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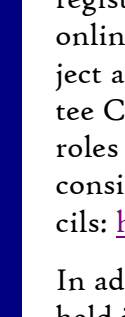
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**Member Privileges**

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**AAHB President's Corner**



Dear AAHB Members,  
It has been an exciting and productive year in the Academy! I thought I'd take this time to update you all on some recent activities. Our Board just returned from Santa Fe (site of our 2011 meeting!) where our midyear Board meeting was held. It was an extremely productive meeting focused on efforts to further develop our organization's infrastructure to best serve our members and advance the field of health behavior research. We soon hope to move to a more streamlined membership management system that will automate our renewal system, improve our abstract submission and meeting registration process and allow you, as members, to update your own information online. We have developed a comprehensive fiscal policy that allows us to project and track both conference and Academy budgets. Our Council and Committee Chairs are developing written policy and procedures and carving out specific roles for members to become more directly involved in the Academy. Please consider getting more involved! Click here for a list of Committees and Councils: [http://www.aahb.org/Gov\\_Committees\\_Councils.html](http://www.aahb.org/Gov_Committees_Councils.html).

In addition, we are in process of finalizing the program for the 2012 meeting to be held in Austin, Texas, March 18-21. Thanks to our 2012 Program Chair, Herb Severson and the Conference Planning Committee, it's promising to be a phenomenal program highlighting the role of technology in health behavior interventions and research! Details will be available within the next few weeks, so stay tuned! In the meantime, don't forget to submit your abstracts - deadline is November 4<sup>th</sup>! And for those of you who have unique applications of technology in your research, please consider submitting an abstract for the special session on technology demonstrations!

Have a great fall season!  
Elaine

**Welcome New Members!**

Full Members

- Sato Ashida**  
University of Memphis
- Janice Bowie**  
Johns Hopkins University
- Scott Carvajal**  
University of Arizona
- Stacey Daughters**  
University of Maryland
- Mary Garza**  
University of Maryland
- James Lange**  
San Diego State University
- Jane Lewis**  
Univ of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey
- Meredith Minkler**  
Univ of California Berkeley
- Susan Rawl**  
Indiana University
- Mark Reed**  
San Diego State University
- Matthew Smith**  
Texas A&M University
- Katherine Theall**  
Tulane University
- J. Graham Thomas**  
Brown University
- Keith Zullig**  
West Virginia University

Promoted to Full Member

- E. Lisako J. McKyer**  
Texas A&M University

Affiliate Members

- Julia Croff**  
Oklahoma State University
- Christian Gloria**  
University of Texas, Austin
- Amy Hammock**  
Stony Brook University
- Erin Largo-Wright**  
University of North Florida
- Levi Ross**  
Ross Park Cancer Institute
- Greg Thatcher**  
California State Univ, Fresno

**News & Announcements**

**Evaluation Results of the 11th Annual Meeting: "The Art and Science of Community-Based Participatory Research Methods, Measures, and Evidence for Health Behavior Change"**

August 22, 2011  
By DJ Abatemarco, Chair, Marketing & Communications Council

Each year the Board of the Academy conducts a comprehensive evaluation which consists of participant perceptions, reflections and thoughts about the meeting, presentations and workshops, and the environment (geographic and accommodations.) to assess the previous meeting and help shape the upcoming meetings.

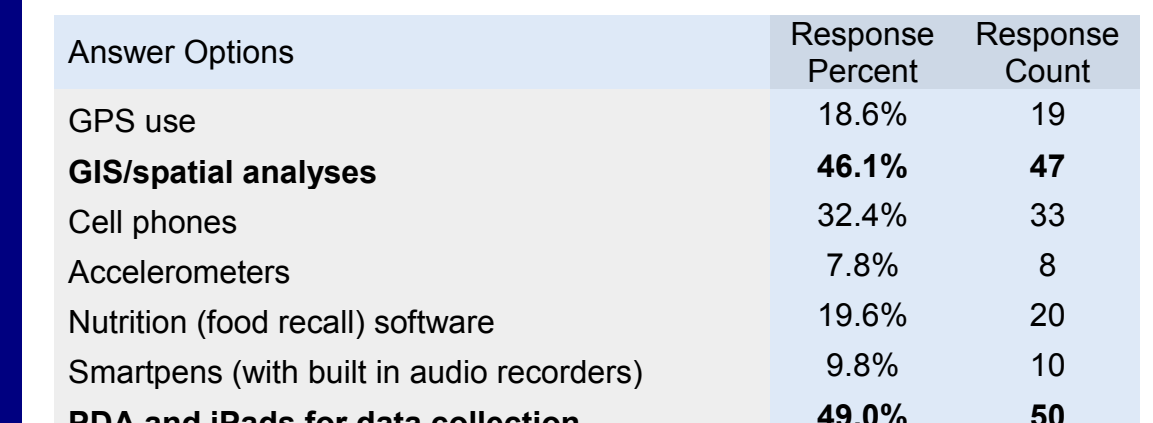
The findings of this annual meeting are included in this brief report. Participants were surveyed via Survey Monkey. Six email notifications were sent to attendees to request their participation in the web-based survey. As a result approximately 75% of the 130 attendees completed the survey online.

**Conference: Overall Assessment**

- In general, 95% of attendees reported that the overall quality of the conference was good to excellent.
- Over 90% of participants were satisfied or very satisfied with the relevance of the conference to their work, conference organization/management, meeting location, and quality of meeting facilities
- Nearly 90% reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the food at meeting, and the quality and cost of hotel accommodations
- Over 95% perceived that the cost of the conference was fair to excellent, the online registration process was good or excellent, and the usefulness of the conference program/notebook was good or excellent.

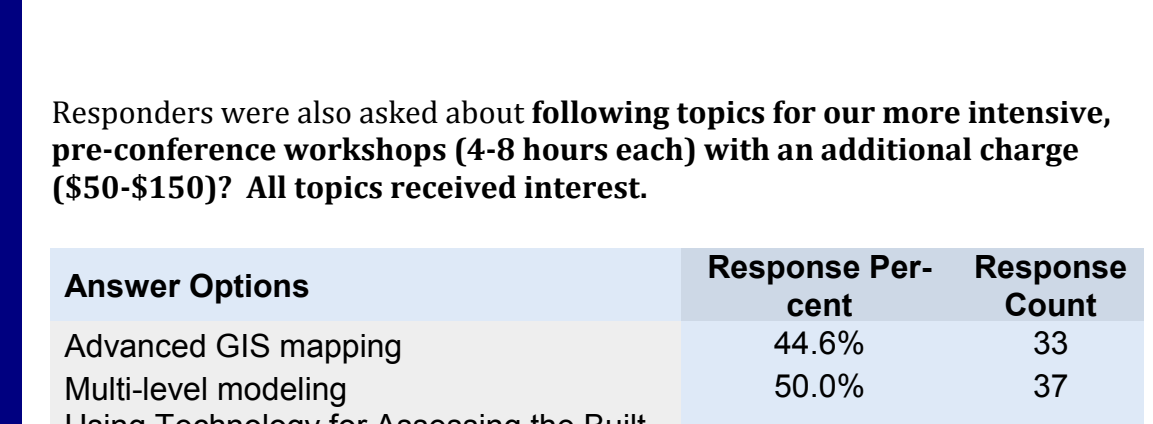
**Open-ended comments about the meeting, (n = 64):**

- Major themes of positive comments
  - Location was great
  - Meeting was important and informative
  - Impressed with conference
  - First timers - are coming back.
- Major themes of negative comments
  - Too expensive,
  - Hotel was not up to par,
  - Location was difficult to get to and difficult to get around.
- Quality of the conference workshops, attendees responded that:
  - 60% rated Dr. Edith Parker & Wilma Brakefield-Caldwell as excellent
  - 55% rated the workshop with Dr. Jacob's (NVivo) as excellent
- Quality of plenary sessions
  - Over 95% of participants reported that the total number of speakers at the conference and the amount of time allotted for questions at the end of sessions was just right.
  - And 70% reported that the quality and breadth of the presentations met the expectations based on the program agenda.



**Cultural humility and racial and ethnic diversity..**

How would you rate the level of diversity at the conference in regard to presenters? How would you rate the level of diversity at the conference in regard to participation (attendees)?



How would you rate the level of diversity at the conference in regard to topics covered? How would you rate the level of diversity at the conference in regard to ethnic minorities/underrepresented groups this year as compared to other years?



**Qualitative Comments**

Participants were asked to share their experiences, thoughts or perceptions from the conference, based on the intent to foster cultural humility and ethnic/racial diversity in Community Based Participatory Research. (n=13)

**Positive comments:**

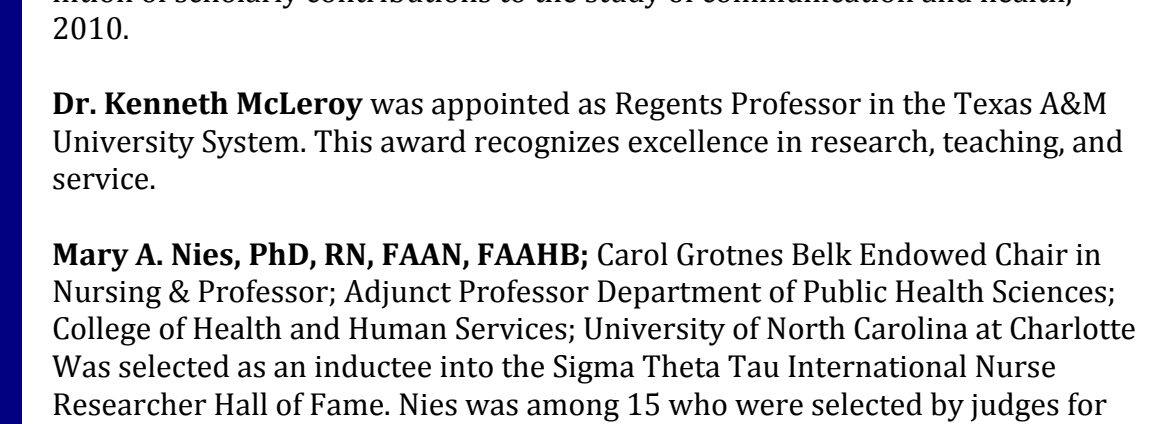
- "I was pleased to see that the AAHB has emphasized the important of these aspects in order to improve health disparities amongst minorities".
- "I enjoy my first conference a lot. Thank you to all of you"
- "Most diverse and culturally sensitive conference of any that I have attended over the years"
- "I was particularly looking to talk with people about cultural/diversity issues in participatory research. Was pleased with the interactions I encountered".

**Negative Comments:**

- "Did not learn anything new about CPBR. I was hoping the content of the meeting would soften the skepticism I have had about the approach. It did not. Clearly, this approach is deeply rooted in political ideology. I doubt more than ever that CPBR is going to overcome impediments to improving community health".
- "It would be good to have more diversity in the participants (there were few Latinos and Asians and Native Americans)".
- "I think it is difficult for some CBPR researchers to understand that some CBPR researchers do live in the communities in which they work - these scholars don't necessarily have to be associated with a non-PWI either".
- "Topics should not be diverse at the conference given the conference theme".

**Comparison to past meetings...**

How did this year's meeting compare to prior meetings you've attended with regard to (n=49):



**Future meetings...**

Respondents were asked to select the top THREE meeting topics that they would like to learn more about during next year's meetings. (n=102).

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
GPS use	18.6%	19
<b>GIS/spatial analyses</b>	<b>46.1%</b>	<b>47</b>
Cell phones	32.4%	33
Accelerometers	7.8%	8
Nutrition (food recall) software	19.6%	20
Smartpens (with built in audio recorders)	9.8%	10
<b>PDA and iPads for data collection</b>	<b>49.0%</b>	<b>50</b>
Tailored computerized programs	26.5%	27
Gaming	16.7%	17
<b>Social networking sites (facebook, twitter)</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>49</b>
Telemedicine/collecting remote data	12.7%	13
Adaptive technologies (hearing/visual impaired)	2.9%	3
Others (please specify)	1.0%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>102</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>6</b>

Responders were also asked about following topics for our more intensive, pre-conference workshops (4-8 hours each) with an additional charge (\$50-\$150)? All topics received interest.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Advanced GIS mapping	44.6%	37
Multi-level modeling	50.0%	33
Using Technology for Assessing the Built Environment	43.2%	32
Social Networking Analyses	25.1%	40
Respondent Driven Sampling	57.0%	20
Others (basic GIS, all above)	4.1%	3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>74</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>34</b>

**Call For Abstracts**

**Applications of Technology in Health Behavior Research**

Please consider submitting an abstract to be peer-reviewed for presentations at the 2012 annual meeting in Austin, Texas.

New this year, we are seeking abstracts for two different sessions at the 2012 meeting - a traditional poster session and a session highlighting demonstrations of technology applied in health behavior research.

AAHB will accept submissions until **November 4, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**. Non-members are encouraged to submit abstracts. Authors will be notified of the disposition of their submissions by December 2, 2011.

For more information regarding abstract submission, go to: [http://www.aahb.org/2012\\_EarlyCallForAbstracts.html](http://www.aahb.org/2012_EarlyCallForAbstracts.html)

**Call For Abstracts**

**Abstract Submission Deadline**

**November 4, 2011**

**12th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior**

[www.aahb.org](http://www.aahb.org)  
March 18-21, 2012

Four Seasons Hotel, Austin, Texas

**Academy Updates**

- We encourage you to submit information to the newsletter and keep your colleagues in the know! The newsletter will come out every three months. Please visit the website and submit your updates at your earliest convenience!  
<http://aahb.org/Forms/MemberAccomplishments.html>
- Join us in welcoming our new AAHB Leadership Team. For more information about organizing leadership, click below:  
<http://www.aahb.org>

**Members in the News**

**Professional Awards & Recognition**

**Dr. Randall R. Cottrell** has been named a Fulbright Scholar and will be living and working in Hangzhou, China at Zhejiang University. He will be conducting research and teaching two health education classes for medical and public health students.

**Dr. Mark J Kittleson** recently (January 1, 2011) took over as Professor and Head of the Department of Health Science at New Mexico State University. He left Southern Illinois University after 21 years of service at that institution. He leads a department with notable faculty members such as Michael Young (a founding member of AAHE) and James Robinson.

**Dr. Gary Kreps** was promoted to the rank of University Distinguished Professor, approved by the George Mason University Board of Visitors in recognition of scholarly contributions to the study of communication and health, 2010.

**Dr. Kenneth McLeroy** was appointed as Regents Professor in the Texas A&M University System. This award recognizes excellence in research, teaching, and service.

**Mary A. Nies, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAHB;** Carol Grotnes Belk Endowed Chair in Nursing & Professor; Adjunct Professor Department of Public Health Sciences; College of Health and Human Services; University of North Carolina at Charlotte Was selected as an inductee into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. Nies was among 15 who were selected by judges for inclusion in the Hall of Fame. The International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Award honors nurse researchers who have achieved long-term, broad national and/or international recognition for their work; and whose research has impacted the profession and the people it serves. Nies will be inducted during the Sigma Theta Tau International's 22nd International Nursing Research Congress July 2011 in Mexico.

**Publications & Presentations**

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**Young, M.** (2011) Research Consortium Scholar Lecture 2010, Religiosity and health behavior-What does research tell us? American Journal of Health Education, 42, 4-10.

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**Nies, M.A.**, Sun, L., Kazemi, D., Carriker, A., Dmochowski, J. (2010, July) Association of Body Mass Index, Stages of Change, Alcohol Consumption, and Consequences of Drinking in College Freshman. Paper presented at the 21st International Nursing Research Congress, Sigma Theta Tau International, Global Diversity through Research Education and Evidence-Based Practice, FL, USA.

**Funding News**

**Dr. Mary Nies**

- Co-Principal Investigator and Research Chair, Enhancement of the Existing Aware Basics Program to a Basics Stepped Care Recovery Model. (Focus of grant is alcohol prevention using Brief Motivational Intervention with college freshman students). Funded by DHHS/SAMHSA, 2009-2011. \$1,200,000.
- Mentor, A Health Literacy Intervention for Latina Women with Diabetes, Nurse Faculty Scholars Award. Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2009-2011. \$350,000.
- Mentor, Pilot Test of the Successful Aging Inventory in Assisted Living Communities. Funded by the American Nurses Foundation, 2010-2011. \$6,750.
- Mentor, In Their Own Words: An Examination of Successful Aging through Focus Groups. Funded by Sigma Theta Tau International, 2009-2011. \$4394.

**Job Postings**

**Job Location:** Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

**Job Title:** Instructor of Physical Activity Promotion

**Job Description:** The Department of Kinesiology at Kansas State University invites applications for a full-time instructor of the psychology of physical activity. This one-year term instructor position will be filled with a tenure track Assistant Professor in August 2012 (Search in progress).

**Contact Information:** David A. Dziewaltowski, Ph.D., Professor and Head, Department of Kinesiology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506, 785-532-6765, [dadx@k-state.edu](mailto:dadx@k-state.edu)

**Job Location:** Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

**Job Title:** Assistant Professor of Physical Activity and Public Health

**Job Description:** The Department of Kinesiology at Kansas State University invites applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor in the area of physical activity and public health. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to the undergraduate and graduate Kinesiology program as well as the master's program in public health. A focus on exercise psychology and/or public health physical activity is preferred.

**Contact Information:** Mary McElroy, Ph.D., Professor, 1A Natatorium, Department of Kinesiology, Kansas State University, Manhattan KS 66502-0302, e-mail: [mmcelro@ksu.edu](mailto:mmcelro@ksu.edu), Phone: (785) 532-6765

**Job Location:** New Mexico State University

**Job Title:** Associate Professor of Epidemiology

**Job Description:** The College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University invites applications for an Associate Professor and duties include: (1) Teach in both the graduate and undergraduate program and in face-to-face and on-line formats; (2) Secure external funding; (3) Present papers at professional meetings and publish results from personal research projects in national peer reviewed professional/scholarly journals; (4) Mentor students in research, serve on and chair thesis committees. Start date negotiable.

**Job Qualifications:** (1) An earned doctorate in epidemiology or closely related field (must have documented training in epidemiology); (2) Published in peer-reviewed journals plus other evidence of scholarly activity; (3) Experience in teaching epidemiology coursework; (4) Strong analytic skills. Preferred qualifications include: Experience with externally funded projects; Experience teaching on-line. Current assistant professors who have a record of performance to meet the associate professor rank at NMSU are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Contact Information:** Submit a letter of interest, unofficial copy of your transcripts, current vita, address and contact information of three references to Dr. Satya Rao (saksrishn@nmsu.edu), Search Committee, C/O Bertha Perez, [bcperetz@nmsu.edu](mailto:bcperetz@nmsu.edu).

