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Editorial
Jamie M. Ostrov
North American *Bulletin* Editor



Welcome to the June 2022 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*.

Thanks also to those that submitted material that we feature within the Bulletin.

In this *Bulletin*, in addition to reports from our President, Executive Secretary, and the Editor in Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*, we include information on our upcoming World Meeting in Ottawa and a call for proposals for the 2024 World Meeting to be held outside of North America.

Then, I present news about ISRA: a note about the return of our free and virtual ISRA speaker series, a call for members to contribute a blog to our website, news about ISRA members, an announcement of the 2022 ISRA Young Investigators, and some new/forthcoming special issues that may be of interest.

Next, a call for applications for an Early Career Research Award in Bullying Prevention. Finally, you will find the ISRA Flyer that is designed to describe our Society, increase our exposure, and attract new members; **be sure to share this flyer with your colleagues and students.**

In closing, please remember that our goal for the *Bulletin* is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work. This will be my final *Bulletin* and I have greatly appreciated you sharing your updates and news, which has made my position as North American *Bulletin* editor much easier over the last four years. Special thanks to Katja Bertsch, outgoing European *Bulletin* editor for her leadership and assistance over the past four years. I look forward to continuing to serve ISRA as Treasurer for the next two years. Please email me to be announced *Bulletin* editors with any materials you would like to include in the next issue. I look forward to seeing many of you in Ottawa next month!

Best wishes,

-Jamie

A Message from Our President Eric Dubow



Dear ISRA Colleagues and Friends,

In just a few weeks, it is with great excitement that we'll be convening IN PERSON for our World Meeting in Ottawa, Canada (July 18-22). Thanks to the local organizers, Tracy Vaillancourt, Patti McDougall, and Shelly Hymel, who have been hard at work to organize a meeting that will be our first since 2018! I also want to thank the Scientific Program committee members for all their work in reviewing submissions: Katja Bertsch, Paul Boxer, Alex Burt, Brad Bushman, Tom Denson, Ken Dodge, Karin Osterman, Jamie Ostrov, Tracy Vaillancourt, Wayne Warburton, and Michele Ybarra. Thanks also to Andre Melzer who headed up the Student Travel Awards committee, Dom Parrot and Tom Gumpel who headed up the Young Investigators committee, and Irene Vitoroulis for chairing the Lagerspetz Awards committee. It takes a lot of moving parts to organize a meeting of this scope, so it is important to recognize that it takes a village and to say that we are indebted to those who make this happen. My admiration and appreciation go out to all of you.

I have greatly enjoyed serving a term as ISRA President. Among my top goals were mentoring the next generation of aggression researchers, broadening the research topics that ISRA covers, and encouraging large-scale research collaborations. We've made significant progress in the first two goals. With a strong Young Investigators program and with a change in the dues structure to encourage early career researchers to join ISRA, especially those from under-represented geographic areas around the world, we are clearly doing a good job of mentoring the next generation; our YI class is composed of young scholars from 8 countries! We have tried to broaden ISRA's research portfolio through our very popular winter Speaker Series, organized by incoming president Tracy Vaillancourt, and ensuring that our plenary speakers at the World Meeting represent diverse areas of aggression research. I would like to see ISRA continue making progress in these areas, and also to consider creative methods of forming large-scale collaborations among its members. I continue to be impressed by the steadfast work and flexibility our officers and council members for negotiating the difficult decisions during the last two-plus COVID years, and I'm really looking forward to seeing them in person to thank them! In the meantime, be healthy and stay safe! Hope to see you next month in Ottawa!

Best wishes,

Eric

A Message from our Executive Secretary, Dominic Parrott

May 2022



Dear ISRA Colleagues,

I will never forget my first ISRA World Meeting in 2008. I was a member of the first Young Investigator class and one of the few Assistant Professors in the group. Yet, I was still incredibly intimidated when I realized that the scholars whose work I had read over and over again for the past 10 years were in the same room as me at the Opening Reception. So my surprise and anxiety went through the roof when these same people, including Leonard Berkowitz, Rowell Huesmann, Deborah Richardson, and Ken Leonard, naturally started “regular” conversations with me. Later in the week, I walked into a relative empty, but large, room to sit down and relax for a bit, and Eric Dubow went out of his way to walk through the line of chairs, sit down, and ask if I was enjoying the conference (“How did he know my name?” I asked myself).

But this is the spirit of ISRA. It is the development and fostering of professional and personal relationships that cross borders and oceans and last a lifetime. It is the “bug” that bites many of us and keeps us coming back. And it is this spirit that compelled me to service as chair of the Lagerspetz committee in 2010, a Council member from 2010-2014, an organizer of the 2014 World Meeting in Atlanta, and the ISRA Executive Secretary for the past eight years. During that time, I am proud to have been part of the collective effort by ISRA’s Officers and Council Members to “bring ISRA into the 21st century” with a beautiful website and a social media presence (a special nod to Mike Potegal for initiating and collaborating on this effort), a membership structure designed to be accessible to all (a special nod to Karin Österman for providing the initial momentum for this initiative), an efficient membership management system (which would not have been possible without our dear friends at Science Sites), and a virtual speaker series (a special nod to Tracy Vaillancourt for overseeing this new initiative).

I have seen first-hand the many members who feel the same bond with ISRA, and so I am not at all surprised that ISRA has remained resilient in the headwinds of a global pandemic. There were challenging decisions to be made over the past two years and, most notably, ISRA decided to postpone its World Meeting – twice. A key motivation in this decision was that the ISRA World Meeting could not be replicated in a virtual format that has been adopted by so many other professional organizations. Indeed, we all know that the ISRA World Meeting is about *being there*. It is about the group conversations, the new people you meet, the old friends with whom you re-connect, and the stories you’ll tell later.

And so, after a long wait, we are ready for Ottawa. I’m always excited to attend a World Meeting because in a single week, I can learn from eminent scholars who span the full spectrum of research on aggression while also getting to catch up with friends and colleagues from around

the world. Yet, at the same time, I'm always mindful that there is someone attending ISRA for the first time and hopeful that I might be able to help connect them to this wonderful scientific society.

It's been one of my greatest professional pleasures to serve ISRA and, while I will turn over my post as Executive Secretary this July, I look forward to continuing my support of ISRA in the years to come.

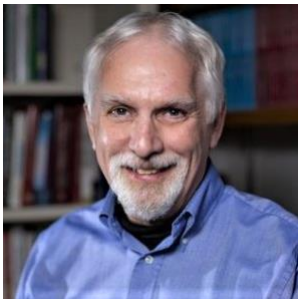
I look forward to seeing you in Ottawa!

Best Regards,

Dominic Parrott
Executive Secretary
International Society for Research on Aggression

An update from the Editor in Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR



Hello ISRA Friends and Colleagues,

Here is a quick update on *Aggressive Behavior*. I'm in the process of producing a much more detailed report that will be presented at the ISRA World Meeting in Ottawa this coming July. For now, there are several items that you may find of interest.

Our new Brief Reports type of article seems to be doing well. I believe that this type will allow us publish more studies of importance to our field. As projected in my December note, we had about the same number of submissions as in past years, 275 to be exact. We also handled 111 revisions. Many revised manuscripts required more than one revision, of course. We accepted 65 articles in 2021, for an overall acceptance rate of about 23%.

One of our Associate Editors—Professor S. Alexandra Burt—stepped down as an AE earlier this year because of other increasingly time-consuming commitments. On behalf of the Editorial team and all of ISRA, I thank Alex for her excellent service as an AE of the journal. Personally, I

greatly appreciate her advice on journal matters, her excellent work as an Associate Editor, and her many contributions to ISRA.

With the advice of the editorial team I asked Professor Barbara Krahe to step into the AE role. She graciously accepted the invitation and has been handling manuscripts for several months now. Most of you know Barbara from her many service roles for ISRA, prior ISRA meetings, her previous stint as an AE for our journal, and her incredible research record.

Our publisher, Wiley, announced that they have endorsed the [Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#) for all of its journals. As I understand it, this is a movement to reduce excessive reliance on average journal citation impact scores in making hiring, promotion, and other decisions. What exactly this means for *Aggressive Behavior* isn't clear, but over the next year or so Wiley's goals are summarized by the following portion of an email that I received from them on April 22.

"By becoming a DORA signatory, we are formally committing to these five recommendations for publishers (edited for brevity, but you can read them in full [here](#)):

1. Greatly reduce emphasis on the journal impact factor as a promotional tool
2. Make available a range of article-level metrics
3. Encourage responsible authorship practices and highlight the specific contributions of each author
4. Remove all reuse limitations on reference lists in research articles
5. Remove or reduce the constraints on the number of references in research articles, and, where appropriate, mandate the citation of primary literature"

Finally, now that the Brief Reports article type is in place the AEs and I are considering increasing the page limits for regular Research Articles. The idea is that doing so may encourage more submissions of large scale research, including multi-study articles, large meta-analysis studies, and so on. We will keep you informed as our discussions progress.

That's all for now. I hope to see many of you in Ottawa in July!

Regards,



Craig A. Anderson, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Editor in Chief: *Aggressive Behavior*

2022 ISRA World Meeting

The scientific and social program and other details on the 24th World Meeting (in Ottawa) are available on the conference website (<https://isra2022.ca>).

Please contact the local organizing team at isra2022@uottawa.ca should you have any questions.

Call for Proposals for 2024 ISRA World Meeting

Although the ISRA Council is understandably excited and focused on the 2022 World Meeting in Ottawa, we are already preparing for the 2024 World Meeting, which should be held outside of North America. We hope to have a final site selected by the end of this calendar year. Thus, if you are considering a proposal for hosting an ISRA World Meeting, please contact the ISRA Executive Secretary directly via email at parrott@gsu.edu. This is the “final call” for proposals to host the World Meeting! All final proposals will be due in Fall 2022.

ISRA Speaker Series will continue in 2022-2023!

The ISRA speaker series, which features leaders in the research of violence and aggression will continue again in 2022-2023. Look for an upcoming announcement for the continuation of this exciting, free virtual series (<https://www.israsociety.com/speaker-series>).

Contribute to the ISRA Website by Writing a Blog!

Our goal is for the ISRA website to become a nexus for interchange on aggressive behavior among scholars & researchers. We typically post 1-2 new blog posts per month, the links for which are then disseminated via Twitter and Facebook. Indeed, ISRA has cultivated a growing audience on these social media platforms whom we can reach immediately. Blog length can range from several paragraphs to a page or more. Please see <http://www.israsociety.com/blog/> to see the archive that continues to grow!

ISRA is open to our members’ ideas about the topic of a proposed blog post. We respect your time and want this contribution to be of minimal burden to you. So, we would suggest that you not prepare something completely new; rather, it should be a blog that is relatively easy for you to write, based in works you have already published, etc. (it can even be in collaboration with a colleague or a student). In the end, it should be a piece that would be easily digestible by scholars and the public. For those of you who might wonder, “How do I write a blog?” – well, we can even provide you with a blog about how to write a blog!

If you are interested, please contact ISRA Executive Secretary Dominic Parrott at parrott@gsu.edu and let him know a topic that would work well for you and a month during the upcoming year that you would like to submit it for dissemination on the ISRA website.

Some recent ISRA blog posts worth reading (or reading again!):

[Hollywood's love of guns increases the risk of shootings – Both on and off set.](#) By Brad J. Bushman and Dan Romer

[Aggression in times of Covid-19: The social costs of the pandemic.](#) By Barbara Krahé

News About ISRA Members

Christopher Barlett indicates that he is leaving his position in the psychology department at Gettysburg College for a position in the Department of Psychological Sciences at Kansas State University starting this month. His new email will be cpb6666@ksu.edu. With the new change, he reports that he can start mentoring graduate students. So, he will be accepting graduate students starting in the Fall 2023 school year.

Sheri Bauman is now officially Professor Emerita of Counseling in the College of Education at The University of Arizona. She plans to continue writing and research as well as attending international conferences.

Brad Bushman was selected as recipient of the 2022 Morton Deutsch Conflict Resolution Award of the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Division of Peace Psychology, American Psychological Association.

Douglas Gentile was named a “Distinguished Professor” in 2022, which is the highest academic honor at Iowa State University and recognizes “a faculty member whose accomplishments in research or creative activities have had a significant impact on their discipline nationally or internationally and who has demonstrated outstanding performance in at least one other area of faculty responsibility.”

Jamie Ostrov will be funded by the NIH to conduct a new 5-year RCT using a teacher-coaching model of a social and emotional skills program for preschoolers that targets forms of aggression, peer victimization, and bullying that he and his colleagues developed. He will likely be hiring a post-doctoral fellow and several postbac staff as well as mentoring new PhD students in clinical psychology at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. Those that are interested may reach out via email (jostrov@buffalo.edu) and read more [here](#) in the coming months.

Michael Potegal reports that he has officially retired from the University of Minnesota in January 2021, reports a paper in press in Psychological Reports describing a new approach to analyzing levels of aggression escalation in health care workplaces. Mike will be presenting his ideas about the phenomena and physiology of non-angry aggressive arousal in people and other

animals at the upcoming ISRA meeting in Ottawa. Among other projects, he has also begun an ethological/game theoretic inquiry into dyadic street fights depicted in online videos. As he says, “Retirement is relative!”.

2022 ISRA Young Investigators

ISRA is pleased to announce the 2022 cohort of Young Investigators. The nine YI’s will receive partial monetary support to attend the ISRA World Meeting in Ottawa and also participate in a tailored program at the World Meeting that includes a preconference workshop, meetings with senior aggression scholars, and networking opportunities. The 2022 YI Program will be Co-Chaired by Tom Gumpel and Dominic Parrott.

Erinn Acland: Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Psychoeducation and Department of Educational Psychology, University of Montreal and McGill University, Canada

Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill: Assistant Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, United States

Ana Bravo Castillo: Doctoral Student, Social and Legal Sciences, University of Cordoba, Spain

Karolina Dyduch-Hazar: Doctoral Student, SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland

Lena Hofhansel: Postdoctoral Researcher, RWTH University Hospital Aachen, Aachen, Germany

Gretchen Perhamus: Doctoral Student, Clinical Psychology, University at Buffalo, United States

Anna Pham: Junior Defence Policy Officer, Sexual Misconduct Response Centre, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Alisson Pinto de Almeida: Doctoral Student, Life Systems Biology, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

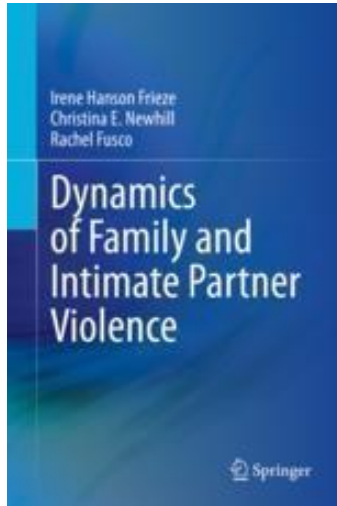
Travis N. Ray: Doctoral Student, Social and Health Psychology, Oakland University, United States

Elizabeth Summerell: Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Samuel West: Postdoctoral Scholar, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States

Recent Books by ISRA Members

Irene Hanson Frieze has co-authored a new book entitled “Dynamics of Family and Intimate Partner Violence” published by Springer in 2020.



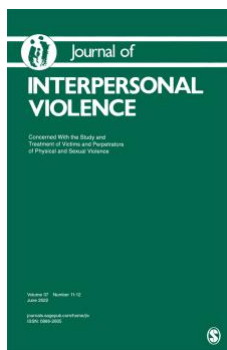
The book provides a research-based analysis of the dynamics of several types of violence in families and close relationships, as well as a discussion of theories relating to the experiences of victims. Drawing on recent research data and case studies, they examine causes, experiences, and interventions related to violence in various forms of relationships including children, siblings, older adults, and dating or married couples. The topics covered include:

- Causal factors in aggression and violence
 - Theories of survivor coping and reactions to victimization
 - Interventions for abused women and children
 - Other forms of family violence: elder abuse, sibling abuse, and animal cruelty
 - Societal responses to abuse in the family
- How such dynamics manifest in actual clinical cases

Dynamics of Family and Intimate Partner Violence is a resource for those in the fields of psychology, social work, counseling and sociology, tying together theory and real-life case studies. For more information, please see <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030426064>

Recent and Forthcoming Special Issues

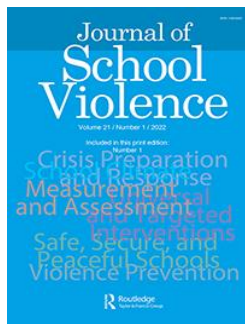
A recent special issue on “Bullying and its linkage to other forms of violence” was published in May 2022 (volume 37, issues 9-10) in *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.



Guest editors were Jun Sung Hong, Dorothy L. Espelage, and Jamie M. Ostrov

Table of contents and on-line articles may be found here:
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jiva/37/9-10>

A special issue on “School violence/bullying in China” appeared in the *Journal of School Violence* in April 2022.



Guest editors were Jihong Solomon Zhao and Hongwei Zhang.

Online article are available: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wjsv20/21/1>

A forthcoming special issue on “The Legacy of Dan Olweus” will be published in 2022 at the *International Journal of Bullying Prevention*.



Guest editors are Susan Limber and Kyrre Breivik.

Learn more here:

<https://www.springer.com/journal/42380/updates/19180838>

**Early Career Research Award in Bullying Prevention:
Call for Nominations!**

Call for Applications!!

2022 Alberti Center Early Career Award

The Early Career Award supports our mission to reduce bullying abuse in schools and in the community by contributing knowledge and providing evidence-based tools to effectively change the language, attitudes, and behaviors of educators, parents, students, and society.

The award, a plaque and \$1,000, will recognize an individual who has made exemplary scholarly contributions to the field of bullying abuse prevention and conducted research that has the potential to influence practice and policy.

For application procedure and eligibility requirements, please visit our website at <https://ed.buffalo.edu/alberti/research/early-career-award.html>

Distinguished Scholarly Contributions to Bullying Abuse Prevention Application Deadline:
July 15th, 2022 at 11:59pm ET



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGGRESSION

Founded in 1972

ISRA: an Interdisciplinary Society

ISRA, the International Society for Research on Aggression, founded in 1972, is an international interdisciplinary, organization dedicated to the study and dissemination of information on the causes and consequences of aggressive behavior and violence in all of its forms and contexts.

The Social Burden of Violence

The human capacity for aggressiveness and violence inflicts a considerable burden on society. Obviously, it can lead to death and immediate physical injury, but it also creates long-term physical and emotional disabilities. In addition, violence has a profound effect on those who witness it, such as the families and communities of the victims. Moreover, it impairs the ability of communities to address important public health issues, such as infectious diseases, malnutrition, urban decay, and environmental hazards. Violence and aggression often prevents the delivery of critical public services, such as emergency management and education. Such effects on society tend to exacerbate the very adverse social conditions that promote aggression, facilitating a vicious circle, with violence as a crucial factor.

home page: <http://www.israsociety.com/>

ISRA's Core Mission

Effectively addressing violence and aggression, whether it be child abuse, domestic violence, homicide, terrorism, sexual violence, or civil wars, requires a sustained focus by international scientists. *ISRA's principal mission* since 1972 is to show that aggression and violence, as well as alternative ways to resolve conflicts, can be successfully studied using scientific methods.

Members, Meetings and Media

- *ISRA* members gather for *World Meetings* every other year on alternating continents.
- All members receive a complimentary electronic subscription to *Aggressive Behavior*, the official journal of *ISRA*.
- Members receive the *ISRA E-Bulletin*.

From Understanding to Solutions

Finding solutions to the pervasive consequences of aggression, requires a multidisciplinary approach. To understand the complex causes, our research addresses brain and other physical processes that underlie the human capacity for violence and the psychological processes that facilitate violent actions. Strategies providing alternatives to violence are studied together with the social factors that serve to promote or prevent violent behavior. Importantly, students of aggression studies are increasingly moving beyond the simple awareness of new results in other disciplines, to develop important research approaches that span multiple disciplines. As a result, novel areas of synergy and convergence between different disciplines and methodologies emerge. *ISRA meetings* and media provide the forum and the multidisciplinary audience.

Join ISRA & Turn page! ►

A Multidisciplinary Society

ISRA is home to virtually all scientific disciplines interested in aggression and violence, such as psychology, neuroscience, anthropology, animal behavior, endocrinology, primatology, psychiatry, genetics, pharmacology, sociology, and criminology. Joining **ISRA** will help you to reach the right audience for your own research. Its meetings provide an optimal forum to learn about novel concepts and advances in other fields. Members enjoy reduced registration fees at **ISRA meetings**.

Awards

- Each World Meeting the **John Paul Scott Award** is presented to a scientist with a distinguished lifetime contribution to aggression research.
- **Presentation Awards** are granted to young scientists for excellence in presentation of original research to a multidisciplinary audience.

The ISRA Logo

The ISRA logo reflects our intention to advance the understanding of a deeply rooted behavior. The humanoid figure in the logo was modified from a petrograph called "the warrior" on the Minnesota-Ontario border¹⁾. The figure seems to express the ambivalent human attitude towards aggression. The figure faces us, a spear in its left hand, reflecting potential to kill. The tip of the spear points downwards, so the weapon is not about to be thrown. The right hand is up and open, a stop-signal in many cultures, and often a

signal of peaceful intent. The heart-shaped body expresses force and human's emotional nature.

¹⁾ M Furtman, *Magic on the rocks* (2000) ISBN: 0-916691-02-0

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Membership

ISRA has four kinds of members:

- **Fellows** are scientists working in any biological, psychological or social science on problems of aggression.
- **Associates** are scientists or professionals supportive of the Society's goals but who are not actively engaged in aggression research.
- **Student members** are graduate or undergraduate students nominated by a Fellow of the Society.
- **Life Fellows** are chosen on a significant lifetime record in aggression research.

Joining ISRA

In order to join the society, please visit the ISRA webpage at:

<http://www.israsociety.com/membership/>

Current dues for Fellow and Associate members are \$60.00 per year. ISRA provides free membership to students, early career investigators, and other applicants who reside in lower- and middle-income countries as defined by the World Bank.

If you have any questions please contact ISRA Executive Secretary Dominic Parrott at parrott@gsu.edu

Updated Information see *ISRA home page*.

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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10982337>