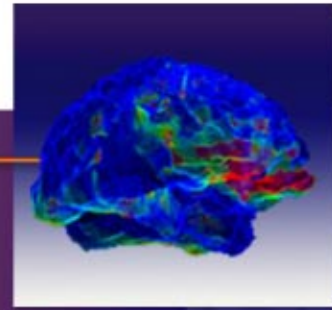




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## President's Report

*Maxine Krengel, Ph.D.*

It is with great pleasure that I address you, the members of the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society, and provide you with an update on the activities of your society. As a member for many years prior to joining the Board of Directors and having benefited from the many services provided by MNS I am now pleased to take on a more active role. When initially approached to join the board I was not sure I had the time or the know-how required; however, after talking with members of the Board of Directors I realized that I had much to gain by joining such an active group and somehow I would find the necessary time and accomplish some quick "on the job training." Like many of you, over the years I took part in several educational programs and kept up to date with the activities of the Public Affairs Committee. However, it was not until I began attending Board of Director meetings that I truly began to understand the impact that our society has had on both educating our members and in ensuring the continuation of our field by advocating for all of our members. As our Society has continued to emerge as a strong presence in neuropsychology, we have recently had the luxury of looking back on how the Society began. For example, we heard how the Neu-

ropsychology Interest Group of MPA became MNS just 20 years ago. Since then we have become the largest state neuropsychological society in the country.

In June, at our 20th Anniversary Gala, we had the unique opportunity to learn about the beginning of this Society and also honor our founding members. The excitement of the original meetings was revisited as the founders shared their memories of the days spent planning, organizing, integrating and switching set, reorganizing and finally seeing the final gestalt (sound like familiar tasks?). It was very clear that the devotion to the Society is still felt by these founding members as so many of them came out to share in the 20th anniversary celebration. The excitement and energy from that night encouraged our Board of Directors to continue to focus on the needs of all of our members in setting goals for the 2008-2009 year.

Since the Gala, the Education Committee under the direction of Sandra Shaheen and Erin Hill with input from Carmen Armengol, Sigmund Hough, and Linda Podbros has put together an amazing set of educational programs for this year. With input from our membership and keeping in mind the needs of individuals who live outside of the 128 belt, this committee has been working diligently to improve on an already phenomenal educational program. Make sure you mark your calendars for the upcoming events listed in the Continuing Education Report in this bulletin.

The Gala was a huge success and we are currently looking forward to our Science Symposium next spring. Paul Spiers and Michael Cirillo have already begun working on this event and we will provide you with information as soon as possible.

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In addition to our educational objectives, we have continued to maintain strong ties with local, state and regional organizations. Linda Podbros continues as our representative to the Federation for Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences, an organization within the APA. In addition, our professional affairs committee (PAC), under the leadership of Kira Armstrong and Joel Rosenbaum, spends tireless hours informing our members of changes in public policy while working to keep abreast of and influence public policy and insurance company issues affecting us all.

Our membership continues to grow and Jennifer Turek has smoothly transitioned into her new role as membership director. As you can see in the display box in the current newsletter, our membership drive continues. Make sure you encourage your colleagues who are not members to join so that they may take advantage of our educational events and keep abreast of the latest neuropsychology successes and challenges.

So when someone approaches you to take on a more active role in your society, remember that there is always time to ensure the needs of your field. As you read through this fall bulletin, I encourage you to think about the ways in which you would like to take part in our organization and then email one of the board members with your ideas.

I would like to personally thank the 2007-2008 Board of Directors who transitioned off the board (Dana Penney, Gail Grodzinsky, Sara Hoffschmidt, and Raquelle Msholam-Gately) for all of their assistance in making this a very smooth leadership transition.

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## Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society 20th Anniversary Gala and Science Symposium

On Friday June 13th, Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society celebrated its 20th anniversary at the MIT Faculty Club with a remarkable and scholarly scientific symposium, a terrific student poster session, and a wonderful gala dinner followed by awards, reminiscences, and even a little live entertainment!

The afternoon began with John Gabrieli discussing his groundbreaking research on how learning and memory functioning can be visualized on fMRI and best be understood as a paradigm demonstrating neural plasticity. Dr. Gabrieli was followed by a good friend and colleague to many of us at MNS, Dr. Don Stuss, who flew down from Toronto to be with us on this special occasion. Dr. Stuss chronicled his impressive body of research on frontal network functioning and was able to tie his own work to the model presented by the first speaker. And, as if they had collaborated on providing a theme to the symposium, Jane Holmes-Bernstein then provided a theoretical retrospective in our understanding of brain behavior relationships. Dr. Holmes-Bernstein then went on to present a framework and a new heuristic model that could be applied so as to incorporate both Dr. Gabrieli's and Dr. Stuss' work. All three speakers fielded many questions and encouraged discussion at a level of expertise that was a credit to the MNS membership.

Following the symposium and with considerable logistical help from Dana Penney, Gail Grodzinsky, and Raquel Mesholam-Gately, working with the MIT Faculty Club staff, those of you fortunate enough to attend this year's event, were treated to one of the finest poster sessions in the Society's history, with the harmonic overtones, undertones, and wholetones of Dr. Joel Rosenbaum's Jazz Guitar. The selection committee had a difficult task this year, but the 2008 Nelson Butters Award was presented to Karina Stavitsky in Dr. Alice Cronin-Golomb's Vision and Cognition Laboratory at Boston University. The title of her work was "Side of motor symptom onset and frequency of reported sleep disturbances in Parkinson's disease."

Dining and celebrating in a beautiful setting, overlooking the Charles River with sunset falling on Beacon Hill, the MIT Faculty Club catered a delicious dinner. Many reported that while a large group, we had somehow captured the essence of the early camaraderie of early, considerably smaller MNS groups. Thanks to our generous, presenting sponsor, The Psychological Corporation – Harcourt Assessment, complimentary wines were enjoyed with dinner, and the Society's anniversary, was toasted with champagne. The evening's festivities started out with a surprise presentation by MNS Board, 'about to be' Past-President, Joel Rosenbaum, and incoming, 'about to be' President, Maxine Krengel. The two presented Dr. Edith Kaplan with her INS Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was previously given to her in Hawaii this past February but we local folks now had the opportunity to share our best wishes, congratulations, and reminiscences with her. Of course, we later toasted Edith again! Many of her long-time colleagues, and friends, like Marlene Oscar-Berman, told their favorite Edith stories. Just before that, Dr. Kaplan herself presented the Award which bears her name to Dr. William Milberg for his program of research on memory in aging and Alzheimer's disease.

Another important part of the evening was the presentation of the Cermak Award that this year went to Dr. Brandon Ally for work he did while at the Brigham. MNS was honored to be joined by Laird's wife, Sharon Cermak, and by former MNS President Dorene Rentz, who established this as an annual Award for promising young investigators. We were also lucky to be joined by Dr. Andrew Budson, a Behavioral Neurologist who had been Dr. Ally's supervisor at the Brigham, and who provided some wonderful comments about Dr. Ally and yet another testimonial to the importance of Dr. Cermak's work.

The entire evening was quite inspiring in illustrating how far our Society has come in only two decades. In fact, we were reminded of how far we had come towards the end of the evening by our very talented and gregarious Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Philip Morse. Phil had been the founding Board's President in 1988 when MNS was incorporated, and had led the assembled guests, many of whom participated with their own stories, in reminiscing about the beginnings of the society. Seemingly too soon, the evening had to draw to a close and it was time for the last act, a ribald, musical version of Anna Thompson that was written and performed by our own Claire O'Callahan! Surrounded by an unlikely and untalented cast, including these authors, Claire brought down the house. So, in a nutshell, a good time was had by all!

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We would like to thank all of you who joined us and contributed to making this a memorable event. We also thank our MNS Administrator, Karen Jackson, along with Gail Grodzinsky, Dana Penney, Raquelle Mesholam-Gately, and others for helping keep the many details straight. Dana, Raquelle and Gail were members of the organizing committee, and along with Carmen Armengol, Maxine Kregel, Joel Rosenbaum and Paul Spiers deserve accolades for a great event. We also thank our Student Board Representative, Daniel Seichepine, for enlisting some much needed, and much appreciated, student support. And last, but by no means least, this anniversary celebration could not have been such a success without our corporate sponsors. The Psychological Corporation – Harcourt Assessment was our Presenting Sponsor and provided funding for our speakers and dinner. Joining them was Psychological Assessment Resources, who generously sponsored the Poster Session & Reception. In addition, we want to thank Riverside Publishing, Western Psychological Services, Guilford Publications, and American Psychiatric Publishing for their generous donations of texts and tests that were raffled during the day.

Feedback about the Anniversary Celebration has been so overwhelmingly positive, that your Board is considering a similar format for this year's scientific symposium. A poster reception, followed by dinner with a prominent guest speaker is the format we will be adopting, and the symposium may be held again at the MIT Faculty Club. If you have strong feelings either way, or if you care to recommend a speaker, please do not hesitate to message any of us on the Board.

Cheers!

*Joel Rosenbaum, Past-President, Board of Directors*

*Paul Spiers, Board of Directors*

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## **The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological & Cognitive Sciences**

*Linda Zoe Podbros, Ph.D.*

In January 2007, MNS was accepted as the first regional society in The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological & Cognitive Sciences. The Federation is a dues-supported coalition of organizations that represents the interests of scientists conducting research in behavioral, psychological and cognitive sciences, by supporting legislative advocacy, education and the communication of information to scientists. As members of The Federation, MNS joins 21 other organizations, including NAN and APA, to ensure national level exposure of our interests in the areas of science policy, national support for research, and education and training.

FABBS, the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS), headquartered in Washington DC, was created to take over a substantial part of the educational mission of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences on behalf of its constituent sciences. It is an educational, non-profit organization established to promote and enhance understanding of the behavioral, psychological, cognitive, and brain sciences. FABBS

focuses its efforts in three directions. One is to educate the public about the contributions of these important fields to the well-being of individuals and society. A second is to educate Congressional staff and others in the Federal Government about our sciences (as distinct from lobbying them, which is the sole purview of the Federation). The third is to facilitate productive dialogue between scientists and relevant stakeholders in the public and private sector on topics at the intersection of science and public policy, such as human subject protections and new but risky scientific directions.

One of the ways FABBS carries out its educational mission is via Science Cafes, which are open to the public. The most recent Science Café was held September 25, 2008, in Washington, D.C., entitled, *The Science of Countering Terrorism: Psychological Perspectives*. In this Science Café, two internationally recognized scholars, Fathali Moghaddam (Georgetown University) and Ian McGregor (York University, Toronto), described their research on the underpinnings of extremist behavior. The researchers described the macro-level social and psychological processes that underlie extremism and the "staircase" to terrorist activity as well as more micro-level social neuroscience mechanisms that explain zealous reactions to perceived psychological threats.

Recently, The Federation and FABBS welcomed Paula R. Skedsvold, JD PhD as the incoming Executive Director for both organizations, replacing Barbara Wanchisen, PhD. Dr. Skedsvold brings a unique blend of policy and science experience that will further the missions of both the Federation and FABBS. Dr. Skedsvold holds a PhD in Experimental Psychology from the University of South Carolina and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. She brings firsthand knowledge of and experience with science policy issues both on Capitol Hill and within federal agencies. She has worked on appropriations and health legislation in Congresswoman Pelosi's office, collaborated in developing research announcements while at the National Institutes of Health's Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, and addressed human research protection issues as senior staff of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Working Group on Human Research Protections, a working group of the former National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee. As Scientist in the Public Interest for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Dr. Skedsvold focused on translating research findings for policymakers and the public. In the position of Executive Director for the Federation, Dr. Skedsvold will advocate for behavioral, psychological, cognitive, and brain sciences with policy makers and the public. As FABBS Executive Director, she will organize experts to educate and communicate about the value of these sciences.

As a society member of The Federation, MNS members are entitled to certain benefits. One benefit is the APA dual society membership, a savings of up to \$70.00. Another benefit is the Federation's e-Newsletter. The Federation newsletters include updates on funding opportunities, information about legislation that may affect the behavioral science community, and reports on the Federation's national advocacy efforts on the behalf of the psychological and brain sciences. Past issues can be viewed at the Federation website <http://www.thefederationonline.org/newsletters.html>.

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If you would like to learn about the Federation's foundation,

visit <http://www.fabbs.org>.

Periodically, through the MNS website, I will post various issues and opportunities, as they are delineated by The Federation and FABBS.

## Continuing Education Update

*Sandra Shaheen, Ph.D.,  
and Erin Hill, Ph.D., ABPP*

### *Continuing Education Program coordinators*

#### **Brandon Ally receives MNS Cermak award for memory research in Alzheimer's Dementia:**

According to the picture superiority effect, concepts are much more likely to be remembered experientially if they are presented as pictures rather than as words. According to dual-coding theory by Allan Paivio (1971, 1986), memory exists either (or both) verbally or through images. Concrete concepts presented as pictures are encoded into both systems; however, abstract concepts are recorded only verbally.

On November 11, 2008 Brandon Ally will speak on Understanding the picture superiority effect in healthy and diseased memory. Dr. Ally, who studied with William Milberg at the VAMC Geriatric Neuropsychology Lab and with Andrew Budson at BU's AD Center, will explain the neural basis of the picture superiority effect, and assess how disease process such as Alzheimer's affects neural correlates. Dr. Ally will also discuss interventions to improve memory in patients with Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Ally is director of the Neuropsychology Research program at Bedford VAMC, Center for Translational Cognitive Neuroscience, Boston University School of Medicine. He is a recent recipient of a 5 year career development award from National Institute on Aging.

Cermak committee members Doreen Rentz, Mieke Verfaellie and Maxine Kregel nominated Brandon for this award, in the spirit of the work on memory research pioneered by Laird Cermak during his years at BU Medical School, as Director of the Memory Disorders Research Center and Director of Psychology Research at the Boston Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Other recent Cermak Award recipients are: 2006 - Mieke H. Verfaellie, Ph.D.; The Role of the Hippocampus in Relational Memory: Evidence from Amnesia and fMRI and 2007- Laura J. Grande, Ph.D. "Memory and Cognitive Changes in Soldiers Returning from Afghanistan and Iraq."

**September lecture by Bill Milberg:** "It was so good to see so many old friends," 2008 Kaplan Award recipient Bill Milberg commented on his warm reception when he presented his work on "The Neuropsychology of Biological Risk for Age Related Cognitive Disorders" on September 9. Bill was introduced by his former mentor Edith Kaplan who nominated him for this award, offered annually through a fund established in Dr. Kaplan's honor. Bill reviewed substantial research that implicates cardiovascular and other health risks in the onset of

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## Seminar events for 2008-2009

### *Upcoming meetings*

The Continuing Education Tuesday evening seminar program sponsored by MNS and held at Spaulding Rehab is a long-standing tradition and one of the most visible assets of the Society for our members. Members have a chance to meet and socialize before the speaker series begins. Upcoming meetings are planned to include:

- \* December: Nouchine Hadjikhani, M.D. from the MGH/MIT Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging: The Many Faces of Autism - Harvard Medical School 12/2/08. Dr. Hadjikhani will discuss symptom diversity of autism spectrum disorders and results from her imaging studies highlighting similarities and differences in autistic brains.
- \* January: Anthony Giuliano, Ph.D.: Neurocognition in Pediatric Bipolar Disorder 1/6/09
- \* February no meeting (INS)
- \* March: Edward Pace-Schott: Harvard Medical School, Center for Sleep & Cognition, BIDMC. This will be the first in a new initiative for new member researchers to introduce their work to members. Dr. Pace-Schott will speak on Neurobiology of Sleep.
- \* May: William Barr, Ph.D., the 2009 Kaplan Award recipient, has accepted our invitation to present on his work in Epilepsy. Bill joins us from New York University School of Medicine.

Announcements and updates regarding our Continuing Education series are always available on [massneuropsychology.org](http://massneuropsychology.org). Thanks to new CE committee member Linda Podbros, announcements will also be listed in the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, & Cognitive Sciences newsletter and on the APA website of approved CE offerings. Sandie Shaheen welcomes new Board member Erin Hill who is assisting with all programming this year. Contact Sandie, Erin and Linda with recommendations for speakers in the coming year, suggestions for workshops, and in order to volunteer.

## CONNECT WITH COLLEAGUES THROUGH THE LISTSERV

The MNS Listserv is a vibrant discussion group in which you can learn the latest news, pose professional questions to colleagues, and stay connected with the society.

Email [admin@massneuropsychology.org](mailto:admin@massneuropsychology.org) for instructions to join the listserv. Be sure to include your full name in the email so the administrator can verify your membership in MNS.

Alzheimer's Disease. He highlighted the role of health monitoring and targeted neuropsychological screening in assessments in a well attended kickoff to the 2008-2009 lecture series. Dr. Milberg was recently elected a fellow of APA and was featured in the Random Sample spotlight in the September 2008 APA Monitor.

**A New Worcester initiative for the WAIS-IV workshop:** For our October meeting, a 3 hour workshop: The WAIS-IV as a Neuropsychologist's Tool was planned with the assistance of Peter Entwistle, Ph.D., area representative from Pearson-Psychcorp. Anticipating large interest and responding to members' requests for programming outside metro Boston and apart from Tuesday evening, we offered two dates for the event, with venues in Boston (Spaulding, October 14) and a repeat in Worcester (at UMASS Medical Center Goff Auditorium, Saturday October 18). Within 48 hours, pre-registration was so successful as to fill the Spaulding location to the room's official capacity. Peter will speak about the many test changes including new subtests, scoring format, important use of the "working memory" construct, and special populations for whom the test can be used. Dr. Entwistle will introduce the new WMS-III which will be released soon, and a co-normed inventory which will be published in the next year for use in competency evaluations. MNS members had been honored to be involved in a working meeting in the summer of 2007 in which the publisher incorporated invaluable practitioner input in the test development phase of WAIS-IV.

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## Professional Affairs Note

*Kira Armstrong, Ph.D., ABPP-CN*

MNS celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. As the rest of this newsletter highlights, our Gala was a wonderful way to commemorate this accomplishment. Our anniversary provided an opportunity to stand back and think about the many ways that neuropsychology has evolved over these past 2 decades. Certainly, our knowledge base has increased exponentially, and along with it our ability to serve a growing number of patient populations. Of course, one must also recognize the ever-mounting number of hurdles associated with 3rd party payors, productivity requirements, and the associated ability to securely support one's income and practice. The MNS Professional Affairs Committee continues to work towards supporting you in your daily practice. Our aim is to keep you updated regarding important local and national issues, and, to directly advocate on your behalf. I am pleased to have this opportunity to share the fruits of some of our efforts.

**Member Education:** The Professional Affairs Committee has continued to keep you informed of both local and national changes that influence your daily practice. We have extended our relationships with the national neuropsychological societies. This allows us to rapidly inform you of important updates regarding changes

in CPT codes, Medicare billing requirements, and federal policies such as mental health parity. In the same vein, this allows us to share Practice Alerts requesting your support on important legislative activity.

Locally, we have been involved in important insurance issues related to Tufts, BCBS, and MBHB. We have advised you of updates regarding BCBS's reimbursement rates. We have collaborated with Division 40 and APA representatives regarding how to best serve your needs when these rates were reduced without advance notice. More recently, we have implemented an Insurance Experience Data Collection Form, which can be found on the Members Only section of the MNS website. This form is designed to allow you to provide input regarding experiences you have had with local insurance companies. This information will allow us to recognize early on important trends that may warrant closer attention and/or more direct involvement from your MNS representatives. This will help us work proactively on these important professional issues.

**Advocacy:** Over this past year, we have worked on many insurance and reimbursement issues at the local and national level. We have continued to meet with BCBS administrators and are actively working to ensure that we will play a role in any future policy changes. We also placed emphasis on professional issues affecting neuropsychology. We partnered with other organizations to help defeat the American Medical Association (AMA) resolution to restrict the use of the title "Doctor" to medical doctors only. Furthermore, we have worked to strengthen ties with the Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA) and we have been working collaboratively on topics of joint interest. Finally, the Professional Affairs Committee is working proactively to ensure the future of neuropsychology in Massachusetts. We are currently working on several position papers, which we will share with our membership when they have been completed.

**How you can help:** I believe there is an increasing need for all neuropsychologists to play a role in local and national professional affairs. The good news is that even a small effort on your part truly can make a difference. For example, your participation in APA Action Alerts has helped us to push important Mental Health Parity legislations through Congress and the Senate. Similarly, by completing our new Insurance Experience Data Collection Form you will help the Professional Affairs Committee to recognize early important trends that warrant our attention. Should you wish to take a more active role in professional affairs, please consider volunteering your time and joining this committee. Finally, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you have questions or concerns.

**Acknowledgments:** Your MNS Professional Affairs Committee consists of the following hard working and dedicated MNS members. I wish to thank each of them personally for all of their efforts over the past year. Joel Rosenbaum, Ph.D., Roger Cohen, Ph.D., Murdo Dowds, Ph.D., Richard Fisher, Ph.D. Margaret Lanca, Ph.D., Clare O'Callaghan, Ph.D., NP, Dana Penney, Ph.D., Linda Podbros, Ph.D., and Jeff Sheer, Ph.D

## MNS Gala and Science Symposium

### Posters

We would like to thank and congratulate all the individuals who presented posters at this year's Gala and Science Symposium. By all accounts the quality was exceptionally high providing further evidence of the strength of neuropsychology in Massachusetts. The winner of the 2008 Nelson Butters Award was Karina Stavitsky for her poster entitled:

### Side of Motor Symptom Onset And Frequency of Reported Sleep Disturbances in Parkinson's Disease.

Congratulation Karina – excellent work! Below is the abstract for Karina's winning poster.

**Introduction:** Converging lines of research have demonstrated that sleep-related deficits are a common aspect of Parkinson's disease (PD) symptomatology, linking them to the neurodegenerative process underlying the disease. In recent years the importance of side of motor symptom onset has been recognized as a relevant factor in understanding the phenomenology of PD. Deficits in visuospatial function, reduced vigilance, and fatigue are more common in patients with left-side onset (LPD: right basal ganglia dysfunction) whereas poorer verbal memory occurs more often in patients with right-side onset (RPD: left basal ganglia dysfunction). The link between left-onset symptoms in PD and deficits in vigilance levels led us to hypothesize that sleep disturbances, particularly excessive daytime sleepiness, would be more severe for LPD than for RPD patients. **Methods:** Group differences in sleep disturbances were examined in 17 patients with RPD, 14 patients with LPD, and 17 age-matched normal control participants (NC). The study used the Parkinson's Disease Sleep Scale (PDSS), a validated sleep questionnaire that assessed sleep quality, presence of insomnia, nighttime restlessness, nocturnal hallucinations, vivid dreaming, night motor symptoms, nocturia, morning refreshment and daytime dozing in PD. **Results:** Both PD groups exhibited a greater frequency of nighttime motor symptoms than did the NC group, but only the LPD group endorsed greater frequency of nocturnal hallucinations and daytime dozing. Because the RPD group exhibited a higher mood score (more anxiety, stress and depression) than the other groups, the analyses were repeated controlling for mood. Significant differences between the LPD and RPD groups became evident, with LPD endorsing a greater frequency of nocturnal hallucinations and daytime dozing, as before, as well as more vivid dreaming. **Discussion:** Increased dreaming and night hallucinations may be related to right-hemisphere dysfunction, as right-hemisphere neural networks have been implicated in generation and control of visual images. Because right-hemisphere function is also related to arousal and vigilance in healthy individuals, right-hemisphere pathology may be implicated in excessive daytime sleepiness. **Conclusions:** Elucidating the etiology of sleep disturbances in PD is important, as identification and early treatment of these disturbances may substantially enhance the quality of life in these patients. To our knowledge these findings are first to describe differences between RPD and LPD on any sleep parameters.

## Membership Director Update

Jennifer M. Turek, Ph.D.

Our membership continues to grow and we are excited to welcome new students this fall. For additional information on membership or a membership application, please see the MNS webpage.

The Board of MNS would like to welcome the following new members. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming MNS events.

#### Regular Members:

Edward Pace-Schott, Ph.D.  
Staci Gruber, Ph.D.

#### Student Members:

Pallavi Joshi, B.A.  
Brendan Lynch, Ph.D.

### ~Get Connected 2008 MNS Membership Drive~

#### FREE CEs

Invite a lapsed MNS member to re-connect with MNS and receive a coupon good for *Free CEs for any 1 regular lecture in January, February, or March 2009*, when the lapsed member is reinstated as a Full Member and names you as their "MNS Connection."

#### THE RULES

- Both the current member and the lapsed member need to complete the brief entry form at the [www.massneuropsychology.org](http://www.massneuropsychology.org) membership page, so we know who recommends whom.
- To receive Free CEs you have to be listed in the MNS database as a paid 2008 member.
- The lapsed member needs to be listed in the MNS database archive or able to verify prior membership, for example via dues payment record.
- Entries need to be completed by December 15, 2008.
- Coupons will be e-mailed to members before the January 2009 lecture.
- Only one entry per member please.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DISCOUNT

Invite a friend to start a connection with MNS and receive a coupon good for \$20 off your 2009 membership renewal when your friend is accepted as a Full Member and names you as their "MNS Connection."

#### THE RULES

- The MNS Applicant needs to complete the regular membership application found at the [www.massneuropsychology.org](http://www.massneuropsychology.org) membership page and needs to name a current member as their connection.
- The current MNS member needs to complete the brief entry form found on the membership page and name the applicant as their connection.
- The member needs to be listed in the MNS database as a paid 2008 member to receive the discount coupon.
- Entries need to be completed before January 1, 2009.
- Only one entry per member please



Below is the list of all poster presenters at the MNS Gala and Science Symposium along with their institutional affiliation and the title of their poster. Congratulations to one and all of your research efforts and your contributions!

Presenting Author	Institutional Affiliation	Title
Centi, Justin *	Boston University, Boston, MA	Relation Of Orthostatic Hypotension To Cognition In Parkinson's Disease
Chapman, Caroline *	Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA	Examining Genetic Risk For AD: Relationship Of APOE Genotype To Cortical Thickness And Neuropsychological Performance.
Greene, Sarah *	Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Relationship Between MMSE Subcategory Scores & Clock Drawing Scores To Neuropsychological Performance And MRI Brain Measures In Subjects From The ADNI Study
Hussey, Erin *	Bedford VAMC, Bedford, MA; Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA	An Examination Of Response Inhibition For Pictures Versus Words In Healthy Older Adults And Patients With Mild Alzheimer's Disease.
Joshi, Pallavi *	Boston University, Boston, MA	Visual Function In Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis
Laudate, Tom *	Boston University, Boston, MA	Rcreating The Real World: Lessons From A Controlled Naturalistic Study Of Visual Cognition
Maksimovskiy, Arkadiy *	GRECC, VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA	Relating Structural MRI To Eyeblink Conditioning Performance In Normal Participants And Abstinent Alcoholics
McKeever, Joshua *	Bedford VAMC, Bedford, MA; Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA	Using High-Density Erps To Test The Episodic Buffer Hypothesis Of Parietal Lobe Function During Memory Retrieval
Mesholam-Gately, Raquelle	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), Boston, MA	Neurocognitive Functioning In First Episode Schizophrenia: A Meta-Analytic Review
Moes, Elisabeth	Suffolk University, Boston, MA	Relationship Between Mindfulness And Resistance To Distraction On Simon Tasks
Moes, Elisabeth	Suffolk University, Boston, MA	Vision And Gait: Self-Report Versus Performance In Parkinson's Disease.
Moes, Elisabeth	Suffolk University, Boston; MA	Spanish Adaptation Of The D-KEFS Card Sorting Test - Mexican Norms.
Rao, Aparna *	Erich Lindemann Mental Health Center/ Department of Mental Health	A Suitable Match? A Pilot Study Examining The Applicability Of The Fuld Object Memory Evaluation For An Inpatient Forensic Population
Sawyer, Kayle *	Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Gender Differences In Fmri BOLD Activation To Faces And Words
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**Edith Kaplan with her Lifetime Contribution to Neuropsychology award, with Joel Rosenbaum, past MNS President**



**Jane Holmes Bernstein, MNS founding member, and one of the night's superb speakers**



**John Gabrieli, an esteemed researcher and one of the night's three gifted speakers**



**Linda Podbros, MNS Board Member, and her husband Jim Waters**



**Maxine Kregel, MNS President**



**Karina Stavitsky and her winning poster; on the right is Alan Gordon.**





**MNS founding members with their certificates of appreciation, from left standing: Tom Deters, Roger Cohen, Elizabeth Moes, Philip Morse, Roberta White, Murdo Dowds, kneeling in front: Jane Holmes Bernstein**



**William Milberg, receiving the Edith Kaplan award from Edith Kaplan.**



**From left: Cermak award winner Brandon Ally, Sharon Cermak, and Brandon's prior supervisor Andrew Budson**



**Happy guests from left: Sangeeta Dey, Aparna Rao, and Manuel Sedo**



**Don Stuss, another of the Gala's erudite speakers, with the inimitable Edith Kaplan**



**More festive folks from left: Maggie Lanca, Murdo Dowds, and Douglas Watt**

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