

Special points of interest:

- IAIR is an interdisciplinary organization.
- There are currently 235 members.
- The next IAIR conference will be in Shanghai China, July, 2019.

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From the President's Desk

In just under a year from reading this message, the next IAIR conference will be gathering on the shores of Shanghai, in the People's Republic of China. It is my hope that as many of you will endeavor to be there as possible. Our conferences serve as important meeting places to share research and experience on how to create a peaceful world and enjoy harmonious intercultural relationships.

Very shortly a call will be sent out inviting you to submit conference presentation proposals (an initial call can be found in this newsletter). The Academy seeks to keep a strict submission deadline, thus, I will strongly encourage you to submit your proposal(s) on time. Calls will also be sent out inviting Fellows to submit a proposal to organize a Fellows' day workshop. So, Fellows, seriously consider submitting a proposal to organize a workshop. The IAIR Fellows' Day workshop is unique in the context of association conferences. It is an opportunity for Fellows to meet and deliberate on challenging and contemporary intercultural issues. The workshop is normally held on the morning and afternoon of the day the conference begins. The last



David Sam
IAIR President

two conferences, 2015 and 2017 respectively focused on "*The Value of Cultural Diversity: Rhetoric and Reality*" and "*Facilitating Positive Intercultural Relations When Insularity Is "In": Why Our Work Has Never Been More Important*".

Parallel to the 2019 Fellows' Day workshop, the organizers of the conference will be offering a half-day workshop to PhD student members of the Academy. This workshop is in the planning stages and more information will be sent out as soon as possible. But, I want to use this opportunity to encourage PhD student members to prioritize attending this workshop.

The IJIR is currently in search of a new Associate

Editor and a new Editor-in-chief. If you feel called to serve in either one of these two positions, please feel free to contact me ([david.sam@uib.no](mailto: david.sam@uib.no)) or the current EiC – Dina Birman ([d.birman@miami.edu](mailto: d.birman@miami.edu)). More information regarding these two positions can be found in this issue of our Newsletter.

Our mission statement in a nutshell is to promote world peace through improvement of intercultural relations. As an academy, we seek to achieve this goal through world-class social science research. The research we are doing is too important to leave them on our bookshelves. We do not have to limit our activities to the lofty towers of our universities and disseminate our findings through top-journals. We need to engage in face-to-face dialog with both politicians and the general public. We can engage in civic dialog regarding our research even with people we do not agree with. Let us not rest on our oars. The world needs our knowledge and expertise now more than ever.

Best regards,

David.

Jim Neuliep - Associate Editor

Dr. Jim Neuliep (Ph.D., University of Oklahoma; M.S., Illinois State University; B.F.A., Illinois Wesleyan University) is Professor of Communication and Media Studies at St. Norbert College. He joined the St. Norbert College faculty in 1985. During his tenure at St. Norbert College, Dr. Neuliep has been awarded the Leonard Ledvina Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Donald B. King Distinguished Scholar Award.

He has presented dozens of papers at national and international conferences, published dozens of articles in academic journals, and published seven books. His most current book, *Intercultural Communication: A Contextual Approach* (Sage Publications, 2017) is now in its 7th edition and is used in university and college classrooms



Jim Neuliep
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across the United States and abroad and is regarded as a best seller among intercultural communication textbooks.

Jim is the past editor of the *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*. He is also past chair of the Intercultural Communication Division of the International Communication Association.

Jim currently sits on seven editorial boards, including *Communication Reports*, *International Encyclopedia of Intercultural Communication*, *Human Communication*, *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication*, *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*, *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, and the *International Journal of Society, Culture, and Language*.

Jaimee Stuart - Associate Editor

Dr. Jaimee Stuart (Ph.D., University of Wellington; M.Sc., University of Wellington; B.A., University of Canterbury) is an Adjunct Fellow at both the Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families and the Centre for Applied Cross-Cultural Research at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and a Lecturer in the School of Applied Psychology at Griffith University.

She is a developmental and cultural psychologist who specialises in adolescent wellbeing and is specifically interested in identity development at the intersection of social and technological change. She has particular expertise in the promotion of positive outcomes for diverse and vulnerable youth and the examination of socio-cultural contexts as influences on develop-



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ment.

Her recent research projects have examined issues such as bullying, immigration, religiosity, discrimi-

nation, disability, sexuality, peer interactions and family relationships. Dr Stuart also maintains strong interests in methodology and employs both advanced quantitative and qualitative analytics.

Jaimee has published in numerous journals and edited volumes, including *Psychological Studies*, *The International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, *Developmental Psychology*, *International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development Bulletin*, *Applied Developmental Science*, *Psychosocial Intervention*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, *The Journal of Aggression, Peace, and Conflict Research*, and *The Ecology of Acculturation: Implications for Counseling Across Cultures*.

Inga Jasinskaja - Fellow

I am honoured to be elected as Fellow in the International Academy for Intercultural Research. I am Professor of Social Psychology at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Helsinki (Finland). University of Helsinki has been my academic home for almost two decades.

I obtained my doctoral degree in 2000 and my doctoral research dealt with acculturation and adaptation of Russian-speaking immigrant adolescents in Finland. Since then my research has largely focused on social psychology of intergroup relations and immigrant integration. I remember I presented my post-doctoral research at the 5th Biennial Conference of the International Academy for Intercultural Research in Groningen in 2007 and since the Academy has belonged to my professional life.

From 2015 onwards I have had a



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privilege to serve the community as an Associate Editor of IJIR. My most recent research interests concern the

reciprocity of intergroup relations and identity negotiations in an immigration context with a focus on both majority-minority and minority-minority relations. Currently, I am leading a project focusing on inter-ethnic and inter-religious relations in Finland, Estonia, Germany, Norway and Australia (*SOPU*; Kone Foundation), which is a multidisciplinary study on the building blocks of secure glocal neighbourhood.

Outside my professional activities, my every-day life includes enjoying being part of a family with two children, and when it gets too intensive, running and reading help a lot.

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Chan-Hoong Leong - Fellow

I am the Head of Social Lab at the Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS). Social Lab is a government-funded premium sense-making agency that provides one-stop, end-to-end, policy research and analysis services. Colleen Ward, my good friend, mentor, and PhD supervisor, introduced me to the academy when I was a graduate student.

I received my PhD (Psychology) from Victoria University of Wellington (NZ), and a M.Sc. (Statistics) from the NUS. My research is centered around migration and adaptation, national narratives, measures of social resilience, and the management of cultural diversity in the community. I am Principal Investigator for various national projects, including the Singapore diaspora census (2016), National Youth Panel Study (since 2017), Panel Study on Social Dynamics (since 2015), and a geo-



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-spatial analysis on how social and built environment influence attitudes to immigrants and social trust (2018).

I am currently Consulting Editor for the *Asian Journal of Social Psy-*

chology, and Consulting Editor for the *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* (2013–2014), and Editor for the 2013 and 2019 IJIR Special Issues, “*Multiculturalism: Beyond Ethnocultural Diversity and Contestations*”, and, “*Viewing intercultural adaptation and social inclusion through constructs of national identity*,” respectively. I am on the advisory board for the *National Integration Workgroup on Community*, the *Youth Conversation* program, and previously the *National Council of Social Services (Research)*.

I am now pursuing a part-time M.Sc. in Applied Geographic Information Systems. In my spare time, I enjoy travelling, good food, and I *really* look forward to retirement in 2038!

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Shuang Liu - Fellow

I joined IAIR in 2006 thanks to the invitation of Dan Landis. I had my first IJIR paper published then and 10 years later, I became an associate editor of IJIR (2015-2017).

When I moved to Australia from China in 2000, I went to a coffee place one day. Being greeted “G’Day” by a girl at the counter, I asked for a coffee. “What coffee”, she asked? The coffee names on the menu were all “Greek” to me. I didn’t remember what I got but it kept me awake till 2am the next day! Now I can order the “right” coffee in any coffee place. I’ve become an Australian. But I don’t feel “Australian” in the sense of my skin colour, the food I love, the values I treasure, and many other things transferred to me through my heritage culture.



Shuang Liu
IAIR Fellow

How do people like me locate a cultural home when “home” is not in one place? This question drives my research on how people locate a sense of place where

they feel “out of place” and how we define and negotiate cultural identities.

My current Australian government-funded project, “Ageing Well in a Foreign Land: Identity, Social Connectedness and Well-being” examines how older immigrants deal with the dual challenge of cultural transition and ageing. I love to explore different foods and cuisines, too, because food choices are expressions of culture. As the saying goes, we are what we eat. I wonder with our increasing consumption of culturally diverse foods whether we will gradually assimilate different cultures.

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Call for IJIR Associate Editor

The **International Journal of Intercultural Relations**, an official publication of the International Academic for Intercultural Research, is seeking self-nominations and nominations for an Associate Editor to begin in 2019.

We are looking for accomplished scholars with strong publication records in areas of scholarship covered in the journal, who can complement the expertise of the current editorial team. In particular, expertise on acculturation, intercultural communications, and quantitative and qualitative research methods are highly desirable.

Associate Editors will work with the editorial team that includes the Editor in Chief and four As-

sociate Editors, and handle approximately 40 manuscripts per year. The position comes with a modest stipend from the journal publisher, Elsevier.

Inquiries and letters of interest should be sent by August 31st, 2018 to Dina Birman, Editor in Chief, d.birman@miami.edu.

About the Journal:

IJIR is dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of theory, research and practice in the field of intercultural relations, including, but not limited to, topics such as immigrant acculturation and integration; intergroup relations, and intercultural communication that have implications for social impact. The journal publishes quantita-

tive and qualitative empirical research and reviews of research literature. Both full length papers and brief reports are published with high priority given to manuscripts that join theory and research with applications in the areas of education, health, social welfare and organizational and community development. *IJIR* provides an interdisciplinary forum for scholars in fields of psychology, communication, education, management, sociology and related disciplines.

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/international-journal-of-intercultural-relations/>

IJIR Call for Editor in Chief

The International Academy for Intercultural Research seeks applicants for the position of **Editor-in-Chief** of its flagship journal,
International Journal of Intercultural Relations (IJIR)

Inquiries and letters of interest should be sent by August 31, 2018 to David Sam, President, International Academy for Intercultural Research David.sam@uib.no

Qualifications and Responsibilities

Qualifications for the position are an established record of scholarship in the areas covered by the journal and managerial skills necessary to oversee the editorial cycle.

The main responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief of *IJIR* consist of the following:

- Overseeing the peer review of approximately 400 manuscripts per year with the support of 4 Associate Editors
- Soliciting high-quality manuscripts from potential authors, deciding which manuscripts to publish, and assisting authors develop their manuscripts for publication;
- Providing a clear vision for the direction of the Journal.

The position comes with a stipend from the journal publisher, Elsevier. Applicants are encouraged to also seek additional support (e.g. release time, office space, office support) from their university should they be selected for the position.

Application Process

Interested individuals should prepare and submit an application that includes the following:

- ◆ **Letter of Application** that describes your qualifications for the role of Editor-in-Chief of *IJIR*, such as past experience as an editor or member of an editorial team, history of scholarship in the field, and demonstrated capacity to manage deadlines and to attract and retain contributors to projects.
- ◆ **Curriculum Vita.**
- ◆ **Vision Statement** that provides a clear description of your vision for *IJIR* under your leadership.

Applications will be reviewed by the Search Committee immediately after the submission deadline.

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Advancing Intercultural Research and Dialogue: Crossing Boundaries and Building Bridges

**Welcome to the 11th IAIR Biennial Conference and the 15th CAFIC Annual Conference
at Shanghai International Studies University (SISU), Shanghai, P.R. China,
7-10 July 2019**

(Fellows Day and the 1st Pre-Conference Ph.D. Workshop start on Sunday, 7 July)

Our Shared Aims: Each IAIR and CAFIC conference seeks to bring research-oriented theorists and practitioners together to present their work and discuss ways to bridge cultural barriers and boundaries. This 2019 joint-conference aims to attract scholars from varied streams of intercultural and cross-cultural work, leverage the disciplinary strengths of our respective approaches, address perceived and actual cultural differences, and dialogue to build greater global understanding and cooperation.

Together in Shanghai: Situated at the confluence of historic conceptions of East and West, diverse patterns of North and South, variance between coastal and inland regions, shifts in rural and urban migration, the metropolis of Shanghai provides an interesting multicultural site for this conference. The location can also bring Chinese and Asian cultural/regional initiatives and collaborations into focus.



Call for Submissions: Original studies are solicited that address the themes of crossing cultural lines, facilitating intercultural and cross-boundary interactions, or creating environments that promote dialogue, reconciliation, and peace-building, especially related to areas like:

Culture and Psychology

Intercultural roots in language, cultural values, identities, histories, patterns via indigenous ethnographic and cultural psychological explorations, comparisons/contrasts.

Intercultural Education

Applications or interventions toward diversity/global awareness and intercultural competence in intercultural education, training, foreign language teaching.

Intercultural Interaction

Dynamic intercultural processes in pragmatics, discourse, interpersonal communication, adaptation/acclulturation.

Mass Communication

Public or macro-level intercultural communication affecting national image, culture stories, stereotypes, branding/advertising, intercultural relations.

Innovative contributions are welcomed from comparative or cross-cultural expressions of all fields that deal with the complex conflicts and challenges facing our societies.



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IAIR Biennial Conference Call (cont.)

Call for Papers - Types, Dates, Selection: Submissions are welcomed in the form of symposia, panels, independent papers, and poster presentations. Deadlines to be noted are:

October 15, 2018: Early submission of group symposia/panel/workshop abstracts

(priority will be given to well-developed research report sets [usually 4 papers] or workshop plans that fit 90-minute time blocks, organized around a relevant theme; see submission details on following pages)

November 30, 2018: Submission of further panel, individual paper or poster abstracts.

Decisions announced: January 10th, 2019

Please upload submissions to the conference portal: <https://www.openconf.org/iairConf2019/>

Conference size will be limited by the Scientific Committee to around 200 participants, aiming to select quality symposia/papers that advance our science and practice to expand the reach of our fields toward more effectively enhancing intercultural relations across global boundaries.



Primary Organizers and Host:



IAIR: Formed in 1997, the International Academy for Intercultural Research is an association of about 250 scholarly Fellows and Members focused on cross-cultural research in varied disciplines worldwide. IAIR's mission is to encourage the highest quality empirical research and practice aimed at understanding the ways in which cultures interact, primarily through biennial meetings and publications, like its flagship *International Journal of Intercultural Research (IJIR)*.



CAFIC: Founded in 1995, the China Association for Intercultural Communication has pioneered intercultural studies in China, attracting 200-400+ Chinese and international participants at its annual conferences. Focusing on the intersection between language and culture, CAFIC encourages and embraces all interdisciplinary endeavors and engagements in constructing intercultural dialogue in our global human community.



SISU: Established in 1949, Shanghai International Studies University (<http://global.shisu.edu.cn> <http://en.shisu.edu.cn>) is one of China's top language, culture, and area studies institutions. SISU has been steadily seeking to build a strong (inter)disciplinary base for intercultural studies, especially through efforts of the SISU Intercultural Institute (established in 2006).

Please direct inquiries to: IAIR2019@shisu.edu.cn or IAIR2019Shanghai@gmail.com



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IAIR Biennial Conference Call (cont.)

Conference Submission Details:

All conference submissions will be received via the conference portal beginning September 1, 2018: <https://www.openconf.org/iairConf2019/> (no email submissions will be accepted)

Call for Submissions: Individuals may submit proposals for up to two presentation roles.

Presenting roles are defined as:

- First author of a symposium paper
- First author of an individual poster or paper
- The roles of Chair and Discussant do not count as presenting roles
- A chair of a symposium making a presentation counts as an author.
- Any role in the Invited Program does not count as a presenting role



Individual Paper and Poster Presentations

Individually submitted abstracts for paper presentations will be reviewed for scientific merit and a decision will be made to accept or reject it based on independent ratings by two reviewers. Highly rated individual papers will be considered by the Scientific Committee for presentation in a 90 minute Paper Session composed of up to 4 Individual Paper Presentations that are thematically related, each presented for 15 minutes. Individual papers that are highly rated but cannot be accepted for a Paper Session (either because there are not 4 related papers on the topic or the maximum number of paper sessions has been reached) will become Individual Poster Presentations if submitters have indicated that they would like to present the research as a poster if it cannot be presented as an oral paper.

Posters are individual, free-standing research presentations. They are the appropriate format when material can be explained briefly, is suited for graphic or visual presentation, and/or the presenter would benefit from high levels of interaction and discussion.

Submission Instructions for Individual Papers and/or Poster Presentations

1. A title for your submission with no more than 60 words.
2. Enter a full name and affiliation for each author of your paper.
3. An abstract with a maximum of 500 words.
4. Use standard reference citations (last name, year) and do not include a reference list.
5. Indicate whether this is a poster or an individual paper presentation.
6. if you will be willing to present an individual paper as a poster if your submission is not accepted as a paper.

To ensure consistency in formatting, all proposals are to be submitted via the online abstract submission form. The maximum length for abstracts is 500 words.



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Conference Symposia Submission Details:

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Symposia Submissions (including invited symposia): Researchers are invited to submit symposium proposals that address the themes of crossing cultural lines, facilitating intercultural and cross-boundary interactions, or creating environments that promote dialogue, reconciliation, and peace-building, especially as they relate to the four research areas mentioned earlier in the call.

A symposium is defined as a cohesive cluster of research presentations and theoretical perspectives. To attain cohesion, the symposium should focus on a specific topic and emphasize conceptual issues and the integration of findings. A symposium must have *representation from at least two different institutions*. At least 15 minutes **MUST** be set aside for discussion with the audience as part of the symposium. Requirements: 1 chair, at least 3 (and maximum 4) paper presentations and 1 discussant may be submitted for this format. Total time allotted to a session: 90 minutes. If your symposium involves more than 4 presenters, you may create symposia for two sessions with up to 8 presenters. Submit as Symposium I and Symposium II

Individuals may submit proposals for up to two presentation roles for the entire conference.

Presenting roles are defined as:

- First author of a symposium or paper
- The roles of Chair and Discussant do not count as presenting roles
- A chair of a symposium making a presentation counts as an author.
- Any role in the Invited Program does not count as a presenting role

Submission Instructions for Symposia (including invited symposia) Enter a full name and affiliation for each author of your paper. Please keep in mind that:

1. Symposia must be organized and submitted as a group of presentations.
2. A chair and a discussant are required.
3. Symposia must have representation from at least two different institutions.
4. While inviting people to participate in your Symposium, please clearly communicate to them that they are not part of the official IAIR Invited Program and that IAIR will not reimburse their expenses.

Role Descriptions:

- Chair (required): A Chair enters all information for the symposium. The Chair also organizes and directs the symposium session, introduces the presenters during the oral portion of the session, and ensures that time limits are strictly observed. The Chair should be prepared to lead, stimulate, and coordinate the open discussion with the audience. The chair may also present a paper.
- Discussant (optional): The role of a discussant is to comment on the papers included in the symposium, drawing on their own expertise.
- Author 1 - 4: Paper presenters

Integrative Statement and Abstract:

- Prepare an integrative statement that summarizes the nature and significance of the proposed topic. The integrative statement should not be more than 500 words long. Add the name of the discussant in the Abstract section.
- Prepare an abstract for each paper to be presented, maximum 500 words each

IAIR Fellows' Day Call for Proposals

Fellows' Day Workshop Proposals Due: September 30, 2018

The Scientific Committee for the 11th International Congress of the International Academy for Intercultural Research invites Academy Fellows to submit proposals for the Fellows' Day Workshop to be held at the biennial conference in Shanghai next summer.

The Fellows' Day Workshop will be held in the morning and afternoon of July 7, 2019. The idea behind the Fellows' Day Workshop is to give Fellows of the Academy the opportunity to come together for a day-long interactive workshop (from 9:00am – 4:00pm) and delve deeply into a topic of mutual interest together. The workshop is not meant simply as a series of presentations, but rather to encourage an exchange of ideas between the presenters and the participants—hence the word, “workshop,” in the program's name.

It is the decision of the Board that the Workshop should be organized by, and for, Fellows, but that an individual Fellow might indicate in their proposal that they welcome participation by interested full, non-student members. Although it would be good to have a Workshop that is closely related to the conference theme, “Advancing Intercultural Research and Dialogue: Crossing Boundaries and Building Bridges,” any topic on intercultural relations is eligible for consideration.

A Fellow, or group of Fellows, interested in organizing the Fellows' Day Workshop, should send an abstract of 300+ words by September 30, 2018 to the Scientific Committee Co-Chair Ken Cushner (kcushner@kent.edu) and David L. Sam (david.sam@psysp.uib.no).

The abstract should include:

1. A title, a brief description of the topic, and the rationale for the Workshop
2. Specifics of the Workshop:
 - a) The name, affiliation, and complete contact information for the organizer;
 - b) Participants' roles (e.g., chair, presenter, discussant, etc.), their names, affiliations, and email addresses;
 - c) For presenters, include presentation titles and short abstracts;
 - d) Format: A specific plan regarding how the day will be organized (e.g., allocating each two-hour segment for a paper presentation, followed by a panel discussion, followed by an open discussion involving audience participation)

For questions, contact:

Ken Cushner, kcushner@kent.edu

David L. Sam, david.sam@psysp.uib.no

Syrian Refugee Network

Many of us who work in the area of migration, acculturation, adaptation and settlement have received requests for assistance in providing research and service help for working with Syrian Refugees. These requests often ask for advice on how to proceed, assessment tools [often in translation] and previous publications.

To avoid duplication and make our roles easier when responding, it seems appropriate to form a network, led by one of us, to coordinate our response to these requests. This network will host a website of people involved in this kind of research and service to make it easy to come in touch with the appropriate person or people working on the issue of interest.



The idea of the Syrian Refugee Network was brought about by John Berry back in October 2017. In an email to a handful of colleagues located across the world (New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, Canada, & Belgium), John proposed developing a research network that would bring together researchers who work in the area of acculturation, settlement, migration, and adaptation. This was mainly because these researchers tend to receive requests to assist, advise, or provide services and assessment related to Syrian refugees. To streamline researchers who work in this area and to avoid duplication of work, it was suggested to form a network to coordinate researchers' responses to these requests.

Following some discussions, Professor Saba Safdar of Guelph University has agreed to be the contact person, and also host this website. Professor Saba Safdar heads the Center for Cross-cultural Research, Department of Psychology, Guelph University. www.uoguelph.ca/psychology/lab/cccr.

Professor Safdar and her graduate students have been conducting studies on Syrian refugees in Canada. Furthermore, they are part of a cross-cultural project, which started in 2016, comparing the adjustment of Syrian refugees in Canada, Spain, and Germany. The research team both in Canada and in Europe have been approached by organizations and service providers on issues of Syrian refugees.

The Syrian Refugee Network is a valuable network that allows researchers, practitioners, and service providers to identify what kind of research is being conducted on Syrian refugees, by whom, in what country, using what assessment tools, and what methods.

To join the network, please send an email to ssafdar@uoguelph.ca and express your interest as well as the kind of information you will want to be linked to your activities regarding Syrian refugees.

The Center for Cross-cultural Research (CC-CR), Department of Psychology, Guelph University is pleased to inform you that the Research Network information for Syrian Refugees is now hosted on the Centre's website. (Graduate student, Kimberley Goh, has been instrumental in managing the work. She has developed a survey to get information from researchers and uploading their information on our website.)

Please see the link below and also note that people can submit information at any time by completing our survey.

website link: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/psychology/centre-cross-cultural-research/syrian-research-network>

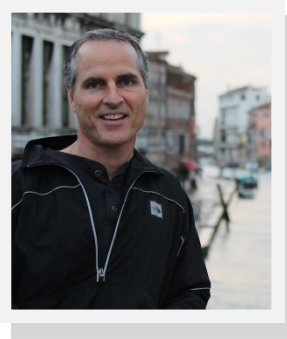
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Newsletter Editor's Note

We are always on the lookout for newsletter content. If you would like to contribute a brief story (350-500 words), research insight from the field, or members in the news highlight that is relevant to our scholarly community, we will gladly receive them

New Members and Fellows: If you are new to the academy we would like to feature your profile in a future edition of the newsletter. If you will provide us with a 250 word biography/profile statement that describes your research



**Ripley Smith,
IAIR Secretary and
Newsletter Editor**

interests, personal hobbies or non-academic interests, and introduction/connection to IAIR along with a high resolution photograph of yourself we will introduce you to the membership in an upcoming newsletter. Please also provide us with a preferred email address and the URL of your institutional-affiliated personal website.

Submissions may be sent to:

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Visit the IAIR Website for More Information

Thanks to our webmaster, Anand Chandrasekar, the Academy website has a page dedicated to archiving Newsletters as well as the Who We Are series issues (available at: <http://www.intercultural-academy.net/about-iair/who-we-are.html#download-pdf>).

In addition, as members' profiles are featured, they are added to a growing collection of individually clickable profiles listed by member name. Individuals looking for information about specific IAIR members can now easily browse and click on member profiles, while the Who We Are issues are archived for those

interested in viewing the profiles as a periodic compilation. The clickable list of member profiles is available at:

<http://www.intercultural-academy.net/about-iair/who-we-are.html>.

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The 11th biennial IAIR conference will be meeting at the Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)
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International Academy for Intercultural Research



The primary purpose of the Academy is to promote intercultural understanding. Accordingly, it promotes and encourages research, theory, and practice in the field of intercultural relations. The Academy also strives to disseminate to the public information regarding intercultural relations and it encourages interchanges between people with an interest in intercultural relations. The ultimate goal of the Academy is to promote world peace and prosperity through applications of academic principles and research findings to the betterment of human realities.

In furtherance of the goals, the Academy is an explicitly interdisciplinary forum which promotes and facilitates intercultural research in the areas of Psychology, Sociology, Communication, Education, Anthropology, Management, Political Science, and other areas of specialization in the social sciences and practice.

Visit us on the World-Wide Web at:
<http://www.intercultural-academy.net/>

Encourage Your Colleagues to Join

It is our mission to encourage the highest quality empirical research and practice aimed at understanding the ways in which cultures interact and the results, for good or ill, of those interactions.

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