

# Sibling Peer Research Group Newsletter



Greetings SPRG Alumni,

We are pleased to announce another successful year of SPRG! This year we've had many accomplishments and changes in our lab. Ten posters were accepted to conferences, with members attending SRCD in Seattle and APS in Washington, D.C. New traditions were created such as the "Good Thinking Pig Award," SPRG graduation cords and squirrel pins, and our first ever SPRG formal. If interested in more SPRG news, our Webmaster frequently updates the SPRG website (<http://www.geneseo.edu/sprg>). We want to thank all of our alumni who continue to support our lab. We hope you have a great summer!

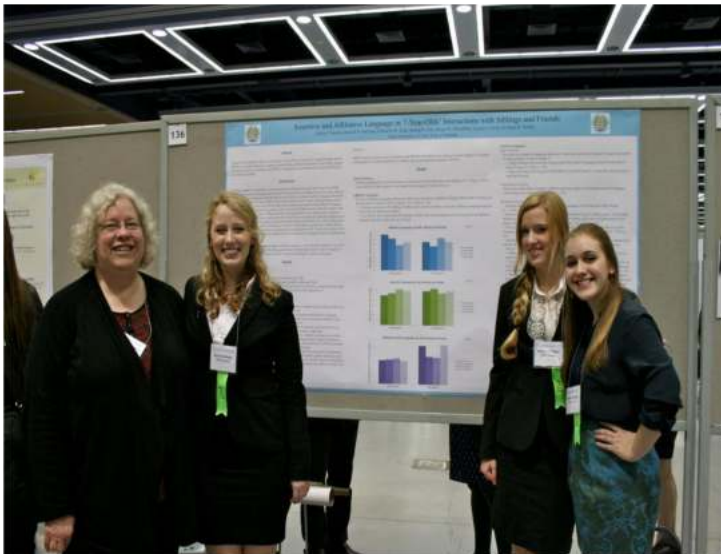
Kelsey Quest  
SPRG's Fundraising and Alumni Coordinator  
Psychology Undergraduate '13

# Oh, the Places We've Been!

"Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!"



SPRG attended the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development in Seattle!



Assertive/Affiliative Group at SRCD with their poster on Assertive/Affiliative Language in 7-Year-Olds' Interactions with Siblings and Friends.

SPRG members and Dr. DeHart at the Space Needle!



Assertive/Affiliative, Latino, Relational Aggression, and Dr. DeHart at SRCD.





**SPRG's Holiday Party!**







**SPRG's First Formal this Spring at Yard of Ale**







## SPRG Senior Accomplishments and Future Plans

**Olivia Derella** (Head RA): Received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence as well as the Horylev-Tesch Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award. She recently finished her Edgar Fellows Capstone thesis on the behavioral and social outcomes among maltreated children in therapeutic group homes.

**Sana Shakel** (Head RA): Will be attending Medical School next fall at St. George's University for a combined MPH/MD program.

**Devin McGuey**: Will be attending University of Buffalo for a Master's in School Psychology.

**Lauren Weisberg**: Will be attending Antioch University of New England for a Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology.

**Kelsey Quest**: Will be attending the University of Minnesota for a Master's in Educational Psychology, where she plans on pursuing her Ph.D. after two years.

**Leslie Cohoon**: Will be doing an accelerated nursing program at the University of Buffalo, where she will continue on to get her doctor of nursing (DNP) license.

**Sara Hirsch**: Received the Women's Studies Harriet Tubman Activism Award as well as the World Citizenship Award in 2012. She plans on getting her Master's in public health in order work with non-profits to advocate for women or work to prevent gender-based violence.

**Karina Morales**: Won the Community Service Award through AOP and among many of her leadership positions, she is the Student Coordinator/Advisor of Women's Leadership Institute. She will be working for a dental agency this year and plans to attend dental school in the fall of 2014.

**Asha Unni**: Was an active executive board member of the Psi Chi Honor Society. She will be working as a research assistant and plans on getting her Ph.D. in School Psychology.

**Gabrielle Tiede**: Will be working as a technical associate with the Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Lab at Strong Memorial Hospital. She plans to apply to Ph.D. programs in Developmental Psychopathology.



3 individuals from SPRG  
received Senior  
Psychology Awards:

**Olivia Derella**

**Devin McGuey**

**Hillary Rich**



## News from a SPRG Alumnus, Dave Cheng!

SPRG Alumni, Dave Cheng, was recently elected President of Student Affiliates in School Psychology (SASP), the student group of APA's Division 16 for School Psychology. He will serve a three-year term, collaborating with students and faculty members from across the country, promoting school psychology and opportunities to graduate students and the field.

Dave reflects that his time at Geneseo and SPRG had prepared him for life as a graduate student. Conducting research at the undergraduate level was something that made him an attractive candidate for graduate programs and prepared him for the advanced study of his own research. SPRG fostered his interest in research as he had continued his involvement by presenting posters and participating in a symposium panel at conferences for the American Psychological Association and the National Association of School Psychologists. Dave is just one of many success stories coming from SPRG.

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