



# NEWSLETTER

Events, news, and reviews from The Society of Australasian Social Psychologists

## WELCOME FROM STEFANO OCCHIPINTI SASP TREASURER

Welcome to the latest edition of the SASP newsletter. I speak to you from the land beyond (i.e., long service leave) but will be back on track before the end of the year. I know that everyone is quietly planning their trip to Melbourne next year for the annual meeting and I am looking forward to sharing many deconstructed coffees with you all.

In further and very welcome news, the SASP-SPSSI co-sponsored small group meetings continue and you will have seen the email regarding the 2017 edition to be held in the lead up to Melbourne SASP. This meeting, on the topic of The Morality of Conflict and Cooperation (convened by Brock Bastian and Simon Laham [Melbourne U], and Linda Skitka [U Illinois]) is now the latest in a growing series. I am thrilled to see that this initiative, which links us to our esteemed colleagues, and has well and truly taken root. We need to pause here and thank Stefania Paolini from the SASP side. Stefania has championed this joint initiative from the beginning and it is evident that her passions

for social psychology and for social issues has resulted in an important international conference series for SASP. Grazie Stefi!

The Summer School seasons have also borne fruit for SASP, both of the northern and southern hemisphere varieties. The SASP Summer School took place at the Warrnambool campus of Deakin University and was attended by postgrads from SASP, EASP and SPSP. We all know how important international collaborations are and particularly so at an early career stage. This is reflected splendidly in the SASP small grants for postgraduates that arise often from summer school projects. As well, a lucky group of SASP postgrads attended the EASP summer school in Warwick in July of 2016. Further collaborations are under way with SPSP. Again, this underlines the growing internationalisation of our society, of which fact we can all be proud.

Finally, on the personnel movement front, as we all know, Blake McKimmie has stepped down as Communications Officer after many years of selfless labour in this post. Few of the now many SASP members would be aware of the amount of work Blake has put in behind the scenes to keep the system functioning and I personally extend my thanks for his efforts. I look forward to working with Matthew Marques of Latrobe in developing and enhancing SASP membership and financial systems for upcoming years. I hope that as the year ends you are not too beaten down by the joys of modern academia but I trust you will regenerate, phoenix-like, over the summer before celebrating spring as only SASP can.

# Report from the SASP2016 conference in Brisbane

By Fiona Barlow, Jolanda Jetten, Winifred Louis, Christine McCoy, Blake McKimmie, and Tyler Okimoto

*SASP 2016, the 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists, was held from March 31 – April 2 at the Rydges hotel at South Bank, Queensland. 179 social psychologists from 23 Australasian and 14 overseas institutions attended the event.*

This year's conference was organised by a team from the University of Queensland's School of Psychology (Jolanda Jetten, Tyler Okimoto, Winnifred Louis, Christine McCoy and Blake McKimmie) and Griffith University (Fiona Barlow), with fabulous student volunteers, including Sarah Bentley, Cassandra Chapman, Gi (Kunchana) Chonu, Laura Ferris, Lydia Hayward, Nita Lauren, Helena Radke, Magen Brooke Seymour-Smith, Hannibal Thai, and Edward (Zhechen) Wang.

The conference itself was opened with a Welcome to Country by local elder Lilla Watson, who among other honours and roles was the first Aboriginal person to

be appointed as a tutor by The University of Queensland, and later as a lecturer and member of the University Senate.

The scientific program included the OPRA session (Outstanding Postgraduate Research Award), where Khandis Blake emerged as the winner from a field of six great candidates, as well as 8 symposia, 118 individual papers organized into thematic sessions, 8 data blitz presenters, and 3 postgraduate workshops.

The social events included cocktails on the rooftop of the Rydges overlooking the river at night for the award night (where Emma Thomas from Murdoch University won the SASP Early Career Researcher award), the postgraduate dinner in the West End, the conference dinner at the State Library, and a post-conference river cruise and visit to the Lone Pine koala sanctuary, along with a BBQ at New Farm park. The conference was a great success, with the keynote addresses being particularly noteworthy: **Alice Eagly** (Northwestern University) on the accuracy of stereotypes, as well as **Nick Haslam** (Melbourne University) on enlarging social psychology's Australian footprint.



SASP President Nick Haslam



Keynote speaker Alice Eagly

## Save the date for SASP 2017

by Nick Haslam and the SASP2017 Organising Committee

The next SASP annual conference will be held in Melbourne from Thursday April 20 to Saturday April 22, 2017. The conference will be held at the Rydges Hotel in Carlton, close to Melbourne's downtown and the University of Melbourne campus. The keynote speaker will be Professor **Susan Fiske** from Princeton University. You can also expect all the elements that make SASP conferences so appealing: postgraduate workshops and dinner, cocktail reception and banquet, several award presentations (the Early Career Award, the Outstanding Postgraduate Research Award, the John Turner Medal), and much, much more.

Note also that SASP2017 will be immediately preceded on April 18-19 by the 2017 SPSSI-SASP small group conference. This conference, organised by Drs. Simon Laham and Brock Bastian, will be on the subject of "The Morality of Conflict and Cooperation."

Stay tuned for further announcements about both conferences, and keep the dates free.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

#### SASP-SPSSI Conference on The Morality of Conflict and Cooperation

Tuesday / Wednesday April 18-19, 2017

*The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia*

In a world in which globalisation places ideological groups in mounting conflict over increasingly scarce resources, an understanding of how moral frameworks can create, maintain and mitigate both conflicts and cooperation is a pressing concern for the future flourishing of the human race. To this end, in this conference we seek to explore the moral dimensions of cooperation and conflict. We seek contributions that consider the way that moral or ethical principles, intuitions and reasoning relate to interpersonal, intergroup and inter-state interaction. Research that speaks to the ethical and moral aspects of conflict and cooperation from psychology, philosophy and political science (as well as related disciplines) is welcome.

The meeting will take place April 18th and 19th 2017 at The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, immediately prior to the 2017 SASP conference also in Melbourne, Australia. Registration is \$60 to be paid on arrival.

Our current list of invited speakers includes: **Susan Fiske** (Princeton University), **Roger Giner-Sorolla** (University of Kent), **Linda Skitka** (University of Illinois at Chicago), **Felicia Pratto** (University of Connecticut), **Wilhelm Hofmann** (University of Cologne), **Geoff Goodwin** (University of Pennsylvania), **Nick Haslam** (University of Melbourne), **Yoshi Kashima** (University of Melbourne), **Colin Klein** (Macquarie University), **Simon Laham** (University of Melbourne), **Brock Bastian** (University of Melbourne), **Pascal Molenberghs** (Monash University), **Adam Morris** (Harvard University), **Luke Russell** (University of Sydney).

We are currently welcoming submissions for data-blitz sessions and posters. Some submissions not invited for a data-blitz session will be offered a poster presentation. To apply, please email **Brock Bastian** ([brock.bastian@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:brock.bastian@unimelb.edu.au)) or **Simon Laham** ([slaham@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:slaham@unimelb.edu.au)) by November 18th 2016 with your title, abstract (between 200-300 words), authors (with affiliations for all and contact information for the presenting author).

## Forgiveness experts meet in Brisbane for SASP Preconference

by Tyler Okimoto

The SASP Preconference was held on Wednesday 30 March 2016 on the topic of “Interpersonal Forgiveness”, drawing 18 participants from around Australia and overseas. The speakers offered a series of rich research presentations aimed at deepening and complicating our understanding of forgiveness, followed by an extended discussion...

which was continued over drinks and dinner at Blackbird Bar and Grill. The meeting highlighted the growing depth of research on this topic, and the centrality of SASP member contributions to its evolution. International speakers included Ramona Bobocel (U. Waterloo, Canada), Mario Gollwitzer (Phillips University of Marburg, Germany), and Jerry Goodstein (Washington State University Vancouver, USA). Our Australian contingent included Peter Strelan (U. Adelaide), Lydia Woodyatt, and Michael Wenzel (both Flinders U.). The meeting was convened by Tyler Okimoto (UQ), and funded by UQ Business School.

## Outstanding Postgraduate Research Award

By Danny Osborne

I once again had the pleasure of chairing the Outstanding Postgraduate Research Award (OPRA) committee at this year’s SASP in Brisbane. Although I am the spokesperson for the group, the OPRA committee consists of an additional three exceptional—and anonymous—SASP members from across Australasia who were kind enough to volunteer to assess this year’s applicants. The OPRA committee truly would not exist without these volunteers and I am very grateful for all their hard work. Indeed, the task of identifying this year’s winners was particularly difficult for a few reasons. First, we saw another record number of applicants apply to present their work at the OPRA session. Second, this was the first year in memory that we had multiple applicants from across the globe, which contributed to an increasingly competitive pool of applicants.

Third, the six finalists invited to present their work at the OPRA plenary session were truly exceptional, making it difficult to identify a winner.

Nevertheless, the OPRA committee was set with the unenviable task of assessing the final six applicants on (a) the quality of their written application, (b) their programme of research, (c) the theoretical scope of their work, and (d) the quality of their oral presentation. Though each presenter excelled across these criteria, the committee unanimously awarded Khandis Blake (UNSW) first place for her multi-disciplinary research on female sexualisation. Lydia Hayward (University of Queensland), who presented her work on positive and negative intergroup contact, as well as Daniel Crimston, who presented his work on moral expansiveness, were identified as very close runner-ups. On behalf of the OPRA committee, congratulations to these three outstanding scholars, as well as the three other finalists. I’m sure we’ll be seeing a lot of these six outstanding scholars in the future!

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## SASP Outstanding Postgraduate Research Award winners 2011-2016

**Alexis Whitton**, the 2011 winner, completed her PhD at UNSW Australia.

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In her own words: “I am currently based in Boston and have faculty appointments as an Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and as an Assistant Neuroscientist at McLean Hospital. I also have dual appointments as an NHMRC CJ Martin Early Career Fellow at McLean Hospital and the University of Sydney’s Brain & Mind Center. My current research uses multimodal neuroimaging (EEG, fMRI, MRS) to identify differences in the structure and function of neural reward circuitry among individuals with unipolar versus bipolar depression, with a view to identifying biomarkers that can aid in the early detection of bipolar disorder in young people seeking treatment for depression.”

**Tim Schofield**, the 2012 winner, completed his PhD at UNSW Australia.

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In his own words: “Post-PhD I made a move into population health where I have been investigating welfare stigma and its effects on mental health with Professor Peter Butterworth. I started doing this work at the Australian National University, but have recently moved to the University of Melbourne. In my spare time I still enjoy getting distracted by all kinds of unrelated side projects and data analysis challenges.”

**Nicholas Harris**, the 2014 winner, completed his PhD at the University of Newcastle.

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In his own words: “I am now a lecturer at the Australian College of Applied Psychology in Sydney. I am supervising 2 honours and 1 masters student and my lab is investigating the effects of imagined contact, and intergroup dating, on prejudice and anxiety.”

**Jasmine Fardouly**, the 2015 winner, completed her PhD at UNSW Australia.

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In her own words: “I am currently working as a Postdoctoral Research Associate with Professor Ron Rapee at the Centre for Emotional Health (CEH) at Macquarie University. At the CEH, I am working on a longitudinal study investigating risk and protective factors to adolescents' emotional wellbeing over the teenage years. Continuing on from my PhD, I am also conducting further research on the relationship between social media usage and body image concerns among young people.”

**Khandis Blake**, the 2016 winner, completed her PhD at UNSW Australia.

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In her own words: “I am a post-doctoral research associate in the Evolution and Ecology Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. My current research focuses on hormonal, ecological, and economic predictors of gendered behaviour and attitudes.”

## Q&A with Emma Thomas

### SASP 2016 ECR Award Winner

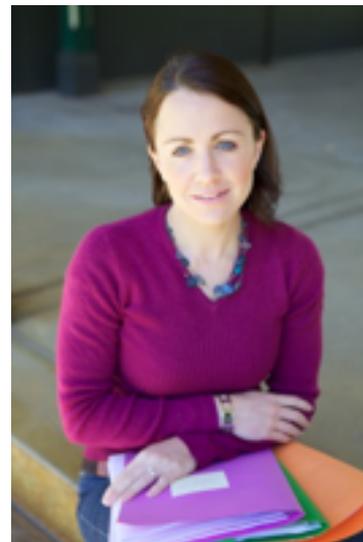
*I started my Honours degree in psychology at the ANU in the immediate aftermath of the 2004 Boxing Day Asian Tsunami. I was struck by the scale of the response – for the first time in recorded history, NGOs and charities had to give money \*back\* to donors. However, this level of generosity was not reflected in efforts to support other, long-standing or entrenched disadvantage. I was curious about the mechanisms that made the response so effective. I wanted to try and establish what some of those mechanisms were with an eye to promoting commitment to social change on other forms of disadvantage (but especially the poverty and preventable disease experienced by people in developing countries).*

#### **What are some of the challenges involved in conducting your research?**

Much of my early research explored the role of social interaction (small group interactions) in changing attitudes and behaviours towards support for people in developing countries. Doing so involved bringing small groups of people together to discuss the issues, and given the paucity of actual interaction in social psychological research it felt enjoyably “real”. But methodologically and statistically it was messy. The data were non-independent (nested) so I spent large amounts of time grappling with using SPSS, then HLM and other stats packages to run my analyses – I knew how to do MLM before I had ever needed to do a 2 x 2 ANOVA! The data collection was also onerous as it involved getting 3 or more unreliable research participants to turn up to the lab at the same time.

#### **What does it take to be a successful early career researcher?**

How would I know? (kidding). Passion combined with grim determination. I only do research on topics/questions that I think are interesting and important, and that I desperately want to know - it provides a source of motivation that is difficult to achieve otherwise.



#### **What is your advice for early career researchers?**

I think planning is really important at any career stage but especially this one. Think about how you would like to make your contribution (what area), and where you'd like to be in the short to medium term – then work backwards, make a plan, and then seek out the advice of others (colleagues and mentors) as well.

I also think it's useful to be a part of a research team – you don't have to be physically co-located but just part of a group of people who are doing similar kinds of research, asking similar kinds of questions. It's hard to make an impact on your own and some of the skills that you are still learning are more easily learnt from more experienced researchers.

# SASP Postgraduate Representative Conference Report

by Annamaria Klas



As always, the SASP conference first began for postgrads with a series of student-centric workshops. Beginning early Thursday morning, the first of these three workshops discussed the need for students to take their research outside of academia in order to make a real-world difference. Panel members included Prof Karen Hussey, Prof Alex Haslam, and Dr Kim Peters, who all provided tips on how to make connections with government bodies, business organizations, and NGOs, to increase the impact of our research. Following this workshop was one that provided postgrads more practical tips that would be useful for every stage of their candidature. Panel members included PhD students Sean Murphy, Lydia Hayward, Zan Saeri, and Zoe Walker who discussed the new statistical methods seen in psychological research, and how to ensure student studies could be replicated in the future. Finally, the last workshop of the morning went on to discuss the next big ideas in social psychology, and included Prof Alice Eagly, Prof Mathew Hornsey, Dr Brock Bastian, and Associate Prof Winnifred Louis as panel members. A thought-provoking workshop, panel members shared their perspectives on what they thought the new trends in social psychology would be in the next decade. All up, the three workshops run for students were well-received, with many students pleased to hear discussions on such an array of topics that were directly applicable to their research.

Another pivotal event at the conference for students was of course the postgrad dinner. Run on Friday night at The Burrow in West End, students were treated to an array of food, with 'networking' occurring late into the night. That over 50 postgrad students attended the event is a testament to how SASP has grown over the last few years and goes to show what a lovely environment SASP is for postgrad students.

Looking forward to seeing what the Melbourne conference offers postgraduate students next year!

## **Preliminary list of presentations**

### **SASP-SPSSI Small Group Meeting 2016**

Immigration to Major Immigrant-Receiving Countries:  
Immigrant and Host Perspectives  
November 29-30, 2016 Ottawa, Canada

**Abeywickrama & Laham**

**Brown, Cordeu, & Tip**

**Espinosa & Milstein**

**Gale & Staerklé**

**Gaucher, Friesen, & Neufeld**

**González, Brown, Manzi, Lay, Hässler, Miranda, Zagefka, Lickel, & Tropp**

**Guerra & Gaertner**

**Huo, Dovidio, Jiménez, & Schildkraut**

**Koc, Anderson, Thomas, & Yousef**

**Kotzur, Schäfer, & Wagner**

**Louis, Amiot, Doucerain, Thomas, McGarty, Moghaddam, & La Macchia**

**Marshall & Shapiro**

**Mukherjee, Molina, & Adams**

**Noels, Zhang, Chaffee, Song, & Ricioppo**

**Sagir**

**Sanatkar & Paolini**

**Shin & Dovidio**

**Silka**

**Stürmer & Rohmann**

**Tropp, Okamoto, Marrow, & Jones-Correa**

**Ward, Stuart, & Watters**

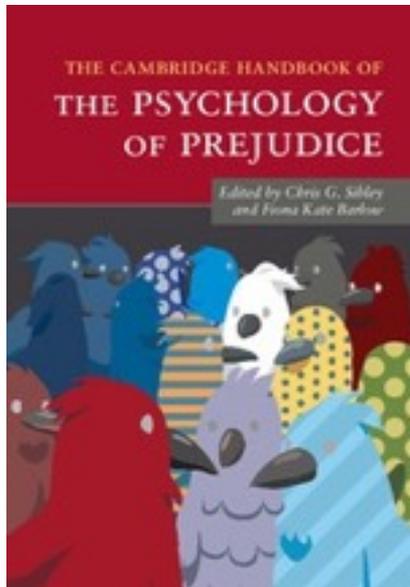
Conveners: Jolanda Jetten ([j.jetten@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:j.jetten@psy.uq.edu.au)) and Victoria Esses ([vesses@uwo.ca](mailto:vesses@uwo.ca))

## New Book Edited by SASP Members

### The Psychology of Prejudice

edited by Chris G. Sibley and Fiona Kate Barlow

The Cambridge Handbook of the Psychology of Prejudice aims to answer the questions: why is prejudice so persistent? How does it affect people exposed to it? And what can we do about it? Providing a comprehensive examination of prejudice from its evolutionary beginnings and environmental influences through to its manifestations and consequences, this handbook is an essential resource for scholars and students who are passionate about understanding prejudice, social change, collective action, and prejudice reduction. Featuring cutting-edge research from top scholars in the field, the chapters provide an overview of psychological models of prejudice; investigate prejudice in specific domains such as race, religion, gender, and appearance; and develop explicit, evidence-based strategies for disrupting the processes that produce and maintain prejudice. This handbook challenges researchers and readers to move beyond their comfort zone, and sets the agenda for future avenues of research, policy, and intervention.



Part of Cambridge Handbooks in Psychology

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## Current Job Vacancies

### Senior Lecturer in Business Psychology at the University of Newcastle, Australia

Vacancy Ref#: 3151: Senior LecturerVacancy  
Position#: 62919

Vacancy Position Title: Senior Lecturer

Description: Lead and direct the teaching and researching of behaviours, issues and problems relevant to business psychology

Employment Status - Expected Occupant  
Fixed Term Academic Full-time

Closing Date: 04-NOV-2016 11:59:00

Report To: Head of School of Psychology

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October will see a new call for expressions of interest for a 2018 SASP-SPSSI small group meeting in North America (with closing date Dec 15) and a full proposal due by May 1st, 2017. More details to be provided in an upcoming communication.

## FOUNDING SASP MEMBER CO-AUTHORS A BOOK

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### **Slow Boating in Britain: The Voyage of the “Alexandra”**

by Sandra and Stephen Bochner



In September 2010 long-term SASP member Stephen Bochner and his wife Sandra went on a fortnight's Narrow Boat trip through a group of canals in the British Midlands. They have now written a book about their cruise. The tale reflects their life-long love affair with all things nautical, and has also been shaped by their day jobs as social science academics. Consequently the account of their voyage is much more than just a travelogue. As seasoned yachties, the authors know the value of careful preparation, and the book contains valuable tips for those considering a canal boat holiday, including planning guidance, suggested further reading, where to seek more information, and advice on the selection of travelling companions.

The book also contains extensive details about the history and cultural significance of the canal-side towns, villages, Great Houses, Churches and pubs the authors visited. It describes the technical characteristics of the canals themselves, consisting of a strange world of locks, flights, ponds, aqueducts and tunnels. The contribution of influential pioneers in the development of the British canal system such as the Duke of Bridgewater, James Brindley and Thomas Telford is noted. But the authors do not ignore the men who toiled in constructing the canals and later worked the boats, referring to their sometimes harsh lives. Throughout, contemporary records are used to portray the remarkable achievements of these pioneers.

In the first chapter the authors describe the characteristics of the boat. The story is then told sequentially as it unfolded day by day, showing the course that was followed, where the boat stopped and why, and what the crew saw along the way. *Slow Boating* should appeal to readers who have a general interest in canals and waterways; people who might be contemplating a boating excursion on the British canals; and “arm chair” travellers intrigued by a fairly unusual journey through the lovely and largely unspoiled Midlands region of England.

*Slow Boating* consists of a Table of Contents, an Introduction, eight Chapters, an Index and a Bibliography. It is liberally illustrated with colour photographs of the scenes described in the text. The book is published as an A5 paperback, and contains approximately 200 pages. The mail-order price is \$25 including GST and postage anywhere within Australia. Anyone interested in further information or purchasing *Slow Boating* please contact Stephen Bochner by email ([s.bochner@unsw.edu.au](mailto:s.bochner@unsw.edu.au)).

