

# *Society for Computers in Psychology*

## SCiP



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## **Society for Computers in Psychology**

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Welcome to the twenty-sixth annual conference for the Society for Computers in Psychology. This year marks a continuation of the theme focusing on the Internet as a tool for psychology. In particular there are sessions on the World-Wide Web and how the Internet can be used as an experimental tool. However, the focus on the Internet is just an emblem of the increasing role that computers play in professional psychology. This increasing importance of computers in psychology can be seen in the session on computers in teaching, research, modeling, and in clinical practice. We hope that you will find this conference enjoyable and informative.

We would like to thank President Michael Levy and Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Ransdell for their continual help in the development of the program. Most of the steering committee served excellently as

reviewers of the submitted proposals which made the job of program chair possible. Rob Sanford and Bob Proctor provided much needed guidance in getting the information needed to Psychonomics and getting the information necessary for the convention issue of *Behavior Research Methods, Instruments, & Computers*. Much thanks to all.

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**SCiP Program Schedule**

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| 8:40-10:00 am    | <a href="#">Applications of Computer Technology</a>         | <a href="#">Computer Modeling</a>                    | <a href="#">Design and Use of Browsers</a>                    | Registration |
| 10:00-10:15 am   |   |  | Morning Break   | Registration |
| 10:15-11:55 am   | <a href="#">Construction and Maintenance of Web Sites</a>   | <a href="#">AI and Statistical Applications</a>      | <a href="#">Internet Experiments: Issues and Techniques</a>   | Registration |
| 11:55 am-1:00 pm |   |  | <b>Lunch</b>  |              |
| 1:00-3:00pm      | <a href="#">Teaching Applications of the World-Wide Web</a> | <a href="#">Laboratory and Teaching Applications</a> | <a href="#">Internet Experiments: Definition and Examples</a> |              |
| 3:00-3:15        |   |  | Afternoon Break   |              |
| 3:15-4:15        |   |  | <b>Keynote Address</b><br><b>Lance Rips</b>                   |              |
| 4:15-5:00        |   |  | <b>Presidential Address</b><br><b>Michael Levy</b>            |              |
| 5:00-5:30        |   |  | Business Meeting and Awards Presentation                      |              |

## Columbus Hall A

### Clinical Applications of Computer Technology

**Moderator: Chin-Fen Shue**

*Depaul University*

8:40-10:00 am

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| 8:40 am  |  |
| <b>Automated psychological assessment: Client attitudes in substance abusing and mental health clients</b> | The attitudes of psychiatric and substance abuse clients completing automated assessments were compared. Factor analyses revealed three underlying |

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| <p><b>Matthew G. Hile,</b><br/> <b>&amp; Rita E. Adkins,</b> <i>Department of Psychiatry and Nuerology, University of Missouri-Columbia</i></p> <p><b>e-mail:</b><br/> <b>mimhmf@mizzou1.missouri.edu</b></p>   | <p>dimensions client attitudes toward automated assessment: Completeness and satisfaction, Ease of use and enjoyment, and Negative attitudes. Overall, the results highlight the positive attitudes held by both types of clients toward automated assessments.</p>   |
| <p>9:00 am</p>  |   |
| <p><b>PsycWord: A Windows Program for Writing Clinical Documentation</b></p> <p><b>Barry A. Tanner,</b> <i>Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, Wayne State University-Columbia</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: btanner@med.wayne.edu</b></p> | <p>PsycWord is designed to help the clinical psychologist quickly prepare case documentation. It is organized around a word processor and reporting modules with on-screen file folders and controls which can be used separately or in combination to produce some of the more common clinical documentation. It is highly structured and yet flexible, allowing the psychologist to produce reports, treatment plans, and progress notes in far less time than traditional methods.</p>   |
| <p>9:20 am</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Virtual Pamphlets in University Student Counseling</b></p> <p><b>Robert C. Hsiung,</b> <i>Department of Psychiatry, University of Chicago</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: r-hsiung@uchicago.edu</b></p>   | <p>Counseling centers often provide informational pamphlets. The commercially-available options are limited and producing one's own is costly. An innovative alternative is the sharing of virtual pamphlets on the World-Wide Web. Many centers are "re-purposing" their printed pamphlets. By linking to them, centers can cost-effectively collaborate to provide useful and relevant information. This novel approach is demonstrated by the University of Chicago Student Counseling and Resource Service's virtual pamphlet collection.</p> |
| <p>9:40 am</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Virtual Psychotherapy?</b></p> <p><b>Fred Cutter,</b> <i>California Polytechnic State</i></p> <p><b>e-mail:</b><br/> <b>fcutter@cymbal.aix.calpoly.edu</b></p>  | <p>Does psychotherapy occur on the net? This refers to a licensed mental health professional exchanging messages with a willing client on some systematic basis, with or without fees being paid. It certainly can, and I assumed it did when I started to write this article. I searched for the topic using available engines, and found many "psychotherapy" items on the web, apparently.</p>   |

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## Columbus Hall B

### Computer Modeling in Psychology

**Chaired by: Fred Bremner**

*Trinity University*

8:40-10:00 am

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| 8:40 am   |  |
| <p><b>An Object-Oriented Simulation of A Brain System Underlying Human Aggression</b></p> <p><b>Mark Hartley</b>, <i>University of Windsor</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:dvr@uwindsor.ca">dvr@uwindsor.ca</a></p>                    | <p>Neural structures involved in aggression were incorporated in a model on the basis of neuroanatomical data. A software program, written in Smalltalk, was used to simulate the effects of activity levels of different brain structures. Relationships among brain structures were then tested by changing activity levels of key structures. Results were consistent with at least some research reports on the brain basis of aggression.</p> |
| 9:00 am   |  |
| <p><b>Computer Simulation of Motor Circuits Underlying Parkinson's Disease</b></p> <p><b>Gabrielle Geller, &amp; David Reynolds</b>, <i>University of Windsor</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:dvr@uwindsor.ca">dvr@uwindsor.ca</a></p> | <p>Functional models of brain structures involved in Parkinson's Disease include basal ganglia, brain stem and cortical areas. Computer simulation of the interaction among brain structures can be used to evaluate these models. A computer simulation was used model normal function, disease function, and treatment effects in Parkinson's Disease.</p>   |
| 9:20 am   |  |
| <p><b>Toward a Brain Simulation of Major Depression Using Multivariate (Fuzzy) Logic</b></p> <p><b>David V. Reynolds</b>, <i>University of Windsor</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:dvr@uwindsor.ca">dvr@uwindsor.ca</a></p>            | <p>Brain structures implicated in depression were entered into a computer simulation based on multivalued (fuzzy) logic. Brain structure activity was manipulated according to changes reported in models of depression. Simulated treatment with a serotonin (5-HT) agonist was accomplished by manipulating activity of simulated brain structures affected by 5-HT in the real brain.</p>   |

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| 9:40 am  |   |
| <p><b>Perceptual Relations Between Color and Sound In Chromosthetic Associations of Music Students and Liberal Arts Students</b></p> <p><b>Joshua A. Vaughn &amp; Terry Bonebright, <i>DePauw</i></b></p> <p><b>e-mail: <a href="mailto:tbone@depauw.edu">tbone@depauw.edu</a></b></p> | <p>An experiment examining the chromesthetic response of 36 pure tones and 12 excerpts from Handel's <i>Concerti Grossi, Opus 6</i> using 48 colors varying in hue and lightness was conducted with three groups of participants. HyperCard, Canary, and SoundEdit were used to present the visual and auditory stimuli as well as collect the data. Results suggest that systematic associations for responses for the participants exist and that the computer-centered method is viable for this type of research.</p> |

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### Design and Use of Browsers

Chaired by: **John H. Krantz**

*Hanover College*

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| 8:40 am  |  |
| <p><b>A Human-Centered Approach for Improving World Wide Web Browsers</b></p> <p><b>Bo Chen, <i>School of Industrial Engineering,</i></b></p> <p><b>Huifang Wang,</b></p> <p><b>Robert W. Proctor, <i>Department of Psychological Sciences</i></b></p> <p><b>&amp; Gavriel Salvendy <i>School of Industrial Engineering, Purdue University</i></b></p> | <p>As a loosely organized, distributed database system with huge amount of diversified information, the World Wide Web has some unique problems pertaining to human use. By analyzing the users' search strategies on the Web, this article gives a conceptual model, which involves the most important factors in the design of Web browsers,</p> |

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| <p><b>e-mail: bchen@ecn.purdue.edu</b></p>  | <p>followed by recommendations and design principles.</p>  |
| <p>9:00 am</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Facilitating International Exchange: WAVE on the Web</b></p> <p><b>Stephan Lewandowsky,</b></p> <p><i>University of Western Australia</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: lewan@psy.uwa.edu.au</b></p>  | <p>International exchange and collaboration are becoming increasingly important in scientific psychology, in particular for overseas institutions. To enhance international exchange, the Department of Psychology at the University of Western Australia has installed a World-Wide Academic Visitor's Exchange (WAVE) on the Web which is an interactive data base that serves to bring together potential hosts and visitors. Traveling academics are invited to submit their itineraries, and prospective hosts are notified when colleagues visit their area. The WAVE page is located at URL:</p> <p><b><a href="http://www.psy.uwa.edu.au/wave/">http://www.psy.uwa.edu.au/wave/</a></b></p>  |
| <p>9:20 am</p>  |  |
| <p><b>A Model for Building Websites for Psychological Texts</b></p> <p><b>Jorge Tony Lopez,</b></p> <p><b>Winston,</b></p> <p><b>Prichett,</b></p> <p><i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: lopez@cybsol.com</b></p> | <p>A model for developing web sites to augment psychological texts will be presented. Original media will be developed and integrated with extant information on the web, list servers, and forums to create a site that will serve as an adjunct to J.S. Hyde's (1996) <i>Understanding Human Sexuality</i>, sixth edition. We envision that the site will be used by students attempting to gain mastery of material presented and/or those interested in accessing supplementary information. To address the former concern, we will include review questions, vocabulary exercises, and tables for organizing key material from selected chapters. To accommodate those with interest in the latter, we will provide links to existing sites, a directory of URLs of resources/organizations in human sexuality, and a forum to facilitate discussion.</p> |

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## Columbus Hall A

### Construction and Maintenance of World-Wide Web Sites

**Moderator: Darrell Butler**

*Ball State University*

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| 10:15 am   |  |
| <p><b>Use of HyperCard to create pages on the World-Wide Web</b></p> <p><b>Ron Hoffman,</b></p> <p><b>&amp; John MacDonald,</b> <i>Dalhousie University</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: Ron.Hoffman@Dal.Ca</b></p>                 | <p>A variety of commercial and shareware programs are now available to assist in creating HTML pages for a WWW site. However, users with some knowledge of HTML coding and a simple programming language, such as the HyperTalk language in HyperCard, can create custom tools which will simplify the task of creating and maintaining multiple-page WWW sites. We demonstrate two such examples, and discuss the basic steps needed to create these examples.</p>  |
| 10:35 am   |  |
| <p><b>Setting Up Your Own World-Wide Web Server</b></p> <p><b>William C. Schmidt,</b></p> <p><b>John MacDonald,</b></p> <p><b>&amp; Ron Hoffman,</b> <i>Dalhousie University</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: wcs@is.dal.ca</b></p> | <p>Although many researchers wishing to use the World-Wide Web for academic purposes purchase Internet access services, they should be aware that it is inexpensive and easy to administer their own site. Doing so provides other research-related benefits such as complete control over the services provided, the guaranteed ability to execute Common Gateway Interface and Server Side Include programs, and immediate access to collected data. This paper presents the hardware and software requirements, as well as the steps needed to be taken, in setting up inexpensive web servers on a number of different computer platforms.</p> |
| 10:55 am   |  |
| <p><b>Practical Design and Maintenance Issues of a Working Web Site</b></p> <p><b>Benjamin Isgut,</b> <i>Florida Atlantic University</i></p>   | <p>This paper addresses the practical design and maintenance of a web site. User navigation is facilitated by use of coherent structure and strategic reference links. The use of logos, tool buttons, and graphics are important to ease of navigation, and the cohesiveness of the site. Maintenance and expansion of a site is facilitated by use of a structural hierarchy.</p>  |

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| <b>e-mail: tropical@igc.net</b>   | Use of internal and external reference links, fonts and graphics, indexes, and standardized HTML are discussed.  |
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| <b>Getting on the Web</b><br><br><b>Tony Lopez</b> , <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i><br><br><b>Zeches,</b><br><br><b>&amp; Richard</b> , <i>Cyber-Solutions, Inc.</i><br><br><b>e-mail: lopez@cybsol.com</b> | A workshop intended for those thinking about building websites will be presented. We will discuss the current state of the web, website design, maintenance, content and publicity. Current software (relational databases, html programming aids, web design, and server software) and hardware options will be covered. A question and answer period will follow. A web page covering this information will also be available after the conference as a future resource for attendees. |

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## Columbus Hall B

### AI and Statistical Applications

**Chaired by: Paula Goolkasian**

*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

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| 10:15 am  |  |
| <b>Neural Network Simulations Using Mathematica</b><br><br><b>Sean C. Duncan, &amp;</b><br><br><b>Ryan D. Tweney</b> , <i>Bowling Green State University</i><br><br><b>e-mail: seand@bgnet.bgsu.edu</b> | Several neural networks were developed in the Mathematica programming environment in order to test the results of Kim and Myung (1995), which claimed that the addition of temporal summation to a neural network facilitated a semantic priming effect. We replicated their results, removed temporal summation then found the same priming effect. With these simulations, Mathematica was shown to be a powerful environment for neural network development, exhibiting distinct advantages over other environments in terms of programming ease, flexibility of data structures and the assessment of network performance. |
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| 10:35 am   |   |
| <p><b>Neural Networks--A Step Beyond Simulations</b></p> <p><b>Frederick J. Bremner</b>, <i>Department of Psychology</i></p> <p><b>&amp; William Collins</b>, <i>Department of Engineering, Trinity University</i></p> <p><b>e-mail:</b><br/><b>fbremner@tucc7.tucc.trinity.edu</b></p>  | <p>Neural networks are commonly used to simulate perception or decision trees but not response chains. We believe it is time to apply these neural network strategies to motor responses. The advent of two new areas of research make this task most interesting. There is a growing literature on appetitive responses in insects and also many articles on simulating this six-legged motor response. We have extended these computer resident neural networks simulations to reside in moving insect robots.</p>            |
| 10:55 am   |   |
| <p><b>A Computer Tool for Constructing and Integrating Inferences into Text Representations</b></p> <p><b>Franz Schmalhofer</b>, <i>German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence</i></p> <p><b>Lutz Franken</b>,</p> <p><b>&amp; Jörg Schwerdtner</b>, <i>Universität Kaiserslautern</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: schmalho@dfki.uni-kl.de</b></p> | <p>A general computer tool for constructing knowledge-based inferences from text representations and related background knowledge is presented. For constructing an inference, one or several entities of the discourse focus are used as the starting points of marker passing processes and specific relationships are thereby identified as connecting paths. Out of these paths, explicit inference statements are then compiled. A version of the system is implemented in Java and runs under the Netscape navigator.</p> |
| 11:15 am   |   |
| <p><b>Using a parallel vectorizing processor for the statistical computations</b></p> <p><b>Lynne K. Edwards</b>, <i>University of Minnesota</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: ledwards@msi.umn.edu</b></p>  | <p>I will briefly summarize the potentials and problems in computing that arose from the symposium on High Performance Computer Applications in the Behavioral Sciences, in particular, in the area statistics computing and data analysis. I then present some solutions for making a short-cut and reducing the problems in using a Parallel Vectorizing Processor machine.</p>   |
| 11:35 am   |   |
| <p><b>Collapsing Multi-way Contingency Tables: Simpson's Paradox and Homogenization</b></p> <p><b>John R. Vokey</b>, <i>University of Lethbridge</i></p>   | <p>Simpson's Paradox results from the collapsing of multi-way contingency tables in the presence of non-additivity. An extension of the iterative proportional fitting algorithm (Deming &amp; Stephan, 1940) is described that may be used to homogenize such tables to produce the required additivity over the</p>   |

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unwanted (collapsed-over) effects. A pseudo-code solution and Hypercard stack will be discussed to show how this algorithm can be implemented.

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## Columbus Hall CD

### Internet Experiments I: Issues and Techniques

**Moderator: Gregory Brake**

*Bowling Green University*

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| 10:15 am  |   |
| <p><b>A Web-page for administration of psychology and social science experiments</b></p> <p><b>Scott Ottaway</b>, <i>Department of Psychology, University of New Mexico</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:sottaway@unm.edu">sottaway@unm.edu</a></p> | <p>The World-Wide-Web provides a network for easy access to database information. A set of portable HyperText-Markup-Language (HTML) and C programs for management of human subject participation in psychology experiments will be introduced. The programs simplify administration of experiment information, sign-up procedures and credit for participants. Issues associated with installation, data security, statistics and limitations will be addressed. This approach satisfactorily complies with legal issues associated with human subjects and is easily implemented on departmental web-pages.</p> |
| 10:35 am  |   |
| <p><b>Where do the data go? Collecting demo data from web pages</b></p> <p><b>Christine H. Jazwinski, &amp; Leslie A. Valdes</b>, <i>St. Cloud State University</i></p>   | <p>How can web pages be used for experimental demonstrations in psychology? To accomplish course objectives it should be possible to present stimuli, collect data, and then present computed results to students. This paper concentrates on the potential of web pages and serves for data collection, computation, and feedback. The use of CGI programming and web server log files is discussed. Finally, the issues of experimental control, database</p>   |

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| e-mail: <a href="mailto:jaz@trigger.stcloud.msu.edu">jaz@trigger.stcloud.msu.edu</a>   | integration, and ethics are touched upon.  |
| 10:55 am   |  |
| <p><b>Using the Internet for Triple-Blind Psychological Research Studies</b></p> <p><b>Christopher N. Gaydosh</b>, <i>East Carolina University</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:grgaydos@ecuvms.cis.ecu.edu">grgaydos@ecuvms.cis.ecu.edu</a></p>   | <p>Recent advances in computer-based communications have made it possible to collect and analyze enormous volumes of data from distant sites. Simultaneously, this technology can now allow researchers to conquer the old and wide-spread problem of experimenter bias. This paper outlines simple triple-blind computer-based designs which accomplish these goals, using a low-cost system based on the existing Internet and WWW communications.</p>   |
| 11:15 am   |  |
| <p><b>Using the World Wide Web to institute a distributed, on-line participant pool</b></p> <p><b>Michael Smith</b>, <i>Psychology Department</i></p> <p><b>&amp; Brant Leigh</b>, <i>Computer Services, University College of the Cariboo</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:masmith@cariboo.bc.ca">masmith@cariboo.bc.ca</a></p> | <p>Computer networks have capabilities that can make finding research volunteers easier. This paper describes the development and initial use of an on-line participant pool. It discusses the potential for within institution use and for Internet use. It describes how volunteers add their name to the pool, how researchers might use this resource and some of the security features. It also outlines the value of an on-line participant pool to traditional research and research conducted on the Internet.</p>   |
| 11:35 am   |  |
| <p><b>World-Wide Web Survey Research: Benefits, Potential Problems, and Solutions</b></p> <p><b>William C. Schmidt</b>, <i>Dalhousie University</i></p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:wcs@is.dal.ca">wcs@is.dal.ca</a></p>  | <p>The World-Wide Web presents surveys researchers with an unprecedented opportunity to examine groups of people with questionnaires tailored to the investigation of both broad and narrow topic domains. The current paper outlines some of the benefits of conducting survey research on the web, and familiarizes the reader with hardware and software requirements for conducting such research. Problems to expect to encounter in carrying out such research and resolutions to these problems are discussed. Finally some tips are provided to assist survey administrators in successfully implementing web survey projects.</p> |

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## Columbus Hall A

### Teaching Applications of the World-Wide Web

**Moderator: Sarah Ransdell***Florida Atlantic University*

1:00-2:40 pm

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| 1:00 pm   |   |
| <b>WISE: A Web Interface for Statistical Education</b><br><br><b>Dale Berger</b> , <i>Psychology Department</i> ,<br><br><b>Christopher Aberson</b> ,<br><br><b>Eric Emerson</b> ,<br><br><b>&amp; Victoria Romero</b> , <i>The Claremont Graduate School</i><br><br><b>e-mail: BERGERD@CGS.EDU</b> | <p>The Web Interface for Statistical Education (WISE) is a World Wide Web (WWW) site designed to supplement introductory statistics courses, especially in the social sciences. The site includes easy access to tutorials, papers, discussions, data bases, and other resources for teaching and learning statistics. The tutorial modules, which are the focus of the current paper, are designed to take advantage of the unique presentation and hypermedia features of the WWW.</p>  |
| 1:20 pm   |   |
| <b>Using Internet Resources to Facilitate Learning in a Research Methods Course</b><br><br><b>Ellen F. Rosen</b> ,<br><br><b>&amp; Linda C. Petty</b> , <i>Hampton University</i><br><br><b>e-mail: efrose@facstaff.wm.edu</b>  | <p>Internet resources (WWW Web page, a Listserv discussion list, and e-mail) were used to facilitate student learning in a research methods course. The laboratory portion of the course also included instruction in computer usage in word processing and data analysis as well as using the student version of MEL as a research simulator. An attitudes and computer usage survey was administered at the beginning of the semester and again at the end of the semester.</p>   |
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| <b>Internet-Based Instruction: an Implementation of Several Key Strengths</b><br><br><b>Soren Svanum</b> ,<br><br><b>Annabel Chen</b> ,<br><br><b>&amp; Scott Bublitz</b> , <i>Indiana University-Purdue University--Indianapolis</i>   | <p>An Internet-based instructional module was developed using Netscape 2.0 as the graphical interface. The content concerned Bayesian probabilities and expected outcomes associated with the use of urine drug screens. Java script enabled interactive calculations of outcome probabilities given a selected set of parameters, and Apple Script and Claris Filemaker Pro monitored and recorded student activity and progress. Module elements will be demonstrated and discussed. Data on student satisfaction and learning will be presented.</p> |

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| 2:00 pm   |  |
| <p><b>Building an Online Psychology Practice Exam Using JavaScript</b></p> <p><b>Jesse Harriott</b>, <i>DePaul University</i></p> <p><b>jarriot@condor.depaul.edu</b></p>   | <p>The present paper offers an introduction to JavaScript scripting in the context of its applicability to social scientists. First, the basic structure of a JavaScript script that is easily incorporated into an HTML document is presented. Second, the paper outlines how JavaScript can be used to create an HTML application that teachers of the social sciences can use to let their students to take up to three practice exams. This application is of special interest to teachers of the social sciences who want to allow their students a convenient, anonymous, and easy way to test themselves and their progress on the course material.</p> |
| 2:20 pm   |  |
| <p><b>Generating Individualized Tests and Homework Assignments Using HTML as a Prototype Form</b></p> <p><b>David W. Stockburger</b>, <i>Southwest Missouri State University</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: dws148f@NIC.SMSU.EDU</b></p> | <p>Individualizing statistical homework assignments and tests with different numbers has advantages when the calculations are performed by students using calculators or computers. Using HTML to create forms for the assignments presents advantages to the programmer with respect to modification and distribution issues.</p>   |

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## Columbus Hall B

### Laboratory and Teaching Applications

**Moderated by: Dave Sargent**

*State University of New York: College at Oswego*

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| 1:00 pm  |   |
| <p><b>A simple, inexpensive multi-station response system using HyperCard and LocalTalk.</b></p> <p><b>Scott W. Allen</b>, <i>University of Lethbridge</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: allens@hg.uleth.ca</b></p>  | <p>An inexpensive system is described for presenting high-quality pictures on a large screen television controlled by a colour Macintosh computer to a group of participants who respond on individual low end Macintosh computers. The computers communicate through a localtalk network. Participants' responses are constrained by the program on the response computer and a record of the order and timing of responses is retained.</p>   |
| 1:20 pm  |   |
| <p><b>ArtWare: Macintosh multimedia software for aesthetics research</b></p> <p><b>Gregory L. Brake</b>, <i>Bowling Green University</i></p> <p><b>Donald J. Polzella</b>, <i>University of Dayton</i></p> <p><b>&amp; Rob Kozar</b>, <i>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: gbrake@bgnet.bgsu.edu</b></p> | <p>This paper describes ArtWare, a HyperCard stack for the Macintosh that allows researchers to configure and run simple experiments in visual aesthetics. ArtWare allows researchers to (1) choose paintings or other works of art from commercially available videodiscs to use as stimuli, (2) create and edit sets of semantic differential response scales, and (3) create an experiment stack that randomizes the presentation of stimuli and scales as well as collects data from subjects. In addition, the paper discusses revisions planned for the current software to broaden its utility.</p>    |
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| <p><b>PsySquash 2.0: A program for the analysis of PsyScope data files.</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan Vaughan,</b></p> <p><b>Penny Yee,</b></p> <p><b>Amy Grey,</b></p> <p><b>&amp; Tiffany Mattson</b>, <i>Hamilton College</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: jvaughan@hamilton.edu</b></p>  | <p>PsySquash is a Macintosh program that serves as a bridge between the data files of a widely-used freeware data acquisition system, PsyScope (MacWhinney and Cohen, 1993) and common statistical packages such as SAS, SPSS, and SuperAnova. An introduction ("PsySquashQuickStart") to PsySquash can be found at: <a href="http://tfp://cogito.hamilton.edu/psyscope/">tfp://cogito.hamilton.edu/psyscope/</a>. This presentation will provide a brief overview of PsySquash, and address questions raised by attendees who may have downloaded the program from the web site prior to the conference.</p> |
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**Applications of a Symbolic Computing System (Maple) for Teaching Bivariate**

A symbolic computing system, Maple, was used in introductory statistics courses to promote students' conceptual understanding of description, prediction,

## Relationships in Statistics Courses

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generalization, and interpretation for bivariate relationships. Maple's symbolic computation, graphical displays, and animation capabilities support an integrated set of instructional methods through which students use graphical displays to examine relationships between correlation coefficients and regression lines, values of population and sample correlation coefficients, prediction error, and inferential testing.

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| <p><b>Reading Paradigms: From Lab to Cyberspace?</b></p> <p><b>Doris Aaronson,</b> <i>Department of Psychology,</i></p> <p><b>Edward Colet,</b> <i>New York University</i></p> <p><b>e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:doris@xp.psych.nyu.edu">doris@xp.psych.nyu.edu</a></p>  | <p>Computer-controlled display procedures useful for doing reading research are discussed. The procedures vary the text unit size, the amount of context available, text movement, and use of text highlighting. The data suggest links between display attributes and subjects' linguistic coding strategies when reading mathematical word problems. The data also have implications for attributes that may make reading in Cyberspace more user-friendly for both novice and expert readers.</p>                 |
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| <p><b>A Procedure for Studying Factors that Affect Speeded Judgment</b></p> <p><b>Harold H. Greene,</b> ,</p> <p><b>David A. Washburn,</b></p> <p><b>&amp; Fernando Gonzalez,</b> <i>Center of Excellent for Research on Training, Morris Brown College</i></p> <p><b>e-mail:</b><br/><a href="mailto:harold@babbage.cert.atlanta.com">harold@babbage.cert.atlanta.com</a></p> | <p>Responses to speeded judgment (e.g., "shoot/don't shoot") situations are influenced by many variables and psychological processes. We will describe a custom-built firearms simulator with head/eye tracking capabilities for basic and applied research purposes. The system allows the user to project life-sized time-coded video-taped or computer animated "shoot/don't shoot" scenarios on a screen to collect a reaction time, sensitivity (d'), shot accuracy, eye movement, and pupil dilation data.</p> |

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### Internet Experiments II:

### Defnition and Examples

**Moderated by: Margaret Anderson***State University of New York at Cortland*

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| 1:00 pm  |   |
| <b>Experimenting in the World Wide Web</b><br><br><b>Ulf-Dietrich Reips</b> , <i>Psychologisches Institut, University of Tübingen, Germany</i><br><br><b>e-mail: ulf.reips@uni-tuebingen.de</b>                                | <p>Web experiments are experiments conducted on the World Wide Web (WWW). They differ fundamentally from laboratory and field experiments traditionally used in behavioral science. This article describes which hard-and software components are needed to set up a web experiment, and provides a thorough methodological discussion of web experimentation.</p>  |
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| <b>The Lost Email Method: Milgram's Lost Letter Technique in the Age of the Internet</b><br><br><b>Steven E. Stern,</b><br><br><b>&amp; Jon E. Faber</b> , <i>Beaver College</i><br><br><b>e-mail: sstern@vms.cis.pitt.edu</b> | <p>We examined Milgram's (1977) lost letter technique using e-mail. Seventy-nine college faculty received messages created to appear to have been erroneously sent to them. Nineteen percent of those who received the messages responded--all by returning the message to the "sender" instead of forwarding the message to the "recipient." These and other findings are discussed in light of recent research on electronic communication. The technique's usefulness as a research and educational tool is also discussed.</p>  |
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| <b>Effecting changes in cognition through the use of HTML</b><br><br><b>Margaret D. Anderson</b> , <i>SUNY at Cortland</i><br><br><b>e-mail: andersmd@snycorv.cortland.edu</b>   | <p>Research has indicated that lasting changes can be effected through the collaboration of computers and cognition (Salomon, Perkins and Globerson, 1991). this presentation provides a model for accomplishing these changes in students' cognition through the use of a Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) to program domain specific tutorials. An overview of the process necessary to guide students through the transition from traditional linear presentation of text material to a branching method of multimedia information access will be discussed. Examples of students' completed projects along with narrative evaluations will be presented.</p> |
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| <p><b>Comparing the Results of Laboratory and World-Wide Web Samples on the Determinants of Female Attractiveness</b></p> <p><b>John H. Krantz,</b></p> <p><b>Jody Ballard,</b></p> <p><b>&amp; Jody Scher,</b> <i>Hanover College</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: krantzj@hanover.edu</b></p> | <p>The internet provides a new way to gain access to subjects. However, it has not been demonstrated that using the internet yields useful data. For example, there is no control over the experimental environment. This paper will compare results from experiments conducted both over the internet and in a laboratory. In general, the results from laboratory and internet based version of the experiments are very comparable.</p>   |
| <p>2:20 pm</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Convergent Methodologies in Cyber-Psychology: A Case Study</b></p> <p><b>Diane J. Schiano,</b> <i>Interval Research Corporation</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: schiano@interval.com</b></p>   | <p>"On-line communities" (e.g., MUDs--Multi-User Domains) are a popular, growing Internet phenomenon. Social science research (&amp; media hype) on MUDs has been largely qualitative and anecdotal. We developed a multi-methodologies approach, using qualitative methods to explore (cyber-) psychological issues (e.g., addiction, identity, spatial cognition) in LambdaMOO MUD. Some close correspondences with "real life" were found, debunking some hype and providing new data on Internet communities and psychological theories.</p> |
| <p>2:40 pm</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Internet Addiction: Is it real and how significant are the consequences?</b></p> <p><b>Kimberly S. Young,</b> <i>Psychology Department, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford</i></p> <p><b>e-mail: ksy+@pitt.edu</b></p>   | <p>Formal research has not investigated anecdotal reports that people are becoming addicted to the Internet in the same manner as others become addicted to alcohol or gambling. An adapted version of criteria for Substance Dependence defined by the DSM - IV was used to classify 396 dependent Internet users. Results supported addictive use of the internet and indicated marked social, psychological, and occupational impairment. Implications for monitoring a new clinical syndrome are discussed.</p>                              |

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3:15-4:15 pm Columbus Hall CD

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**Keynote Address**

**Lance R. Rips**

*Professor of Psychology*

*Northwestern University*

Lance Rips is a cognitive psychologist whose research interests center on reasoning, categories and concepts, and autobiographical memory. He is the author of "The Psychology of Proof" as well as numerous journal articles and book chapters in these areas. He received his PhD from Stanford University and has held appointments at the

University of Chicago and (currently) Northwestern University, where he is Professor in the Department of Psychology and in the School of Education and Social Policy. He has served on the editorial boards of *Cognitive Psychology* and *Cognition*, and is currently working (with Roger Tourangeau and Kenneth Rasinski) on a book about cognitive

approaches to survey methods, to be published by Cambridge Press.

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4:15-5:00 pm Columbus Hall CD

## Presidential Address

# Michael Levy

*University of Florida*

## The "R" that Psychology Forgot

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5:00-5:30 pm Columbus Hall CD

## Presentation of the Castellan Student Paper Award and Business Meeting

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### SCiP Program Schedule

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| 7:30-8:40 am        |  |   |   | Continental<br>Breakfast and<br>Registration |
| 8:40-10:00 am       | <a href="#">Clinical<br/>Applications of<br/>Computer<br/>Technology</a> | <a href="#">Computer<br/>Modeling</a>               | <a href="#">Design and Use<br/>of Browsers</a>                          | Registration                                 |
| 10:00-10:15 am      |  |   | Morning Break   | Registration                                 |
| 10:15-11:55 am      | <a href="#">Construction and<br/>Maintenance of<br/>Web Sites</a>        | <a href="#">AI and Statistical<br/>Applications</a> | <a href="#">Internet<br/>Experiments:<br/>Issues and<br/>Techniques</a> | Registration                                 |
| 11:55 am-1:00<br>pm |  |   | <b>Lunch</b>  |  |
|                     | <a href="#">Teaching<br/>Applications of</a>                             | <a href="#">Laboratory and</a>                      | <a href="#">Internet<br/>Experiments:</a>                               |  |

| 1:00-3:00pm | <a href="#">the World-Wide Web</a> | <a href="#">Teaching Applications</a> | <a href="#">Definition and Examples</a>            |
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| 3:15-4:15   |                                    |                                       | <b>Keynote Address</b><br><b>Lance Rips</b>        |
| 4:15-5:00   |                                    |                                       | <b>Presidential Address</b><br><b>Michael Levy</b> |
| 5:00-5:30   |                                    |                                       | Business Meeting and Awards Presentation           |