



SPER Newsletter (Fall 2022)

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope this fall newsletter finds you joyful. This past June, we had our first in-person meeting since our 2019 Minneapolis meeting. The 2022 meeting in Chicago provided 282 attendees the opportunity to commune with friends and colleagues, hear from their peers the latest perinatal and pediatric research, and participate in stimulating discussions. Only the 2013 meeting in Boston can boast a higher meeting attendance!

Once again, we received several abstract submissions (246 total), and we thank our abstract reviewers for their time. The program for the 2022 Chicago meeting included a combination of plenary and parallel sessions to better accommodate the broad range of topics that fall under the umbrella of reproductive, perinatal, and pediatric epidemiology. We hosted four symposia proposed by members, one of which focused on environmental, clinical, and social contributions to preterm birth. My friend and colleague, Dr. Rachel Hardeman, Director Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity and a leader in reproductive health equity research delivered the keynote addressing Black Motherhood at the intersection of reproductive justice and police violence. The complete program for the 2022 Annual Meeting is posted on our website: <https://sper.org/>.

Congratulations to all the 2022 SPER Award Winners, who are featured later in this newsletter, along with quick facts, highlights, and pictures from the meeting. A big thank you to our Past President, Lisa Bodnar, and members of the Program Committee for their hard work in planning the meeting; the co-keynote speaker Rachel Hardeman; all of the presenters, abstract reviewers, volunteers, and attendees. I would also like to thank your Past Student Representative, Luther-King Fasehun, who organized an excellent Advanced Methods Workshop led by Louisa Smith and Chelsea Messinger.

Each year brings change and new energy to the SPER Executive Committee. I want to recognize our out-going Executive Committee officers and thank them for their dedication and service to our society: Lauren Wise (Past President), Sarah Keim (Secretary), Theresa Chapple (Member-at-large) and Luther-King Fasehun (Student Representative). Welcome to our



new officers who join the Executive Committee for 2022-2023: Penelope Howards (President-Elect), Helen Chin (Secretary), Kristen Rappazzo (Member-at-large), Bola Grace (Member-at-large) and Menolly Kaufman (Student Representative). Bola Grace will be leading our Equity Advisory Board, which has been working hard to create an SPER community that is welcoming to all and serves the interests of our diverse membership. The Executive Committee is currently working to address issues that were raised at the business meeting, as well as feedback we received on the Annual Survey (thanks to the 166 of you who completed the survey!), including developing new opportunities for engagement and participation, and, of course, planning SPER 2020 in Boston. Be on the lookout for announcements on our website (<https://sper.org/>), by email, and on Twitter, where you can follow us using @SPER_News.

I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and what promises to be another exciting year. Please get in touch with me with questions, suggestions, and/or comments.

Join us for the 36th SPER Annual Meeting

June 12 - 13, 2022 – Portland, OR

Submission Deadlines

Symposium: November 14th, 2022

Abstracts: January 26, 2023

Award Nominations: January 30, 2023

Upcoming SPER Elections!

SPER elections will be held in the spring of 2023. Please consider running or nominating someone to run for SPER office. The open positions will be, President (2023-2025), Member-at-Large (2023-2027), SPER Student Representative (2023-2024), International Representative (2023-2026), and Treasurer (2023-2026). Nominations will open in January 2023

Highlights from the 35th SPER Annual Meeting

June 13 - 14, 2022 – Chicago, IL

[Click here](#) for meeting archives

Annual Meeting Quick Stats

- Advanced Methods Workshop: 75 attendees
- Annual Meeting: 282 attendees

The 2022 Advanced Methods Workshop focusing on Time-dependent Exposures and Selective Testing in Pregnancy was led by Chelsea Messinger and Louisa Smith. [Click here](#) to access workshop archives for presentation materials! We thank our keynote speaker Dr. Rachel Hardeman for her insightful presentation on her work on the intersections of reproductive justice and police violence.

2022 SPER Award Recipients

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 SPER awards!

Heinz Berendes Award

Lola Loussert
Université de Paris, Centre for Research in
Epidemiology and Statistics
Paper: *Risk of severe postpartum hemorrhage
according to the sum of birthweights in twin
pregnancies*

Student Prize Paper

Peiyuan Huang
University of Bristol, Bristol Medical School, MRC
Integrative Epidemiology Unit
Paper: *Causal effects of maternal coffee consumption on
perinatal health: a systematic Mendelian
randomization study based on four European cohorts*

Rising Star Award

Izzuddin Aris, PhD
Harvard University

Mentoring Award

Shawnita Sealy-Jefferson
Ohio State University

Travel Award to Promote Equity

Estifanos Baye
Brigham and Women's Hospital

Travel Award to Promote Equity

Safyer McKenzie-Sampson
University of California, San Francisco

Poster Award Winners

Session A

Colleen MacCallum-Bridges, University of Michigan, The Affordable Care Act dependent coverage provision and unintended pregnancy, Robert Kaestner, Zhehui Luo, Claudia Holzman, Tim Bruckner, Claire Margerison

Xuanxuan Zhu, University of South Carolina, Pandemic worries and stressors in relation to tobacco product use among postpartum women during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jihong Liu, Peiyin Hung, Anthony Alberg, Anwar Merchant

Ellen Caniglia, University of Pennsylvania, Hypothetical interventions on anemia to reduce HIV disparities in adverse birth outcomes, Rebecca Zash, Modiegi Diseko, Gloria Mayondi, Mompati Mmalane, Joseph Makhema, Angela Bengtson, Shahin Lockman, Roger Shapiro, Sonja A. Swanson

Peter Socha, McGill University, Antenatal corticosteroids for preventing respiratory morbidity and mortality in twins: a regression discontinuity study, Jennifer Hutcheon, Erin Strumpf, Sam Harper

Session B

Rosemary Adaji, Michigan State University, Relationship with the father of the baby and depressive symptoms among Pregnant Black Women, Carmen Giurgescu, Dawn Misra

Amanda Ramos, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Prenatal exposure to toxicants and child language development in the Norwegian Mother, Father, and Child Cohort Study (MoBa), Amy Herring, Gro Villanger, Heidi Aase, Stephanie Engel

Janae Dunkley, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Assessing Prenatal Alcohol Exposure History Among Pediatric Patients: Practices Among U.S. Primary Care Providers Nicholas Deputy, Clark Denny, Jacquelyn Bertrand, Shin Kim

Ellen Margrethe Mikkelsen, Aarhus University, Ambient air pollution and risk of spontaneous abortion among couples trying to conceive Anne Sofie, Dam Laursen, Katrine Eriksen, Sinna P. Ulrichsen, Matthias Ketzler, Amelia K. Wesselink, Lauren A. Wise, Elizabeth E. Hatch, Jibrán Khan, Jørgen Brandt, Kenneth J. Rothman, Henrik T. Sørensen

Florence Martin, University of Bristol, Mode of delivery and maternal sexual wellbeing: a longitudinal investigation of the UK ALSPAC cohort, Paul Madley-Dowd, Viktor Ahlqvist, Egill Jónsson, Bachmann Abigail, Fraser Harriet Forbes

Marina Magalhaes, Stanford University, Socioecological Predictors of Breastfeeding Practices in Rural Eastern Ethiopia, Amanda Ojeda, Karah Mechlowiz, Kaitlin Brittain, Jenna Daniel, Kedir Roba, Jemal Yousuf, Mark Manary, Wonwossen Gebreyes, Arie Havelaar, Sarah McKune

Join a [committee!](#) Opportunities for member involvement

Help shape the 2023 Annual Meeting!

Program Committee: The Program Committee helps plan the annual meeting, selects content, and helps make the meeting agenda. We invite volunteers from the membership to join. A call for nominations will be announced in the coming weeks

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for social media engagement and policy, we are always open to new members!

Digital Engagement Committee (DEC)

The DEC organizes virtual events and webinars and is looking for volunteers to help for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. If you'd like to volunteer for the DEC, please go to <https://sper.org/committees/join-our-committee-digital-engagement/>

Outreach Committee

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to promote awareness and accessibility of the Society to help grow the membership. The Committee has responsibility for overseeing initiatives aimed at recruitment of

new members and retention of existing members and expanding the Society's reach. As a newer committee, we are looking for more people to join our group, particularly those from diverse backgrounds. Please click here to contact us: <https://sper.org/committees/>

Student & Postdocs Committee

The Students and Post-Docs Committee facilitate the educational experiences and professional development of students in pediatric and perinatal epidemiology-related disciplines. Join your fellow epidemiology trainees to help plan journal clubs and networking events. Time commitment is minimal and it's a great way to connect with trainees across the country. Sign up here: <https://sper.org/committees/join-our-committee-student-and-post-doc/>

Equity Advisory Board

The Equity Advisory Board (EAB) intersects with all aspects of SPER programming and activities to ensure that equity is prioritized.

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