

# Western Psychological Association

## MUST SEE GUIDE

*April 27th-30th, 2023* Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, CA

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***Dear Psychology Students and Faculty,***

The Western Psychological association was founded in 1921 for the purpose of stimulating the exchange of scientific and professional ideas and, in so doing, to enhance interest in the processes of research and scholarship in the behavioral sciences. Now, more than ever, the science and practice of psychology have become even more relevant and important. We are excited to discuss new discoveries, ideas, and research this April with you all. The conference will begin on Thursday, April 27th, 2023, and conclude on Sunday, April 30th, 2023.

Sincerely,

The WPA Student Council Executive Committee

*Note: Every psychology program in the WPA area of the USA and Canada is eligible to have a student member of the WPA Student Council. Applications for the 2023-2024 Council will open on September 1, 2023.*

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<https://westernpsych.org/student-council/>

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# Meet the WPA Student Council Executive Committee

*The purpose of the WPA Student Council is to increase the value of WPA for all members, especially students, by providing services and programming in support of students, and by marketing the benefits of participating in WPA.*



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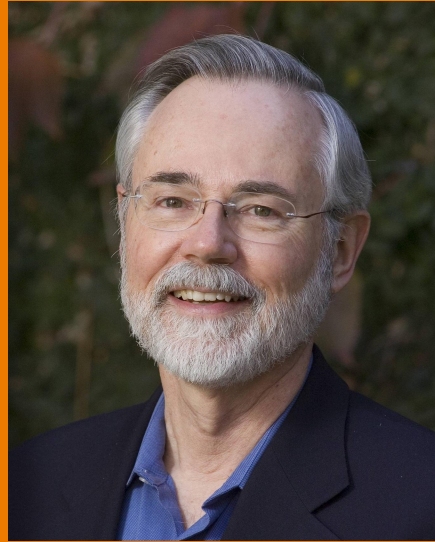
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# Navigating the Conference

- Set up a schedule of speakers you want to see
- Create list of potential questions to ask speakers
- Arrive 5-10 minutes early to sessions
- Take notes during the conference
- Ask questions
- HAVE FUN!

## Fun things to do in Riverside

- Van Buren Drive in Theatre and Swap Meet
  - Drive in movies daily, swap meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6am-2pm!
  - <https://vanburendriveintheatre.com/swapmeet/>
- Heritage House Museum of Riverside
  - <https://www.riversideca.gov/museum/heritagehouse/default.asp>
- Fairmount Park
  - <http://www.riversideca.gov/>
- The Cheech - Riverside Art Museum
  - <https://riversideartmuseum.org/visit/the-cheech-marin-center-for-chicano-art-culture/>
    - WPA has made an arrangement with the new Cheech museum for WPA members to get half off admission!

### ***Must See Events and Distinguished Speakers Key:***

Distinguished Speakers	Symposium	Workshop	Social Event	Conversation Hour
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## Thursday, April 27th, 2023

### *Must See Events and Distinguished Speakers*

8:00am-9:14am	Raincross Ballroom A & D	Colleen Brenner, Loma Linda University, Factors Affecting Physical and Mental Health in Individuals with Schizophrenia
8:15am-9:15 am	Exhibition Hall D	Antonia Biggs, UCSF, on Forecasting the impact of Dobbs v Jackson on the well-being of pregnant people and their children
10:00am-11:00am	Exhibition Hall D	Rebecca Covarrubias, UC Santa Cruz, Acts of resistance: Living and navigating paradoxes to reimagine academic spaces
11:30am-1:00pm	Ballroom	Aaron R. Seitz, University of California, Riverside and Susanne M. Jaeggi University of California, Irvine Introducing CHIRP – A Cognitive Health Initiative Research Partnership focused on student engagement and large-scale research opportunities
1:00-2:00pm	Ballroom	CHIRP Reception -have a cup of coffee and a cookie and discuss our Cognitive Health Initiative Research Partnership focused on student engagement and large-scale research opportunities!
2:00-3:00pm	Meeting Room 2	Conversation Hour with Belinda Campos of UC Irvine. Dr. Campos studies factors that promote high quality relationships, with a particular focus on understanding how sociocultural context shapes relationship experiences in ways that benefit health. <b>Chair: Brittany Kester</b>
2:00-4:00pm	Meeting Room 8/9/10	Introduction to structural equation modeling (SEM) which is one of the most commonly applied statistical approaches used in psychology to disentangle the relationships amongst multiple variables by Jessica Diaz of Claremont Graduate University
3:00-4:00pm	Exhibition Hall C	Jacqueline Chen of University of Utah to present on A Mirror to Society: What the Perceptions & Experiences of Multiracial People Reveal about the Country and the Field of Psychology
4:15pm-5:15pm	Exhibition Hall C	Insights for Relationships and Health from Latino Culture with Dr. Belinda Campos of UC Irvine
4:00pm-5:30pm	Exhibition Hall D	Come hear the 'Last Lecture' from four distinguished professors: Kim Barchard of University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Constance Jones of California State University, Fresno, and Gregory Feist, Professor San Jose State University
5:30pm-6:30pm	Upper Concourse	WPA Welcome Reception! Please join us for a wonderful reception! This is a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new friends

## Friday, April 28th, 2023

### *Must See Events and Distinguished Speakers*

7:30am-8:15am	Raincross Ballroom B&E	The WPA Student Council invites students to join them for breakfast! Get there before we run out of coffee and pastries!
8:15am-9:15am	Exhibition Hall D	Jay Bettergarcia of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo on Centering trans and nonbinary joy: Understanding minority stress while moving toward trans liberation and radical healing
8:30am-9:45am	Raincross Ballroom B & E	All students are welcome to come and get involved with the WPA Student Council
8:30am-10:30am	Meeting Room 8/9/10	HyeSun Lee of California State University Channel Islands on Fundamentals of Item Response Theory (IRT) and Applications of IRT Models for Measurement in Psychology
10:00am-11:00am	Exhibition Hall D	From the study of culture and diversity in psychology to an integrative framework for investigating health behavior and outcome with Hector Betancourt of Loma Linda University
10:45am-11:45 am	Exhibition Hall C	Cultural neuroscience and global mental health: A global agenda for mental health by Joan Chiao of the International Cultural Neuroscience Consortium
11:15am-12:15pm	Raincross Ballroom B & E	Conversation Hour with Hector Betancourt of Loma Linda University <b>Chair: Aleeza West</b>
12:00pm-1:15pm	Meeting Room 8/9/10	Psi Chi/Psi Beta: Come hear about the benefits of joining an honor society. Learn about the honor societies at different levels - community college and four-year institutions.
12:15pm-1:15pm	Exhibition Hall C	What Psychology Can Tell Us About Public Misunderstanding of Science: Challenges and Solutions from Gale Sinatra of USC
1:45 pm-2:45 pm	Exhibition Hall C	Steven Lopez of USC on Towards Reduction the Duration of Untreated Psychosis: Social Justice Considerations
1:30pm-2:30pm	Meeting Room 1	All students are invited to an informal conversation with Dr. Chaio. <b>Chair: Brittany Kester</b>
1:30-3:00pm	Raincross Ballroom D&E	Medical Student's Perceptions of an implicit bias workshop: IAT< Bias reduction strategies, and clinical care.
4:00-6:00 pm	Exhibition Hall D	WPA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Remarks
6:00-7:00 pm	Upper Concourse	Please join us to celebrate our WPA President and award winners!!

## Saturday, April 29th, 2023

### *Must See Events and Distinguished Speakers*

8:00am-9:15am	Raincross Ballroom A & D	Introduction to Intergenerational Trauma by Steven Del Chiaro of Santa Clara University
8:15am-9:15am	Exhibition Hall D	David Funder on Culture and Ethnicity in Psychological Research: Opportunities, Obstacles, and Surprises
8:00am-9:30am	Raincross Ballroom C & F	This symposium will cover three levels of interviewing: getting into graduate school, getting an internship/placement, and landing that first job! In-vivo interviews will be done to demonstrate the dos and don'ts of interviewing.
8:30am-10:30am	Meeting Room 8/9/10	An Introduction to Statistical and Causal Mediation Analysis by Amanda K. Montoya, PhD and Tristan Tibbe, of University of California, Los Angeles
9:00am-10:00am	Exhibition Hall C	Adolescents' Feelings of Belonging in Schools that Vary in Racial/Ethnic Diversity by Sandra Graham of UCLA
10:00am-11:30am	Meeting Room 4	Psi Chi Mentorship Session #1 Speed Mentoring with Clinical Psychology Graduate Students. . If you've ever wanted to sit down with a clinical psychology graduate student and pick their brain about graduate school, research, and clinical training, then this event is for you!
10:30am-12:00pm	Ballroom	<b>Presidential Symposium:</b> Dr. Delia Saenz of UC Merced on Healing and Empowerment through the daily practice of BDSM: Blessings, disruptions, social support, and mirrors
12:15pm-1:15pm	Exhibition Hall D	Beauty and Valor: Diverse Young Children's Adoption of Gendered Values by May Ling Halim of California State U. Long Beach
1:30pm-2:30pm	Exhibition Hall C	Bonnie Green of the National Science Foundation on The Theory of Triangulated Student Success
2:45pm-3:45pm	Exhibition Hall D	Improving Access to Evidence-Based Mental Health Services for Black and Latinx Youth Living in Under-Resourced Contexts: Challenges and Considerations by Miguel Villodas of San Diego State University
4:15pm-5:15pm	Exhibition Hall C	<b>Presidential Discussion</b> with Dr. Christina Maslach and Dr. Delia Saenz on Relevance of Burnout Across Time and Domains

## Sunday, April 30th, 2023

### *Must See Events and Distinguished Speakers*

8:15am-9:15am	Ballroom	Perceptual Learning in Support of Language: Insights from Infants and Cochlear Implants by Heather Bortfeld of UC Merced
8:15am-9:45am	Exhibition Hall D	A Pipeline Program for Training Clinical Psychology Students to work in Primary Care Settings in Underserved Communities Symposium by Patricia Flynn, Bridgette Peteet , and Kelly Morton of Loma Linda University
8:30am-10:30am	Meeting Room 8/9/10	Building Your First Machine Learning Models with Python statistics workshop by Chelsea Parlett-Pelleriti of Chapman University
9:30am-10:30am	Ballroom	<b>Continuing Education Credit Available!</b> Children’s Racial Attitudes & Parental Racial Socialization by Amber Williams of California Polytechnic State University, SLO
9:45 am-10:45 am	Exhibition Hall D	Reception following Pipeline Program Symposium. Please join us for coffee and snacks to continue our Pipeline Program discussion! All are welcome.
10:45 am-11:45 am	Ballroom	Addressing Implicit Bias in Health Care by Jeff Stone of University of Arizona

- *You can find useful information about WPA, the convention, and the WPA Student Council on the WPA web site:*
  - <https://westernpsych.org/>
- *Detailed program Information can be found here:*
  - <https://www.xcdsystem.com/wpa/program/dEgm5Mt/index.cfm?pgid=1408&RunRemoveSessionFilter=1>