

# SPDG Newsletter

Student Professional Development Group-IAFP

## What is SPDG?

The overall goal of the IAFP Student PDG is to bridge the gap between food safety professionals and students. The Student PDG accomplishes this goal by offering networking opportunities for both students and professionals, encouraging and maintaining an active student membership population within IAFP, and serving as the voice for communicating the interests and needs of the student population to the IAFP executive board. In short, we seek to offer the most rewarding and enriching IAFP experience possible for students as they make the transition into a professional lifestyle.



## SPDG MISSION

The mission of the Student PDG is to provide students of food safety with a platform to enrich their experience as members of IAFP.



## Greetings from the Chair Jessica C. Butler

### Fellow SPDGer's!

The Annual IAFP meeting is finally upon us! Your student board has gone above and beyond the call of duty this year fundraising and organizing symposiums. I am truly sad that my term has come to pass, but know I am leaving you in the most capable hands. Chip, Anna, Jessica, Lorraine have put their blood, sweat and tears into making sure everything goes smoothly in Rhode Island, and I'm sure it will. Please be sure and pursue our booth, for Anna has designed a swell t-shirt that is sure to sell out in hours! Chip has been diligent in his labor to create a symposium that is sure to knock your socks off and will most likely get a standing ovation (I'm going to tell everyone there was one anyway). And dear Jessica Chen has fundraised her heart out for the good of the social and luncheon and raised a whopping \$5,500! This year would not have been possible without Lorraine's devotion to the newsletter, her efforts produced some of the best newsletters I've ever seen. Be sure and turn out for as many events as you can for we are the future of IAFP. I look forward to seeing you in years to come and welcome to Providence, Rhode Island home of IAFP 2012!

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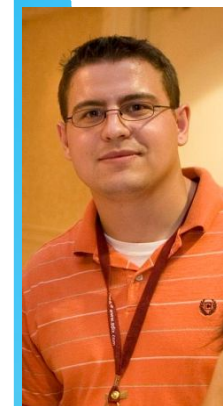
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## 2012-2013 SPDG Board Members



Clyde "Chip"  
Simmons Manuel  
**SPDG Chair**

Chip earned his B.S. in Food Science and Technology at Clemson University, his M.S. in Animal Science at Colorado State University. Currently, he is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food Science at North Carolina State University.



Aaron Pleitner  
**SPDG Vice-Chair**

Aaron earned his B.S. in Honors Food Science at Purdue University, his M.S. in Food Science and Technology at the University of Alberta. Currently, he is a Ph.D. student at Purdue University.



Gretchen Nagel  
**SPDG Social Chair.**

Gretchen Nagel earned her B.S. in Microbiology and Poultry Science, Processing & Products from Auburn University. Currently, she is a M.S. student in the Department of Poultry Science at Auburn University.



Pardeepinder Kaur  
Brar  
**SPDG Treasurer**

Pardeepinder Kaur Brar earned her B.S. in Agriculture from Punjab Agricultural University Punjab, India, her M.S. in Food Science at the University of Florida. Currently, she is a Ph.D. student at the University of Florida.



Sarah M. Markland  
**SPDG Secretary**

Sarah earned her B.S. in Animal and Food Sciences, and her M.S. in Food Science at the University of Delaware. Currently, she is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food Science at University of Delaware.



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Stop by the SPDG booth in the Exhibit Hall and get this T-shirt designed by Anna our Treasurer.  
Cost \$20.00.

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## Do not forget our Student sponsored Symposium

The Student PDG is hosting a symposium at the IAFP 2012 annual meeting in Rhode Island, entitled ***Tales from the Food Safety World: A Collection of Extraordinary Stories From Our Profession***. This symposium will showcase a collection of interesting and exciting stories from the food safety world. It will be an interactive symposium and chosen speakers will present topics from a variety of areas within food safety. Topics will be presented in a manner that may "gross" attendees out, will provide multiple opportunities for "I didn't know that!" moments, and will encourage audience participation, all leading to a very engaging symposium.

### Conveners

Clyde Manuel (North Carolina State University), and Dawn Terrell (Bentley Instruments, Inc., Chaska, MN).

### Speaker Information and Tentative Presentation Titles

1. The Case of the Numb Nuts: Unsavory Toxins in a Savory Snack Food, **Paul Hall**, AIV Microbiology & Food Safety Consultants, Inc, Overland Park, KS.
2. Tales from BarfBlog: Weird Stories from the Front Lines, **Benjamin Chapman**, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.
3. Behind Kitchen Doors: Tales From Your Local Health Inspector, **Jeannine Riess**, Environmental Health Services, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
4. Tales from the Chicken Coop: Case Studies in *Salmonella* Reduction in Poultry Plants, **Scott Russell**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
5. Spicing Up *Salmonella* Diversity: Reflections from Studies in Mexico and Honduras, **Mindy Brashears**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.
6. Taking One for the Team: A Historical Perspective on Human Challenge Studies, **Mark Carter**, Independent food safety consultant.

Do you want to meet other student members of the SPDG and have a great time?

## Do not miss our Student Mixer!

Join us and have a great time! We will have nifty door prizes donated by the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences NC State University. **Where?:** 555AB of the Rhode Island Convention Center. **When?:** Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This year, our mixer is sponsored by the International Center for Food Industry Excellence (ICFIE) at Texas Tech. We would like to thank other contributions made by: British Association Food Protection Association, California Association of Dairy and Milk Sanitarians, Florida Association for Food Protection.

## Student Luncheon

This will be a great and exciting opportunity! Having lunch with other students, mingling with the SPDG board and IAFP executive board, and finally receiving a very good advice on How to make the most out of your IAFP meeting. The Student PDG meeting will immediately follow the luncheon.

**Where:** Rotunda, Rhode Island Convention Center

**When:** 12:00-1:30pm, Sunday, July 22 2012

**Speaker:** Don Schaffner, Rutgers University

**Topic:** Making the most of your IAFP meeting: Tips for students.

## Did you miss the webinar?

The webinar "Making the most of your IAFP annual meeting" is now available to view for free on the IAFP Website. Here is a direct link <http://www.foodprotection.org/files/members/making-the-most-of-your-iafp-annual-meeting-tips-for-students-and-first-timers/>. We hope you find the content useful as you prepare for the IAFP annual meeting.