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About SRCD: What is the Student and Early Career Council?

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Did You Know? The SRCD has 14 active standing and operational committees, composed of approximately 150 members. Each committee has its own charge from SRCD's Governing Council and generates its own activities. In the coming months, watch your inbox to learn more about the initiatives of our committees, their dedicated members, and how each contributes to a more vibrant SRCD and to advancing child development research. We begin by spotlighting the Student and Early Career Council (SECC).

Marc H. Bornstein, President and Laura N. Namy, Executive Director

The Student and Early Career Council (SECC): Engaging the Future Generation

SRCD's Student and Early Career Council (SECC) is dedicated to increasing the involvement of students and early career professionals in the governance and decision-making of the organization.

The Student and Early Career Council appoints a voting member to each of the standing committees including the Governing Council, lending their voices and unique perspectives on the value of current initiatives and helping to shape future directions of the Society. SECC representatives also participate in planning the invited program for the Biennial and the largely early-career focused Zigler Policy preconference. The Zigler Policy Preconference, held the day before the Biennial, is an opportunity for developmental science researchers to connect with policymakers, and practitioners.

The current SECC is chaired by Guadalupe Espinoza (Professor, Child and Adolescent Studies Department, California State University Fullerton) and Natalia Palacios (Associate Professor, Educational Psychology and Applied Developmental Sciences Program, Curry School of Education, University of Virginia). See the full list of current SECC members.



The SECC members at their annual meeting in the new SRCD Headquarters in Washington, DC in December 2018

The SECC offers:

- **Dissertation Research Funding Awards** to recognize dissertation projects that show strong potential to contribute to the field of child development. Ten winners are awarded $2,000 each to help fund their dissertation projects. Recipients are recognized at the Biennial. The new call for applications will come in February. Follow SRCD on Twitter and Facebook for additional announcements about this opportunity.
- **Coffee Hours at the Biennial:** At the 2017 Biennial Meeting, SECC sponsored a hospitality suite where students and early career scholars enjoyed refreshments and networked with SRCD members. SECC committee members hosted 15 coffee hours on topics ranging from strategies for pursuing academic jobs to how to discuss topics of equity and justice in the classroom. Be on the lookout for new coffee hour events at the 2019 Biennial – or propose one yourself. Send your idea or otherwise contact the committee at secc@srcd.org.

Ways to get involved:
Are you an early career member?

- Volunteer to serve on the SECC: Nominations will be considered in 2018. Stay tuned.
- Keep an eye out for information on Coffee Hours at the 2019 Biennial Meeting in Baltimore.
- Suggest your own Coffee Hour topic for the 2019 Biennial Meeting by e-mailing secc@srcd.org.

Are you a more senior member?

- Engage with students and early career members at the Biennial (they will have SECC ribbons on their nametags).
- Direct your students and younger colleagues to the SECC website.
- Like and share SRCD social media posts on Twitter and Facebook with your relevant networks.
- Participate in SECC-sponsored coffee hour sessions at the Biennial.

Interested in learning more? Contact the SECC at secc@srcd.org.