

PREFACE

The theme of the 2013 Physics Education Research Conference was “From Fearing Physics to Having Fun with Physics: Exploring the Affective Domain of Physics Learning from Multiple Perspectives.” This conference highlighted research across physics, cognitive science and mathematics education that demonstrated the role of affect in science education. The conference brought together roughly 276 participants who participated in talks, poster sessions, workshops, and round table discussions.

In addition to the papers by presenters in the invited sessions, many contributed papers in this volume also address this year’s theme. The remainder of the papers represent the diversity of directions within PER and help this volume fulfill its purpose of providing an annual snapshot of the field. This year’s PERC Proceedings also includes an invited paper that was inadvertently not included in last year’s Proceedings. Our apologies to Zahra Hazari, Robynne M. Lock, Cheryl A. P. Cass, and Carrie Beattie for this oversight.

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