

The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) 2006 Conference Call

TASP is a multidisciplinary organization whose purpose is to promote the study of play, to support and cooperate with other organizations having similar purposes, and to organize meetings and publications that facilitate the sharing and dissemination of information related to the study of play. TASP publishes a regular, extensive newsletter that includes book reviews, research updates in different disciplines, and other information. TASP also publishes Play and Culture Studies on a regular basis. Website: www.csuchico.edu/kine/tasp/

TASP's broad focus includes many disciplines and scholarly interests, including animal behavior, anthropology, the arts and humanities, biology, communication, cultural studies, education, folklore, history, kinesiology, musicology, occupational science, philosophy, psychology, recreation, and sociology.

The theme of the 2006 conference is "The Power of Play." Theoretical and research papers or discussion panels on any play topics are accepted. Proposals on the following topics are especially encouraged: forms of play, governmental/educational policies concerning play, play as therapeutic intervention, play with all age groups, cross-cultural studies, animal play, play with diverse populations, and theoretical frameworks for understanding play.

In 2006, TASP is pleased to announce that the meeting will be held May 17 to 21 at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada with an opening "all delegates" reception at the University on the evening of Wednesday May 17, 2006. Also note that the conference sessions will finish early afternoon on Saturday May 20, but Monday May 22 is the "Victoria Day" holiday, and all on-campus accommodations are available until Tuesday May 23 at the discounted rates for conference participants.

Submission of proposals for papers, panels, and symposia must be received by January 13, 2006. Proposals will be accepted after this date only if space is available. Notices of acceptance will be sent by January 31, 2006.

Details on the "Call for Submissions" (Papers and/or Panel Discussions) appears later in this message. For information about submission of a proposal, consult the website or contact:

Dr. Ann Marie Guilmette, First Vice-President, and 2006 TASP Conference Chair, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University, 500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1, Canada, Phone: 905-688-5550, Ext. 3124; Fax: 905-984-4843; E-mail: aguilmette@brocku.ca

Website for TASP is <http://www.csuchico.edu/kine/tasp/>

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Note: To receive the reduced conference registration rate for delegate MEMBERS, you must be a member “in good standing” with the organization. Information about Membership RATES appears later in this call. Membership dues are payable by December 31, 2005. For information about TASP membership, consult the website or contact:

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Registration and accommodations/meals will be on-line through Brock University, and available in 2006. Information about registration and accommodation/meals RATES appears later in this call.

Attached is the Call for Submissions (Papers and/or Panel Discussions), and the Brock University Conference Services Accommodations/Meals, and Registration information.

CALL FOR PAPERS

32nd Annual Meeting Conference

The Association for the Study of Play...TASP

May 17-21st, 2006

Brock University (St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada)

Submission of proposals for papers, panels, and symposia must be received by January 13, 2006. Proposals will be accepted after this date only if space is available. Notices of acceptance will be sent by January 31, 2006.

Proposals are encouraged from all academic disciplines and may include:

- **Individual papers** (which will be grouped by themes). Time limit is 15 minutes.
- **Symposia:** Presentations that focus on a specific topic and that involve presenters/**discussant(s) from different investigative positions or groups. A symposium involves integration of findings rather than individual reports. Time limit is 60-90 minutes.**
- **Panels:** Up to 4 papers organized by a central theme, beginning with a brief statement about the theme and ending with a discussion period. Time limit is 60-90 minutes.
- **Roundtables:** Informal presentations of student research, research in progress, pilot studies, and play-oriented programs. Presenters will be able to discuss their research with a small group of interested people for 20-30 minutes.

Please Note: Send the information requested by the appropriate cover sheet (see attached) and a 100-150 word abstract of your proposal on disk (Microsoft Word, as the preferred format) to Dr. Ann Marie Guilmette, 2006 TASP Conference Chair, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University, 500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1, Canada, Phone: 905-688-5550, Ext. 3124; Fax: 905-984-4843; E-mail: aguilmette@brocku.ca
E-mail submissions are acceptable and can be in the form of a regular e-mail message or as an attachment to aguilmette@brocku.ca.

Individual Paper Proposal Deadline for submission is January 13, 2006

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip and: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____
 Position: _____
 Institutional affiliation: _____
 Co-author(s) Name _____ Institution _____
 Name _____ Institution _____
 Name _____ Institution _____

Paper Title: _____

Specify any scheduling needs (see choices below) for your paper when you submit your session. We will try to accommodate your requests.

Individual paper presentation (30 minutes each); will be organized into themed sessions
Preferred format (Check all that apply):

Early Morning (Before 10:30 a.m.) _____ Morning (10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon) _____
 Afternoon (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) _____ Late Afternoon (4:00-6:00 p.m.) _____
 Early Evening (6:00-8:00 p.m.) _____ Late Evening (8:00 to 10:00 p.m.) _____

Thursday (May 18) _____ Friday (May 19) _____ Saturday (May 20) _____

Audiovisual needs: (Circle what you need)

Overhead projector 35mm slide projector

VCR/DVD w/ monitor Power Point projector

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Abstract
(Insert 100 to 150 word)

Symposium/Organized Panel Deadline for submission is January 13, 2006

Session organizers should submit one copy of this form along with one copy of each participant's:

- 100-150 word abstract

Submit the coversheet and abstracts on disk (Microsoft Word format preferred) or via e-mail. If you submit these forms by e-mail, send the registration forms for all participants by mail (postmarked by January 13, 2006).

Name of session: _____
 Session Chair(s): _____
 Institutional Affiliation(s): _____
 Discussant(s): _____
 Institutional Affiliation(s): _____
 Participant: _____
 Title: _____
 Participant: _____
 Title: _____
 Participant: _____
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 Participant: _____
 Title: _____

Submitted as Part of pre-planned organized session? Yes _____

Name of session organizer _____

Specify any scheduling needs (see choices below) for your group when you submit your session. We will try to accommodate your requests.

Preferred format (Check all that apply):

- symposium (90-120 minutes per session) _____
- panel (90-120 minutes per session) _____
- roundtable discussion (60-90 minutes per session) _____

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TASP REGISTRATION, AND ACCOMMODATION/MEALS FEES

Please NOTE that PAYMENT for registration, and accommodation/meals fees will be on-line and is payable in CANADIAN FUNDS.

Given the expense of exchanging and transferring currencies, presenters from International destinations countries (other than Canada and the USA), will not be required to pay their registration fees until they arrive, but on-line registration will be required in advance.

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Name: _____
 Position: _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail _____

TASP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES (You must register on-line through Brock University’s conference services. On-line registration will be available in the new year).

Check the appropriate category below:

	Amount
_____ TASP MEMBER.....	\$110.00.....\$ _____
_____ Delegate NON-MEMBER.....	\$125.00.....\$ _____
_____ RETIREE or PAST-PRESIDENT.....	\$75.00\$ _____
_____ STUDENT.....	\$55.00\$ _____

(Proof of full-time student status required.)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION \$ _____

Cancellation Policy: If it is necessary for you to cancel and you contact conference before March 1, 2006, your conference fee will be refunded to you with a deduction of a \$25.00 processing fee.

Registration will be available on-line. Participants can pay with a bank draft check or credit card (IN CANADIAN FUNDS) made out to/payable to Brock University. Mailed registrations will be sent to: Marie Reimer, Conference Services Planner, TASP Conference May 17-21, 2006, Brock University, 500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1, Canada, Phone: 905-688-5550, Ext. 3860; Fax: 905-688-2110; E-mail: mreimer@brocku.ca

Accommodation/Meals (NOTE: All rates are in Canadian funds)

On-Campus

Delegates attending The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) can enjoy the convenience and comfort of on-campus accommodation in Brock's clean, comfortable and air-conditioned modern residences, Allan Earp Residence. There will be a registration area in the Earp Residence lobby.

All guest arrivals are directed to the Vallee Residence Front Desk to check in for accommodation. Conference staff is on-hand in the Vallee Residence at the Front Desk 24hrs/day for guest check in and assistance.

Allan Earp Residence

Accommodation at Brock University is CDN **\$50.00 per person, per night**, plus GST & PST. This rate **includes** an all-you-can-eat buffet style breakfast each morning and complimentary overnight parking in "M" lot. Reserve your accommodation at Brock when you enter our on-line registration area. Delegates wishing to arrive one day earlier or stay later than the scheduled Conference may do so by indicating their designated arrival and departure dates in the specified field.

Additionally, conference delegates can purchase lunch (all-you-can-eat buffet style) on each of Thursday (May 18), Friday (May 19), and Saturday (May 20). There will be NO dinner services available on-campus. Nevertheless, delegates will be provided with a listing of local restaurants and food services options, and there is a taxi company (Five-0) that will take you (or a group) anywhere in St. Catharines or Niagara Falls for just \$5.00 Canadian funds.

Hotel Reservations – need also to be arranged through the Brock University Conference Centre

Hotel reservations for The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) can be made at the Four Points Sheraton Suites at the special conference rate of **\$119.00 per room per night**, plus GST & PST. Only a 10-minute walk from Brock University, Four Points Sheraton features an on-site restaurant and wine bar, indoor pool, sauna and whirlpool, complete fitness centre and complimentary parking. All suites feature telephone with free local calls, television, in-room movies, coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. If you are bringing a partner, family, or several members interested in sharing accommodations, then reservations at the Four Points is highly recommended.

You may make your hotel reservations on-line by choosing the link provided on our accommodation page, or contact them toll-free at 877-848-3782. If you reserve by telephone, please mention that you are attending The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) being held at Brock University to receive the special conference rate. A credit card is required to make a reservation.

Reservations may be made until **March 31, 2006** at this special rate.

Travel

By Car

Driving instructions to Brock University and a campus map are available at <http://www.brocku.ca/communityservices/conference/directions.html>

By Train

St. Catharines is serviced directly by VIA Rail.

By Bus

St. Catharines is serviced directly by bus service from Toronto and Buffalo.

By Air

Pearson International Airport – Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Buffalo Niagara International Airport – Buffalo, New York, USA

Niagara Airbus

We recommend Niagara Airbus as the designated ground transportation for airport transfer to and from Brock University. Niagara Airbus is Niagara Region's only provider of 24-hour, door-to-door shuttle service. They provide excellent, on-time service with professional, qualified and courteous drivers. Niagara Airbus serves the Pearson International Airport, Hamilton Airport (exclusive service only), and Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

Registrants can reserve Niagara Air Bus transportation at <http://www.niagaraairbus.com> or contact them directly at (905) 374-8111.