

## Who we are...

The Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER) is a professional organization dedicated to the practice of epidemiology of reproduction, pregnancy, infancy, and childhood. The objective of the Society is to foster pediatric and perinatal epidemiologic research and is comprised of members from academia, local, state, and federal government, and the private sector. The Society was formed in 1988 and holds an annual meeting each June, immediately preceding the meeting of the Society for Epidemiological Research (SER). The work presented at SPER's annual meeting represents the cutting edge of research in pediatric and perinatal epidemiology.

## Student Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in reproductive, pediatric, and perinatal research. Students are especially encouraged to apply and student membership in SPER can provide networking opportunities, facilitation of ideas, and promotion of student projects and thesis work. Members receive the SPER quarterly newsletter as well as an annual subscription to the journal. Membership applications can be downloaded from <http://www.sper.org>.

- ! Student membership is only \$20
- ! Eligibility for the SPER Student Prize Paper Award
- ! Discounted admission to the Annual Meeting
- ! Opportunity to network with leading researchers in the field

## Student Advanced Methods Workshop

SPER, SER-SC, and the ASA Statistics in Epidemiology Section will be jointly sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on Advanced Methods in Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology on June 22 2009, 3:30-6:30 pm, jointly hosted by the ASA Statistics in Epidemiology Section and preceding the first session of the SPER Annual Meeting. Students and junior and senior investigators are invited to attend this three hour session that includes presentations on emerging methodologic research. The presentations for this year's workshop are: Sander Greenland & Ari Lipsky on Bayesian perspectives for epidemiological research and Stephen Cole & Daniel Westreich on marginal structural models. Articles and additional materials that accompany these presentations will be available online prior to the workshop. Pre-registration for students (i.e., those no more than one year since completing doctoral/post-doctoral work) is only \$40 and \$75 for non-students. On-site registration is \$60 for students and \$100 for non-students (cash/check only). Be sure to register for the workshop when you register for the annual meeting.

## For more info...

Visit our web site at <http://www.sper.org> , or contact us directly. For questions about student involvement contact Andrea Deierlein at [andread@email.unc.edu](mailto:andread@email.unc.edu) or Amy Branum at [zvl5@cdc.gov](mailto:zvl5@cdc.gov).



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## SPER Future Annual Meetings

June 22-23, 2010  
Seattle, WA

June 20-21, 2011  
Montreal, QC

