

Spring 2019

SPRG

Alumni Newsletter



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APS San Francisco: May 24-27, 2018

This past spring, the APS conference was held in San Francisco. Dr. DeHart, along with members from the Latinx, Caribbean, Assertive Affiliative and Sarcasm group traveled across the country and presented their posters at the conference. The SPRG group also went sightseeing taking in the beautiful city of San Francisco. This year's APS conference will be held in Washington D.C. from May 23rd to 26th which the Latinx, African Immigrant, Assertive Affiliated, Chinese American, Caribbean, and Conflict group have all been accepted into!



McNair Scholarship

SPRG would like to recognize Camila De Vasconcelos and Vanessa Cepeda from the Latinx group, Brittany Bearss from the African group, and Dimitri Wing-Paul from the Caribbean group who were recently awarded the McNair Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes students who are academically successful in their major and assists students who wish to pursue a graduate program in the future. The McNair Program also includes benefits such as mentoring and summer research opportunities. Congratulations to the recipients!

New Research!

Recently, the African American, Chinese American, and Latinx group have been individually conducting new research with Dr. DeHart and Nick Palumbo. Palumbo is a Geneseo alumni and is currently finishing up his dissertation at the University of Rochester where he studied Human Development. Along with both principle investigators, the purpose of the study is to look at the concepts of sibling relationships within African, Chinese, and Latinx college students. An IRB proposal has been written, sent out, and approved for both groups which resulted in the commencement of group interviews and subsequent data collection. Results have yet to be concluded, but each coding group leader say that their findings are promising. Look out for an update!

SRCD Baltimore: March 21-23, 2019

Upcoming events include SRCD which will be held in Baltimore this year. Congratulations to the African American and Latinx group who will be presenting their findings along with Dr. DeHart! Each group will be discussing their research and its methodology which they have been collecting with Dr. DeHart and Nick Palumbo.





Spooky SPRGhetti: A Haunted House Adventure

Our 5th annual SPRGhetti dinner (s/o to Nick for the punny name) was completely upgraded thanks to our fall 2018 co-fundraising chairs, Xiara Colon and Carmen Martinez. Their creative ambition remade our most important fundraising event with a spooky twist. The inclusion of a haunted house themed maze along with a dinner was a frightening sight in the best way possible. This chilling experience has set a precedent for our newly announced spring 2019 SPRGhetti dinner hosted to raise money to aid groups who will be attending this year's APS and SRCD.

SPRG Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

In the time of spring of 1992, Dr. DeHart and a small research group of about 4 or 5 students started collecting data on four-year-olds. At that time, Dr. DeHart was not planning to conduct a longitudinal study; she was just interested in how four-year-olds interacted with siblings and friends. After receiving an NIH grant to follow the kids up at age seven, the prospect of a longitudinal study was born. Not only did we start following up at age seven, but also age seventeen, and now early adulthood. Since 1992, the size of the group has exploded, and we have added four student-initiated projects across four different cultural groups (Latino, Caribbean-American, Chinese-American, and African-Immigrant). There are now well over 300 SPRG alumni scattered across the globe. From our humble start in a tiny, windowless basement in Sturges, we moved to the sweltering room of Blake, and now to our spacious lair in Bailey. We are proud to celebrate our silver jubilee and recognize everyone who has worked so hard to help us get to where we are today. Check the link for more details, <http://www.geneseo.edu/news/ganie-deharts-25-years-sibling-and-friend-research>

Donate to SPRG!

In addition to keeping alumni updated and informed with SPRG, this newsletter is also an opportunity to reconnect with each generation that comes into our lab. To help with sustaining SPRG, please consider donating and aiding current research members who are going to professional conventions. If you are interested in donating, go to <https://www.geneseo.edu/support/geneseo-foundation>, click on Donate Now, then Other Designations, then Designation is not listed, and then specify Sibling-Peer Research Fund in the comments box. Any size donation would be greatly appreciated and remember that donations are tax deductible!

