Having the opportunity to participate in Psychonomics is important to my professional development as an academic for several reasons. Attending this conference provides me with the opportunity to present my research on an international scale. This is valuable experience, as it allows me to receive feedback on my work from experts in the field, gain experience sharing and communicating the impact of my work to a diverse audience, and gives me exposure to new and emerging trends within the field of cognitive science. Importantly, this conference provides me with an excellent opportunity to network with other researchers in the field, as I will have the opportunity to make connections with experts, and connect with other graduate students conducting related research, which opens up the possibility of collaboration on future products. Finally, as a senior graduate student who is nearing graduation, these networking opportunities will be of increased importance, as I will be actively on the job market during the time of this year’s meeting. Thus, attending this year’s Psychonomics will provide me with invaluable opportunities to both network with potential employers and to learn about potential openings in my field that may not be posted online.