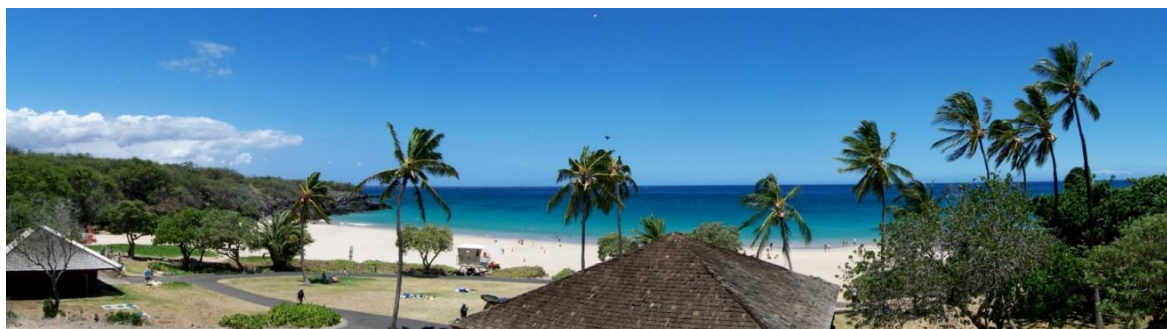


Warmest season's greetings to you! It has been a great year for SSSR, and I am happy to share a few highlights from the past year and for the future in this newsletter.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on the Big Island of Hawaii

Incoming President **Lesly Wade-Woolley** hosted a spectacular conference on the Big Island of Hawaii from July 15 to July 18, 2015. Meetings were held in the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel.



We especially thank **Young-Suk Kim** for having organized the preconference for students and postdocs in Hawaii. The workshop, led by **Jessica Logan** of Ohio State University and **Yaacov Petscher** of Florida State University/FCRR, was on quantile regression.

At the conference itself, we had a total of 424 conference attendees from 28 different countries and regions—the United States (240), Canada (48), United Kingdom (18), Australia (18), Austria (1), Belgium (4), Brazil (3), Chile (4), China (12), Denmark (5), Finland (1), France (2), Germany (6), Hong Kong (9), Ireland (3), Israel (3), Italy (1), Japan (10), Republic of Korea (1), Kuwait (1), Netherlands (9), New Zealand (4), Norway (8), Singapore (1), Slovenia (1), Sweden (1), Taiwan (9) and Thailand (1). One hundred forty of these were student members, and we were very pleased with this turn out.

One event that was particularly exciting for me personally was the presidential address, which I was honored to give. This was a great time for me to be able to share a little bit about my life as well as my thoughts on current research directions. Thanks to **Rick Wagner** and **Frank Manis** for announcing the awards given out prior to this and the talk, respectively.

This year, two young scholars were awarded the Rebecca Sandak Award. These were **Elsje van Bergen** from VU University Amsterdam and **Elizabeth Tighe** from Florida State University. Travel Awards to facilitate conference attendance for 2015 were also given to **Hossam Elsayyad** from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Education and **Katherine Strasser** from Pontificia Universidad Catolica in Chile. Congratulations to the award recipients!

Thanks to **Lesly Wade-Woolley** for organizing a wonderful luau for us on Friday of the conference. That was a great buffet dinner with lots of singing and dancing. All who attended gave it rave reviews!

### 23rd Annual Conference in Porto, Portugal

The 2016 SSSR conference will take place July 13-16, 2016 in Porto, Portugal. The Program Chair is our current Vice President, **Ludo Verhoeven**, and the Conference Coordinator is **Rui Alves** from the University of Porto. We have had a very good rate of submissions. Porto is the second largest city in Portugal after Lisbon and is a favorite of many. The city is situated on the Douro River estuary and is well known for its charm, beauty, and port wine. **Rebecca Treiman** will deliver her Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award address in Porto this summer.



### 23rd Annual Conference in Porto, Portugal: Preconference

**Devin Kearns and Jessie Ricketts** are overseeing this summer's preconference, which they say will provide an opportunity to

- (1) help junior researchers get the most from the SSSR 2016 conference by practicing poster talks and discussing how to participate in sessions;
- (2) learn from colleagues across diverse areas of reading research, including psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, and education; and
- (3) participate in smaller sessions on topics of interests to different researchers (e.g., LME4, reviewing for journals; working with your supervisor)

For more information on the preconference, which takes place July 13 (Wednesday), please contact them directly: **Devin Kearns** ([devin.kearns@uconn.edu](mailto:devin.kearns@uconn.edu)); **Jessie Ricketts** ([jessie.Ricketts@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:jessie.Ricketts@rhul.ac.uk))

### New Award: Best Article in *Scientific Studies of Reading* by an Early Career Reading Researcher

This year, SSSR is introducing a new award for the best article published in *Scientific Studies of Reading* by an early career reading researcher. Applicants must be doctoral students, postdocs, faculty, lecturers or research scientists who have received their Ph.D. degree five years ago or less (i.e., the applicant's Ph.D. must have been awarded no earlier than July of the fifth calendar year prior to the current year, although consideration will be given for parental or medical leaves if requested). The applicant must be the lead author on an article published in *SSR*. To apply, the nominator or applicant should submit a nominating letter of no more than 2 pages that describes why the article is deserving of the award and a PDF copy of the article. Only one letter can be submitted. For more information, please contact **Rick Wagner** or **Becky Treiman**.

## SSR Journal

The *Scientific Studies of Reading* Journal is doing very well.

The impact factor of SSR is now above 3 (i.e., 3.093 as a 5 –year impact Factor) and is ranked 5 out of 224 in the category of Education and Educational Research and 5 out of 55 in Psychology, Educational categories. The journal has increased in size, and we are currently at 6 issues per year, with five to seven papers published per issue. Many thanks to our previous Editor, **Kate Cain**, for her excellent leadership with the journal. Congratulations to our new Editor, **Karin Landerl**, for taking on this new position.

At present, the journal is inviting abstracts for a Special Issue in 2018 on *Developmental Dyslexia across Orthographies* which will be guest edited by **Ludo Verhoeven** and **Ken Pugh** (further information can be found on the SSSR website). We encourage all members of SSSR to submit their research papers to SSR.



## Membership at Present

We currently have 526 members, including 337 Regular, 13 Emeritus and 176 Students. Our members come from 34 different regions and countries including the United States (290), Canada (63), United Kingdom (24), Argentina (1), Australia (14), Austria (1), Belgium (5), Brazil (6), Chile (3), China (13), Denmark (6), Egypt (1), Finland (3), France (6), Germany (6), Greece (1), Hong Kong (7), Ireland (2), Israel (6), Italy (1), Japan (11), Kuwait (1), Latvia (1), Mexico (3), Netherlands (14), New Zealand (6), Norway (8), Republic of Korea (3), Singapore (2), Slovenia (1), Spain (2), Sweden (1), Taiwan (13) and Thailand (1). Please encourage colleagues to join, and renew your subscriptions for 2016!

Congratulations to our new Voting Members whose applications were finally approved in the Hawaii meeting. These are **Bente E. Hagtvet**, **Chenyi Zhang**, **Devin Kearns**, **Elizabeth S. Norton**, **Holly Joseph**, **Hua-Chen Wang**, **Jeanne Wanzek**, **Jo Taylor**, **Linda Jarmulowicz**, **Michael Hebert**, **Selma Babayiğit**, **Xiuhong Tong**. If you are interested in applying to be a Voting member, please see our website and contact **Penelope Collins**, **Young-Suk Kim**, or me (**Cammie McBride**) for more information.

## New Board Membership

Congratulations to **Rob Savage**, elected as Vice President, and **Becky Xi Chen**, elected as Board member for 2016-2017 by our Voting Members. We also wish to thank and congratulate **Nicole Conrad** and **George Georgiou** who will serve as new members on the publications committee and **David Dickinson** who will serve on the awards committee, all for 2-year appointments. We are pleased that **Young-Suk Kim** now serves as the Board's historian as well. We are extremely grateful to **Don Compton**, **Rick Wagner** and **Fred Morrison** for all of their hard work for SSSR as they rotate off the Board for 2016.

## Final Thanks

Finally thank you very much for the opportunity to have served SSSR in the capacity of president for these past two years. I have had a wonderful time working with many of you, and I feel very privileged to have learned from so many talented scholars in this capacity. Cheers to **Lesly Wade-Woolley** as she begins her term in 2016!

Best wishes for a wonderful 2016,

Cammie McBride



## Photos of Twenty-Second Annual Meeting

### Conference Photo



Poster session of the Annual Meeting



Researchers explaining their research



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Cammie McBride with International Coordinator Dorit Aram after the presidential address.



Indoor discussion



Outdoor discussion