

PERSON MEMORY INTEREST GROUP 2011

**Westmoreland State Park
1650 State Park Road
Montross, Virginia
OCTOBER 11-13, 2011**

Dear PMIGers:

It is time once again to make plans to attend this year's Person Memory Interest Group meeting, prior to the SESP conference in Washington, D.C. Our meeting this year will be held at the Westmoreland State Park, 1650 State Park Rd., in Montross, Virginia. The park has over 1300 acres and extends 1.5 miles along the Potomac River. The park offers many opportunities for outdoor activities, including several hiking trails. Facilities are wheelchair accessible. You can find more information about the park at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/wes.shtml.

Last year's conference was held at the Bug-BeeHive Resort on Lake Koronis in Paynesville, Minnesota. The location was far away from everywhere, but rural Minnesota was beautiful, the facilities were great, and the staff treated us royally (including boat rides on the lake). The 50 people who attended heard excellent talks on a variety of topics relating to social cognition. A major highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Thomas M. Ostrom Award for the year 2010 to Chick Judd and Bernadette Park. This award is presented annually at our meetings.

As is our tradition, the formal program sessions will be held all day Wednesday (October 12) and Thursday morning (October 13). After lunch on Thursday we'll leave for the SESP convention in Washington, D.C. However, we strongly encourage people to arrive on Monday (October 10) if possible, to enjoy a full day Tuesday of exploring the outdoors, sightseeing, talking with long-time friends, making new friends, and general informal activity. This aspect of our schedule has become a valued hallmark of PMIG meetings and people find that it's much more than a day of relaxation; it's also a time of merging science with nature, of informal sharing of ideas, of learning about others' research in one-to-one conversations, etc.

Costs and Accommodations. Costs of attending PMIG will once again be quite reasonable. All accommodation fees listed below include room plus meals. You can arrive on either Monday or Tuesday. Your fees cover all meals *beginning with dinner on your day of arrival* and extending through lunch on Thursday, after which we transfer to the SESP Convention in Washington.

We will be living in cabins in the park (pictures of some cabins are available at park website). Each of our cabins has two bedrooms along with a small kitchen and living area (sofa and table). In each cabin one bedroom sleeps one person, the other sleeps two. On the registration form you can indicate your preference for a one-person room or a shared room, which differ in price. We will try to accommodate your preferences as best we can, but will count on your flexibility (as always) given our constraints. If you request a double room, the registration form will allow you to indicate a preference for a roommate, but ***please confirm that arrangement with that person prior to sending in your reservation form.*** If you wish to share a room but do not have a specific person in mind, you will be assigned a same-gender roommate.

The cost per person for ***room and meals*** will be as follows:

For people arriving on Monday:

One-bed room: \$345

Shared room: \$270

For people arriving on Tuesday:

One-bed room: \$230

Shared room: \$180

Conference Registration Fee. The registration fee this year will be **\$60**. This fee covers the cost of renting space for our meeting room and hospitality room, the costs of supplying the hospitality room for our evening relaxation time, as well as other costs associated with putting on the conference. ***Please mail your registration fee check, made out to PMIG, to Dave Hamilton no later than September 1.*** Non-U.S. residents who do not have easy access to U.S. funds can pay the fee in cash at the conference. Receipts for the registration fee will be available at the conference.

Registration Form. The registration form is appended to this message. This year we request that you send your completed registration form electronically to our conference assistant, Jackie Chen, at: jackiemchen@gmail.com ***The registration form is due no later than September 1.*** We cannot guarantee you a place at PMIG if your registration arrives after this date.

Travel and Arrival. The registration form asks you to ***indicate your day and time of arrival*** (if you are driving in rather than flying, please indicate). Most of you will be flying into either Dulles International Airport or Ronald Reagan National Airport – it is ***important*** that you indicate your airport on the registration form. As always, we need people to share rides from the airport to the conference site, so please indicate (a) if you are planning to (willing to) rent a car or (b) if you will need a ride. As in the past, we will circulate information on arrival days and times so people can coordinate transportation. ***Note:*** In the past, many people have not provided their flight arrival information on their registration forms. If you haven't booked flights by the time you mail your

registration form, **please** email Jackie (jackiemchen@gmail.com) once you know your schedule.

Presentations. The registration form asks you to indicate whether you would like to speak at this year's meeting. We typically have more requests to speak than we have time slots on the program. As in the past, the organizers will select speakers according to a sophisticated algorithm that incorporates many complex factors and reflects the organizers' immense combined wisdom and experience. We will let you know whether or not you are selected for this year's program as soon as possible. **Although graduate students are welcome (indeed, encouraged) to attend PMIG, they are not invited to make presentations.** A data projector for Power Point presentations will be available for speakers; if you need additional equipment, please let us know on the registration form.

Questions? If your questions are not answered in this letter or at the PMIG website <http://www.indiana.edu/~soccog/pmig.html>, email either Dave or Steve to ask.

We hope to see you at PMIG '11! Remember to email the **registration form** to **Jackie** and send a **check for \$60** made out to **PMIG**, to **Dave** no later than **September 1**.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Room type preference: Single room

Double room, share with _____

Double room, assign me a roommate

I will arrive on: Monday, October 10

Tuesday, October 11

I will arrive at:

Airport: _____

Arrival time: _____

Airline & flight number: _____

I will rent a car at the airport and can provide rides
for other needy folks

I will need a ride from the airport

I would like to give a presentation: Yes No (No presentations
by graduate students)

Title of presentation:

Please provide a brief abstract on an attached page.

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Please indicate any dietary restrictions, allergies (please be specific; for instance, "vegetarian" can mean many different things):

Return this form via email to Jackie Chen (jackiemchen@gmail.com) by September 1

AND

mail a check for **\$60** (payable to **PMIG**) by **September 1** to:
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