.jspargo.com/RoommateLocator/Registration/Default.aspx?showid=12>

Questions, Comments, or Concerns for SPO? Contact us at schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com


Find us on Social Media!

We are continuing in our efforts in making a professional connection between current students and alumni. One method of attempting to accomplish this is with social media. A Facebook and LinkedIn page have been created for the program and we are asking all members and alumni to join.

It is a great opportunity to stay connected with what is currently happening within the program and the field, and to have a good model of what life after graduation from the program looks like. Please spread the word and share with any alumni that you may come across!

Like/Follow us on  here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NLUschoolpsychology/>

Connect with us on  here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8448300>

Looking for Alumni

The *National Louis University School Psychology* program is currently building its Alumni Database and we need help getting into contact with many of our alumni! If you are in contact with any alumni from the program, please pass this newsletter to them!

In creating the alumni database, we hope to create a greater community between program alumni, current students, and faculty. This will allow for increased networking amongst alumni, current students, and faculty; and create opportunities for a continued education!

If **YOU** are alumni from the National Louis University School Psychology Program, we encourage you to get in contact with us in order to help us.

You may reach out to us by simply connecting with us through LinkedIn via our new page here:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8448300>

-OR-

Email *Kristina Oprishchenko* at KOprishchenko@gmail.com with your preferred contact information, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this process.