

Midwestern Psychological Association



84th Annual Meeting; May 3-5, 2012 Palmer House, Chicago CALL FOR PAPERS

MPA will begin accepting proposals for papers, posters, and symposia for its annual meeting on September 1st.

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A preliminary list of psychologists giving invited talks and addresses is inside.

Spend three days in Chicago this spring sharing your research, learning from others, and meeting new colleagues from across the Midwest and the world.

Submit online at www.midwesternpsych.org.

Submissions will be accepted until Monday, November 7, 2011.

Highlights:

- Invited Addresses from leading researchers
- Invited Symposia in social, cognitive, clinical, & developmental psychology, and neuroscience
- Statistics workshops
- Teaching lectures, workshops, and discussions
- *Psi Chi* program for undergraduates

Invited Addresses



Linda Bartoshuk, University of Florida, APS Past-President, Director of Human Research, Center for Taste and Smell, expert in the genetic variations of taste perception and how taste affects physical health.



John Dovidio, Yale University, Intergroup Relations Lab, studies social power and social relations between groups and individuals; editor of the *Sage Handbook of Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Discrimination*.



Alice Eagly, Northwestern University, former MPA President, social psychologist, and leading researcher on the psychology of gender, prejudice, prosocial behavior, and socio-political attitudes.



Diane Halpern, Claremont McKenna College, former President of the APA and the Society for Teaching of Psychology; author of many books including *Sex Differences in Cognitive Abilities*.



Richard McNally, Harvard University, expert on anxiety disorders, advisor to DSM-V, recipient of distinguish scientist award from the Society for the Science of Clinical Psychology, author of *What is Mental Illness?*



Rebecca Treiman, Washington University in St. Louis, recipient of NICHD and NSF grants investigating children's early knowledge of letters and spelling in deaf children.

MPA Presidential Addresses



Mary Kite, Ball State University, MPA President, author of *The Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination*, will give the Presidential Address on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 3:30PM.

APA Distinguished Scientist Lecture



Leona Aiken, Arizona State University, will give the APA Distinguished Scientist Lecture. Dr. Aiken is an expert in quantitative methods and health psychology, especially health-related behavior and aging.

Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker



James Pennebaker, University of Texas-Austin, will give the *Psi Chi* Distinguished Speaker Address. Dr. Pennebaker explores the links between traumatic experiences, expressive writing, natural language use, and physical and mental health

Society for the Teaching of Psychology: Invited Addresses

Douglas Bernstein, University of South Florida
If I'd Only Known: Ten Important Things No One Told Me About Teaching

Dana S. Dunn, Moravian College, *Teaching as Positive Uncertainty: Reflections and Directions*

Mitchell M. Handelsman, University of Colorado Denver, *Positive Ethics and Positive Teaching*

Neil Lutsky, Carleton College, *Psychological Literacy and its Dis-Contents*

Statistics Workshops

INTRODUCTION TO DOING BAYESIAN DATA ANALYSIS



John K. Kruschke, Indiana University Bloomington, 5-time winner of the IU Teaching Excellence Recognition Award, will present a 2-hour introductory workshop. Details may be found [here](#).

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ITEM RESPONSE THEORY TO PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH



Holmes Finch, Ball State University is back at MPA! He will present a hands-on, introductory workshop on item response theory for psychologists wanting to incorporate IRT into their research.

Invited Symposia

Brain Plasticity and Behavior

Russell Brown, Steven Harrod, Michael Hoane, & Wayne Pratt

Succeeding at Math: Cognition, Development, and the Classroom

Sian Beilock, Clancy Blair, David Geary, & Bethany Rittle-Johnson

How to Reach a Goal: Lessons from Research on Self-Regulation

Christina M. Brown, Kentaro Fujita, Wilhelm Hofmann, Allen McConnell, Daniel C. Molden

Professional Development

APA will sponsor two panel discussions:

- How to Publish: Advice from the Experts
- Academic Careers: Landing the Right Job

Invited Talks

Bruce D. Bartholow (U Missouri)
Effects of violent video games on brain and behavior

Monica Biernat (U Kansas)
Communicating & interpreting impressions of others

Jason C. K. Chan (Iowa State)
Testing can increase or reduce eyewitness suggestibility

Joan Chiao (Northwestern)
Cultural neuroscience

John Columbo (U Kansas)
Nutrition and the development of cognitive function

Matthew A. Cooper (U Tennessee Knoxville)
Understanding the biological basis of resiliency

Joshua Correll (U Chicago)
On the flexibility of attention to race

Jennifer Crocker (Ohio State)
The self in relationships

Jonathon D. Crystal (Indiana U)
Rodent models of episodic memory

Tracy DeHart (Loyola U Chicago)
Implicit self-esteem and positive non-verbal relationship behaviors

Mesmin Destin & Daphna Oyserman (Miami U)
Beliefs that STEM careers impede communal goals: Content, causes, and consequences

David Dunning (Cornell U)
Why we trust: Evidence from economic games

Stephen B. Fountain (Kent State)
Nicotine as neurobehavioral teratogen

- Steven L. Franconeri (Northwestern)
Flexible perception of spatial relationships
- David A. Gallo (U Chicago)
Distinctiveness and the law of false memory suppression
- Abigail H. Gewirtz (U Minnesota)
Parenting, trauma, and children: What do we know and what can we do?
- Christine A. Gidycz (Ohio U)
Engaging men in sexual assault prevention efforts
- William Graziano (Purdue U)
Opponent processes in prosocial behavior
- Jennifer S. Hunt (Buffalo State C.)
Character evidence across the color line: How jurors use character evidence and stereotypes when determining guilt
- Richard E. Lucas (Michigan State)
New research on adaptation to life events
- Dan P. McAdams (Northwestern)
The psychology of George W. Bush
- Karen J. Mitchell (Yale U)
Cognitive & neural bases of episodic memory
- Charlene L. Muehlenhard & Zoe D. Peterson (U Kansas & U Missouri - St. Louis)
What happened? A match-and-motivation model of how individuals label their experiences
- Mary C. Murphy (U Illinois Chicago)
Cognitive costs of subtle vs. blatant racial prejudice during interracial interactions
- Lora E. Park (U at Buffalo, SUNY)
Romantic goal pursuit affects women's interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
- Craig D. Parks (Washington St U)
Displeasure with people who do good things
- Jodie M. Plumert (U Iowa)
Mother-child communication about location: Are mothers attuned to children's skills?
- Bradley R. Postle (U Wisconsin)
Revisiting the role of "activity" in working memory
- Brady Reynolds & Millie Harris (Ohio State)
Impulsive decision-making and treatment response for rural Appalachian adolescent smokers
- Kimberly Rios (U Chicago)
Compensatory nonconformity: Self-uncertainty and implicit self-esteem increase minority opinion expression
- Tamera Schneider (Wright State)
Effectively persuade healthy behaviors
- Todd K. Shackelford & Viviana A. Weekes-Shackelford (Oakland U)
Risk of death or life-threatening injury for women with children not sired by the abuser
- Daniel R. Strunk (Ohio State)
Cognitive biases and the process of change in cognitive therapy for depression
- Christopher J. Trentacosta (Wayne State)
Parents' self-regulation and their children's behavior problems
- John A. Updegraff (Kent State)
Framing messages to promote healthy behavior
- Matthew Vess (Ohio U)
Foundations of meaning: Death-relevant thought, unambiguous structure, and the experience of meaning in life
- Aaron L. Wichman (Western Kentucky U)
Uncertainty and religious reactivity: Uncertainty compensation, repair, and inoculation

Who Can Present?

Members of MPA whose dues have been paid for the current year, including those who complete their application for membership by November 7, 2011, may present papers, posters, and symposia.

Nonmembers may present if their submission is sponsored by a member or if a coauthor is a member. There is no need for a sponsor if at least one of the authors is an MPA member.

Undergraduates presenting their own research should submit to the Psi Chi Program (see [website](#)).

Who Can Become a Member?

Membership is open to anyone with a doctorate in psychology or to any graduate student in psychology who is endorsed by an MPA member. You can apply online at midwesternpsych.org.

Undergraduates are not eligible to be members of MPA, although their attendance at the meeting is encouraged.

How Much Does it Cost?

Registration for the annual meeting is FREE for MPA members.

Regular membership is \$45. Graduate student membership is \$20. Undergraduates can register for the conference in advance for \$21. Membership and advanced registration is less expensive than onsite registration.

How Do I Submit?

Submit online at www.midwesternpsych.org. Follow the link under the “Meeting” tab. Detailed instructions appear online.

Can I Organize a Symposium?

Yes! MPA strongly encourages the submission of symposia. Contact your colleagues and organize a symposium around a topic that interests you.

The Program Committee prefers to see symposia that address empirical and/or theoretical scientific work by several scholars organized around a central theme. Good symposia typically provide diverse perspectives on a topic by people from multiple institutions. The Program Committee tends not to favor symposia submitted by authors from a single institution or symposia which address professional issues.

Symposia are submitted online like papers and posters. The symposium organizer should obtain an abstract from each participant before submitting his or her symposium proposal.

Can I Moderate a Paper or Poster Session?

Yes! We encourage any regular MPA member to volunteer to moderate a paper or poster session. It is very easy to do and it is a great service to MPA! Instructions for moderators are on the [website](#). Email the Program Moderator, Bill Merriman, to volunteer: mpaprogram@kent.edu.



Chicago Shine by Monika Thorpe

Where Can I Stay?

Please support MPA and stay at the Palmer House. We have been working hard to keep Palmer House costs down.

Please reserve a room through the MPA website or call the Palmer House and indicate that you are staying for the MPA meeting to obtain the special conference rate. Staying at the Palmer House helps keep the meeting costs low.

All rooms booked at the conference rate will have free internet. A limited number of low-cost rooms will also be reserved for students. Full hotel information will be available in January on the [MPA website](#).

How Else Can I Help MPA?

Invite a colleague to submit or attend the conference with you!

Consider serving as an MPA local representative. Local reps recruit new members and help colleagues and students with the submission process. See the list of local reps on the [website](#); if your institution does not have one, contact the Local Rep Coordinator, Elaine Blakemore: blakemor@ipfw.edu.

Ask your favorite book/journal publisher or professional organization to sponsor a booth at the meeting or ad in the program. For information and rates, contact the Convention Manager, Phil Finney: pfinney@semo.edu.

Who Do I Contact with Other Questions?

Please contact the MPA Secretary, Robert Weis, at mpa@denison.edu.

Affiliated Meetings:

MPA is pleased to support several affiliated meetings during its conference.

Undergraduates may present posters describing their research in the *Psi Chi* program.

The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP) and APA Division 27: Society for Community Research and Action seek submissions for their affiliated programs.

Information about submitting to *Psi Chi*, and the affiliated STP and Division 27 meetings may be found on the [website](#).

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