Introduction to the SCiP special issue

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Several of the articles in this issue are based on presentations at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Computers in Psychology (SCiP). The conference was held in Minneapolis, MN on November 15, 2012 and included talks, posters, and symposia on topics as diverse as cognitive and neural processes, computational linguistics, online learning, eye-tracking tools, and data mining.

The keynote address was given by Brian MacWhinney on “Using the Web to Study Real-Life Language Learning: Measures, Experiments, Models, Tutors, and Tours.” Ping Li also hosted a presidential symposium, “Innovative Technologies and the Science of Learning: Language Acquisition by Children and Adults.” A copy of the conference program can be found at <http://www.scip.co/scip-2012/>.

Alexandra Paxton from the University of California, Merced received the John Castellan Student Paper award for the presentation “Linguistic Alignment in Debate.”

All of the SCiP articles in this special issue were treated to the same reviewing and publication standards as other articles in *Behavior Research Methods*. My thanks to the authors, reviewers, and consulting editors for quickly moving the papers through the review process.

The 43rd Annual Meeting of SCiP will be in Toronto, Canada on November 14, 2013. Additional information can be found at <http://www.scip.co/scip-2013/>.

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The officers of SCiP 2012 included president, Ping Li, Pennsylvania State University; president elect, Michael Jones of Indiana University; past president, Joseph Magliano of Northern Illinois University; and secretary-treasurer, Rick Dale of the University of California, Merced. The steering committee included Patrick Conley of the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point; Rick Dale of the University of California, Merced; Randy Jamieson of the University of Manitoba, Chris Koch of George Fox University, Kay Livesay of Linfield College; Otto MacLin of the University of Northern Iowa; Danielle McNamara of Arizona State University; Douglas Mewhort of Queens University; Ulf-Dietrich Reips of University of Deusto; Yana Weinstein of Washington University, St. Louis; and Xiaowei Zhao of Emmanuel College.

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