

MIDWESTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR PAPERS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 Meeting, April 30 - May 2, 2009, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, IL

NOTE: ALL ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

You will find instructions at www.midwesternpsych.org – click on submissions

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 1, 2008

ELIGIBILITY: Members of MPA whose dues have been paid for the current year including those who complete their application for membership by November 1, 2008, may present papers and posters and organize symposia. Nonmembers (graduate students and faculty) may present a paper if the paper 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 should submit to the Psi Chi Program (see below).

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in MPA is open to anyone with a doctorate in psychology or to any graduate student in psychology who is endorsed by an MPA member. An application can be downloaded from the MPA website at www.midwesternpsych.org. Undergraduates are not eligible to be members of MPA, although their attendance at the meeting is welcomed. Convention registration is included as part of membership dues for members and is \$50 for nonmembers (\$22 for nonmember students in advance; \$25 onsite).

DUES: Dues are \$45 for one year or \$120 for three years. Dues for graduate students are \$20 a year. If you owe dues for the current year (July 2008-June 2009), you will receive a letter indicating that dues are owed in the fall mailing. Make your check or money order payable to the Midwestern Psychological Association, Inc., and send to Mary E. Kite, Department of Psychological Science, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306. You may also pay dues online with a credit or debit card at www.midwesternpsych.org/membership.html.

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LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES: If your institution does not have a local representative (see the list on the website), and you would like to help recruit new members to MPA and help colleagues and students with the submission process, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at mpa@bsu.edu. If you have been a local rep for some years and would like to serve as the local reps coordinator, email the Secretary-Treasurer for further information.

EXHIBITS AND GENERAL CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS: Correspondence should be sent to the Convention Manager: Dr. Phil Finney, Department of Psychology, Southeast Missouri State University, One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701. Phone: (573) 651-2452; fax (573) 651-2176; email: pfinney@semo.edu.

THE PROGRAM BOOK: The Program will be posted in PDF format on the MPA website in February and program books will be available to everyone who attends the meeting.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PROGRAM MODERATOR: The Program Moderator for the 2008 meeting is Dr. Catherine Haden, Department of Psychology, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626 USA, Direct Phone 773.508.8226, Fax 773.508.8713, email: mpaprogram09@luc.edu.

All abstracts must be submitted online. The guidelines for electronic submission can be found on the website (www.midwesternpsych.org/submissions.html). If electronic submission poses a particular hardship, please contact the Program Moderator, Catherine Haden (see above) no later than October 1, 2008.

Submitters will create a unique id or will use their APA login. Please note: **DO NOT use the same login as a colleague, professor, or student** unless all decision notices should go to the same email address; simply create your own independent login. The last contact email address entered is the one which will be used to send all acceptance notifications for that login.

All research submitted to MPA must comply with the *APA Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct* and must have been approved by the author's institutional review committee for research on human or animal subjects.

METHODOLOGICAL OR THEORETICAL PAPERS: The requirements for submission of methodological or theoretical papers are identical to those for research papers, except that paragraphs C through F of the abstract (see the website) may be modified.

WORD LIMIT: Papers submissions are limited to 400 words (excluding abstract and references). Submissions that exceed the 400 word limit will not be reviewed.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PAPERS: The Program Committee applies the following criteria to all papers, independent of content areas and whether the paper is an oral or poster presentation:

- (a) Does the submission meet the formal requirements of format and length?
- (b) Is the study of adequate quality and originality?
- (c) Are the data collection and analyses complete enough to present meaningful findings at the time of submission?
- (d) Is the abstract clear and informative?
- (e) Is the abstract within the word limit?

The study may be excellent, but unless this is conveyed in the abstract, the Committee has no basis for accepting it.

SYMPOSIA: MPA encourages the submission of symposia. The Program Committee tends not to favor intramural programs, homogeneous views, or professional issues; rather we prefer to see empirical and/or theoretical scientific work by several scholars integrated into a coherent symposium. Good symposia typically provide multiple perspectives on a topic by people from different institutions. No proposal can be considered unless all participants have notified the organizer of the symposium that they will participate. Symposia are to be submitted on the website. Choose the symposium link after you login, and follow the instructions. Please note that all presenters are required to provide an abstract of their presentations as part of the symposium submission process.

MODERATORS: Any MPA member who will be attending the convention may volunteer to moderate a paper session. If you would like to be a session moderator, contact Catherine Haden, mpaprogram09@luc.edu.

PSI CHI MEMBERS may present posters in the program section for that organization. Undergraduates in institutions with no Psi Chi Chapter may also submit posters through Psi Chi. The coordinator for this year's Psi Chi program is Dr. Betsy Morgan, Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601. Psi Chi papers are due by 5 pm on Monday, November 3, 2008. Further information is on the MPA website; follow the links to Psi Chi.