Dear PMIGers:

It is time once again to make plans to attend this year's Person Memory Interest Group meeting, prior to the SESP conference in Forth Worth, Texas. Our meeting this year will be held at the Stagecoach Convention Center in Salado, Texas, which is within a couple of hours' drive south of Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport. Situated alongside the historic Chisolm Trail, the Inn dates back to the 1860s and has had, among its guests, General George Custer, Robert E. Lee, Sam Houston, and the James brothers. In recent times a modern hotel and convention center have been built next to the original inn. In addition, the area provides ample opportunities for recreation. To learn more, go to Google and enter stagecoach inn, salado, texas.

Last year's conference, at the Whispering Pines Conference Center in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, was a superb meeting at an excellent facility in a beautiful setting -- we couldn't have asked for more. The 45 people who attended heard some excellent talks on a variety of topics relating to social cognition. A major highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Thomas M. Ostrom Award for the year 2003 to Susan Fiske. This award will be presented annually at our meetings.

As is our tradition, the program sessions will be held all day Wednesday (October 13) and on Thursday morning (October 14). After lunch on Thursday we'll leave for the SESP convention in Fort Worth. However, we strongly encourage people to arrive on Monday (October 11) if possible, to enjoy a full day Tuesday of exploring the outdoors, sightseeing, talking with long-time friends, getting to know newcomers to our meetings, and general informal activity. This aspect of our schedule has become a valued hallmark of PMIG meetings and people find that it's much more than a day of relaxation; it's also a time of merging science with nature, of informal sharing of ideas, of learning about others' research in one-to-one conversations, etc.

Accommodations. Costs of attending PMIG will be noticeably lower this year than in the last few years. We have reserved a block of rooms, at the rate of $70 per night (plus taxes) for EITHER a single or double room (rooms have twin double beds). Deluxe rooms (single or double) are also available at $89 per night. Thus, if you share a room, your housing cost will be as low as $35 per night (plus taxes). If you wish to share a room, on the attached reservation form you can indicate a preference for a roommate, but please confirm that arrangement with that person prior to sending in your reservation. If you wish to share a room but do not have a specific person in mind, the organizers will assign roommates within gender.
Meals. Unlike previous years, this facility cannot bill meal costs to individual room accounts. Therefore, we have arranged a standard meal package beginning with dinner on Tuesday night and extending through lunch on Thursday. The costs for these six meals will total $90 and will be included in the registration fee. People arriving on Monday and prior to dinner on Tuesday will pay cash for any meals before Tuesday dinner. Also, unfortunately, due to local liquor laws we will be unable to have our customary hospitality room. Drinks can be purchased at the hotel bar.

Registration Fee. The registration fee this year will be $110. This fee includes $90 for six meals, as described above, plus $20 to cover other costs associated with putting on the conference. Please send your registration fee check, made out to PMIG, to Dave Hamilton no later than September 1. (Non-U.S. residents who do not have easy access to U.S. funds can pay the fee in cash at the conference.) Receipts for the registration fee will be available at the conference.

The registration deadline is September 1, 2004. This deadline is firm because we must provide the hotel a final count of participants. If we do not have your registration information by September 1, there may not be a room for you at PMIG!

Travel and Arrival. Salado, Texas is on Interstate Highway #35 between Fort Worth and Austin. The registration form asks you to indicate your day and time of arrival at the Dallas/Fort Worth airport (if you are arriving by other means, please indicate). As always, we need people to share rides from the airport to the conference site, so please indicate (a) if you are planning to (willing to) rent a car or (b) if you will need a ride. As in the past, we will try to provide information on arrival day and time so people can coordinate transportation. Note: In the past, many people have not provided their flight arrival information on their registration forms. If you haven't booked flights by the time you mail your registration form, please email Dave and/or Eliot once you know your schedule.

Presentations. The registration form asks you to indicate whether you would like to speak at this year's meeting. We typically have more requests to speak than we have time slots on the program. As in the past, the organizers will select speakers according to a sophisticated algorithm that incorporates many complex factors and reflects the organizers' immense combined wisdom and experience. We will let you know whether or not you are selected for this year's program as soon as possible. Although graduate students are welcome to attend PMIG, they are not invited to make presentations. Both a data projector for PowerPoint presentations and an overhead projector will be available for speakers; if you need additional equipment, please let us know on the registration form.

Questions? If your questions are not answered in this letter or at the PMIG website http://www.indiana.edu/~soccog/pmig.html, email either of us to ask.
We hope to see you at PMIG '04! Remember to complete your registration form, along with a check for $110.00 made out to PMIG, and to mail them to Dave no later than September 1.

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I will arrive on:    ____ Monday, October 11
                    ____ Tuesday, October 12
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Time:______________________
Airline & flight number: ____________________________
____ I will rent a car at the airport and can provide rides for others
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Please indicate any special dietary requirements (e.g., vegetarian, no red meat, food allergies):
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I would like to give a presentation:  Yes _____   No _____  (No presentations by graduate students)
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Please provide a 2-3 sentence summary on an attached page.
Audio/visual equipment needed:
____ Overhead projector
____ PowerPoint
____ Other audio/visual needs _______________________________

Return this form with a check for $110 (payable to PMIG) by September 1 to:
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