

FALL SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Almost another quarter down at the School Psychology Program here at National Louis University!

This month's newsletter is focused on the new School Psychology Student Organization board, the annual ISPA and NASP conventions of 2017, along with SPO News.

In a few short weeks everyone will be on their winter break, good luck to all with finishing up the term and enjoy the holiday season!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 14th–
18th** – School
Psychology
Awareness Week
(SPAW)

January 11th –
First day of the
Winter Quarter.

**Monday,
January 16th** –
Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday
(University
Closed)

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

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

School Psychology Organization (SPO)

We are excited to announce our new board members and for you to get to know them and their goals for SPO. Please also see our *new* SPO News section in the newsletter that elaborates on all the exciting changes SPO has planned for this school year! If you would like to learn more about SPO and opportunities to get involved, please email SPO at schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

Meet The SPO Board Members!

Julia Kane – President



My name is Julia Kane Morlock and I am serving as president of this year's SPO board, as well as one of your NASP Delegates. As for a little about me, I am transitioning to a career in school psychology from a career in clinical research. I live in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood with my husband and cat. We enjoy traveling, being major foodies, and generally making the most out of life. This year I hope to increase SPO's presence and communication in student's lives and to raise money for travel grants for NASP 2017 and 2018.

Emilee Huntley - Vice-President



Hi everyone! My name is Emilee Huntley, and I am excited to be your Vice President Elect! I enjoy being part of a team, and am happy to be a part of this particularly stellar group! I hope I can be a staple to continue building this organization, and start to create activities that allow us the ability to attend learning opportunities, as well as give back to our community by volunteering. I want us to be able to enjoy outings and get to know each other, so that we then can be support systems for each other in the future. Go SPO!

Judy Landess – Treasurer



I am a second year School Psych student and this is my first year participating in the School Psychology Organization. I am very excited to be a part of SPO this year as many have shared some great ideas on how SPO can contribute to student experiences. I hope to contribute at least some discussion on other aspects of School Psychology including bilingual and international work opportunities, one thing that I have learned in this program is that many of us come from various backgrounds and various countries and it would be beneficial to offer some guidance on how to practice in other parts of the world if possible. A little about myself, I graduated from Roosevelt University in 2014 with a B.A. in Sociology and Psychology. I came across School Psychology in speaking with a friend who is a Clinical Psychologist and am very happy I did because I absolutely love the field. I just celebrated my one-year anniversary on October 10th and my husband and I are currently expecting our first child due in January of 2017. We also have two dogs that we consider our children, a Husky named Rocky and a Pug named Newton.

Camiah McNeal – Student Delegate Year One



I am a first year student representative. I hope to continue my passion for helping people, especially children. I want to give them a voice when they have none. To help them feel loved when they do not, and to let them know that they matter and make a difference. My goal for SPO is to help create awareness, to create change, and to get the job done.

Marissa Fang – Student Delegate Year Two



I am the 2nd Year Student Representative for SPO this year. My responsibilities include being a liaison for my cohort by informing my peers of SPO's goals, but I also wanted to get involved in SPO to form a bond between all cohorts in the School Psychology Program and to advocate for creating a community within the university. I graduated from MSU with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and I am currently working part-time at the Chicago CBT Center as an intake coordinator while I am in the Ed.S portion of the SP program.

Jackie Girgis – Student Delegate Year Two



My name is Jackie, I was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt. Moved to the United States when I was 15 1/2, sophomore high school. Earned my bachelor degree from NLU with a major in psychology, and loved the school so much that I wanted to continue my higher education in NLU. I've worked as an inclusion aide for 5 years, helping students with different disabilities in various camps. I've also worked as a Title III assistant, working mainly with Arabic-speaking students, teaching them phonics, academic language, as well as helping them with different school projects. I've worked as a Title I assistant, working with struggling readers in grades K-6. As a student representative I hope to help SPO in becoming the strongest and successful organization, by contributing not only time, but suggestions, ideas, to make the organization more successful. SPO is a great way to help students connect, and become successful, it's our goal to make sure that all students are benefiting from SPO.

Kristina Oprishchenko- Student Delegate Year 3



My name is Kristina Oprishchenko and I am serving as an intern student representative. This is my third year, how the time flies! I am excited to serve another year on the SPO board and have had the opportunity to see SPO grow and expand over the years, I am looking forward to seeing SPO continue to grow and evolve based on our student needs. My goal for SPO this year is to continue to see increased student involvement and participation in the community.



Veronica Spiratos - Student Delegate Year 3

Hi I am Veronica, I am a third year student, completing my internship at Niles West High School, in Skokie Illinois. I am a former SPO President, current Intern Delegate, and a NEW SOCIAL CHAIR! My goals for SPO are to help calm any fears first and second years may have about internship, find ways to help student become more involved in SPO, and build community between all 3 cohorts and staff.

Angie Dugger – NASP Student Delegate



Hello, my name is Angie Dugger. I'm a second-year graduate student in NLU's School Psychology program. My professional interests include Social-Emotional Learning, Mental Health Services, Behavior Analysis, Trauma-Informed Care, Restorative Justice, Multiculturalism, and English Learners. I want to utilize the Arts and Technology to help address many of the above areas. I am one of your NASP Delegates this year, and I hope to provide important communication between NLU graduates students and NASP, focusing on School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW) and Advocacy. Many stakeholders are unaware of the many services we are trained to provide according to the NASP Practice Model and it will be part of our job to act as a change agent within the schools starting with this awareness of service opportunities.

Lauren Buck - ISPA Student Delegate



My name is Lauren Buck, and I will be the ISPA Representative for this year. I am a second year student, and I used to work as a Support Staff for Cook County's Juvenile Probation Department. I currently live in La Grange Park, IL with my boyfriend of four years and in June I will be going to Ireland (exciting!). Feel free to ask me about it because I've already planned most of it. My hopes for contributing to SPO and our program as an ISPA Representative is to be able to provide more exposure around networking opportunities for school psychology, what kinds of professional development is available through ISPA, and to spread what resources and opportunities that are offered for school psychology students through organizations like ISPA.

Jennifer Cooper – Faculty Representative



Jennifer Cooper, Ph.D., NCSP, is an Assistant Professor in NLU's School Psychology program. Her primary teaching and research interests center on meeting the social-emotional needs of children and adolescents, with a specific focus in working with marginalized students. Jennifer is excited to be serving for a 2nd year as SPO's Faculty Advisor. As early career professional, she is involved in state and national leadership initiatives, and she is eager to support SPO in their goals to increase our state and national presence, strengthen our community ties and contribute to the continued professional development of our students with travel stipends to state and national conferences.

National Association of School Psychologists 2016 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

Register by November 9, 2016 and save \$50 (also will be entered for a chance to win a registration refund valued \$104)

November 10, 2016 – January 25, 2017: Student registration cost increases to \$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
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>

NLU NASP 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. Additional information on the dates and times of presentations will be provided in the next newsletter, as that information becomes available.

Students

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

Illinois School Psychologist Association 2016 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

Additional information regarding the convention will be provided at a later date, as the details are provided. The convention will take place at:

Springfield Wyndham Conference Center
700 East Adams, Springfield, IL

SPO News

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Announcing Travel Stipends from SPO

SPO is happy to announce we will be offering travel stipend to students who attended or will be attending the 2016 Fall ISPA conference, 2017 Annual ISPA Conference, and/or 2017 NASP Annual Conference. Stipends will be at least \$50 but will vary based upon purpose of attendance. Please view detailed instructions for application here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sYEUYft2BAgZCR4CVWNUlhjBrglYioiWR3DUO5PjRj8/edit?usp=sharing>.

Applications are due January 2, 2016.

FUNDRAISING

Come support School Psychology Organization (SPO) and help us raise money for travel grants and networking events that will benefit YOU by eating at *Epic Burger* at 4999 Old Orchard Center (across the street from campus) on *Tuesday, November 15, 2016* anytime between *10:00am to 9:00pm*. Please RSVP at <http://www.groupraise.com/events/16964>. Come one, come all (RSVP not necessary) but the fundraiser will be cancelled if at least 20 people do not RSVP by November 12, 2016. Help us by passing the word on to your friends, family, and colleagues!

GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



NLU Annual Holiday Drive



SPO is committing to ensuring the school psychology department donates at least 40 non-perishable food items to the NLU annual holiday drive. We have decided to make meeting our goal a little bit more fun by instigating a competition between the cohorts and faculty. There are four boxes, one for each cohort and faculty, located on the fourth floor inside the faculty suite (through the double doors located straight ahead from the elevator). Please place your items in your respective box *by Tuesday, November 23, 2016*. The winning “team” earns bragging rights and potentially a reward (TBD). If you donated items and expect to be on campus on *November 23, 2016*, be prepared to pose for a final photo before moving our items to the main box on the fourth floor to be donated.

“Feed My Starving Children” Food Bank Opportunity

In keeping with the mission of SPO to serve the community, we invite all *students, faculty, and their families* to join us on *Thursday, December 8, 2016* from *8:00pm-9:30pm* to volunteer at the Feed My Starving Children Food Bank at *1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL 60173*. Please RSVP to schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com with subject line “Food Bank” by Monday December 5th.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Join us at *Buffalo Wild Wings* at 4999 Old Orchard Center (hop, skip and a jump from campus) on *Wednesday, November 16, 2016* at *6:30pm* (or whenever you finish class or can make it from work) for an end-of-quarter celebration. Imbibe and socialize with your fellow students and faculty.



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

NASP Annual Convention 2017

NASP 2017 Annual Convention will be held on *February 21 -24, 2017* in San Antonio, Texas. Keynote speaker will be world-renowned author, advocate, and Oprah's two-time guest, Tererai Trent, as she shares her story of being a young girl in rural Zimbabwe who believed in her dreams.

\$ Save Money on NASP 2017 Registration \$

Register by November 9, 2017 to save \$50 off your registration and to be entered into a lottery for a chance to win registration refund!

Sign up to be a convention assistant and earn a \$75 credit off your registration fee to be reimbursed after the conference. Also, sign-up to be a workshop monitor for free access to valuable workshops (\$90 value). More information provided on the NASP website

<https://www.nasponline.org/professional-development/nasp-2017-annual-convention/planning-and-scheduling/work-opportunities>.

Looking for a Roommate?

NLU Roommate Finder:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bB0AZPzo9LxvPI7jqUEeIJiEdxyT8P6S_ptVN31g1l/edit?usp=sharing

NASP Roommate Finder:

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

School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW)

School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW) is November 14-18, 2016

(<https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy-tools-and-resources/school-psychology-awareness-week-2016>). The purpose behind SPAW is to build awareness of the field of School Psychology and the comprehensive services school psychologists offer. The theme this year is *Small Steps Change Lives*. Go to the NASP website (link above) for more information, adaptable resources, and activity ideas for your schools.

Election Season



Communicating the importance of school psychologists is imperative along with the promotion of effective policy and practice. Please visit NASP's website (<https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy-tools-and-resources>) to access the "Advocacy Tools & Resources" where you can view NASP's Professional Positions, White Papers, and Resolutions. In the "Advocacy Action Center" section (<http://cqcengage.com/naspweb/home>), you can even ask Congress to fully fund the "Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant".

NEWS FROM YOUR ISPA DELEGATE (Lauren Buck)

Fall ISPA Conference 2016

The ISPA Conference was on October 6-7, 2016 and it was so much fun! I even saw Shayla Strobel there! For those of you who missed it, a major section at this conference was the Legal Update for 2016 for School Psychologists. *ISPA has released the presentation handouts for the 2016 Fall Conference.* They can be accessed from this member-only link:

<http://www.ilispa.org/2016%20fall%20conference>

ISPA Annual Convention 2017

Poster Proposals are *DUE November 4, 2016* for the Winter Convention! 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*. Keep your eyes open for an email from me (Lauren Buck) that will be sent out when registration opens and as more information is given out.

Scholarships & Research Grants

The Illinois Fund for Careers in School Psychology Minority Scholarship Program is offering \$5000.00 in Tuition Scholarships for 2017. All students currently enrolled in or who have been admitted to a graduate program in School Psychology that is recognized and approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, who are members of racial or ethnic minorities are eligible. You must be a member of ISPA to apply. *Due December 9, 2017.*

ISPA is offering \$500 in Research Grants for Student-Directed Research. Grant applicants must be a current member of ISPA (which we are), and be enrolled in a school psychology program in Illinois (NLU is a school psychology program in Illinois). This application is *Due November 4, 2017.*

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

Ph.D. Opportunity at University of Oregon

Interested in a Ph.D. in School Psychology at a major research university? Ben Clarke, Ph.D. and Hank Fien, Ph.D., professors at Oregon and recognized researchers, will be on campus MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 for a research/teaching planning day with Mark Shinn and would like to meet with current students and graduates about opportunities to attend the University of Oregon. They also will be meeting with first year students at 4:30pm-6:30pm (although anyone can attend to discuss school psychology, special education, research on early reading and math assessment and intervention). They were recently funded by the United States Department of Education (USDE) Office of Special Education Programs for a major center.

They will be available at 3:30pm in a classroom on the fourth floor on Monday. If anyone is SERIOUSLY interested, please contact Mark Shinn immediately (MShinn@nl.edu) to arrange for a lunch meeting at 12:00pm.

Faculty News

Jennifer Cooper, Ph.D., recently 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). 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. The article referenced can be viewed here:

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/periodicals/communiqué-volume-45-number-2-\(october-2016\)/musings-from-social-justice-leaders-in-school-psychology---part-i](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/periodicals/communiqué-volume-45-number-2-(october-2016)/musings-from-social-justice-leaders-in-school-psychology---part-i).

Part II of the series will be published by the *Communique* in November 2016.

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>

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