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On behalf of Oregon State University, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association. We are honored to serve as the lead sponsor for this year's conference, bringing together scholars, students, and practitioners from our region and beyond.

At Oregon State, psychological science is central to our mission as a land-grant university: Advancing knowledge while improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Our faculty and students pursue research across a wide range of areas—including health, engineering psychology, science of teaching and learning, and clinical science—united by rigorous inquiry and real-world impact.

The School of Psychological Science is also deeply committed to student training and mentorship. Through undergraduate research opportunities, graduate programs, and community partnerships, we prepare the next generation of psychologists to contribute meaningfully in academia, healthcare, education, industry, and public service. Many of our students and colleagues are presenting their work at this meeting, and we are proud to see their contributions alongside those from institutions across the region.

The Western Psychological Association has long provided a welcoming venue for sharing ideas, fostering collaborations, and supporting emerging scholars. We hope that this year's meeting offers you opportunities to exchange perspectives, discover new research directions, and strengthen the professional community that sustains our field.

Welcome, and we wish you a stimulating and rewarding conference.

Sincerely,
Kathy Becker-Blease
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WPA PROGRAM BOOK ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

The WPA convention program book lists and briefly describes every activity at the convention. The convention activities and presentations include Distinguished Speaker Addresses, Symposia, Poster Sessions, Paper Sessions, Presidential Address, Receptions, and Exhibits.

WPA Speakers: Each year distinguished psychologists are invited to give presentations at WPA. This gives everyone an opportunity to hear the latest research findings and theoretical ideas from leading researchers. All convention attendees are welcome at the talks by the speakers. Also, conversation hours with students will be scheduled for some of the speakers.

Poster Session: In a poster session, 50 or more presenters display the highlights of their research studies as posters mounted on bulletin boards. Presenters stand by their posters as attendees stroll along the rows, reading the posters and discussing them with the presenters. These sessions give you the chance to meet active research psychologists and ask questions and discuss findings. Each presenter welcomes your interest and questions no matter who you are. This is also a good opportunity to find out about graduate and undergraduate programs at other colleges and universities from the presenting professors and their students. Don't be shy!

Symposium and Panel Sessions: Two or more authorities make brief presentations on a topic. After the presentations, there is usually time for commentary and discussion.

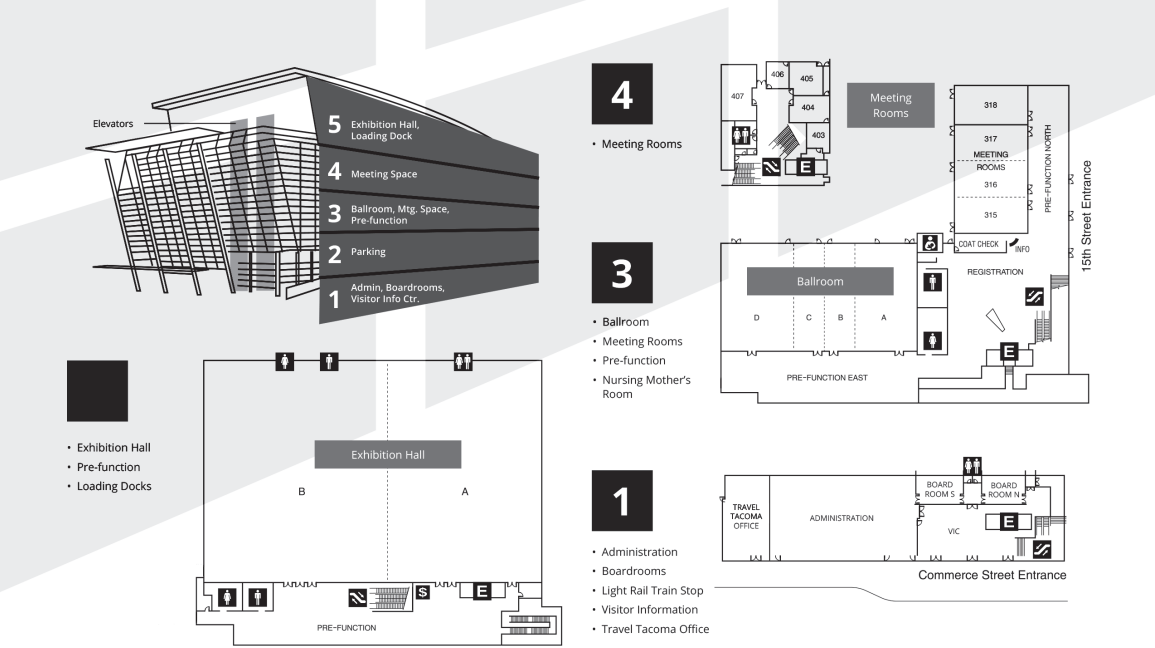
Paper Session: Each presenter in a paper session delivers a brief talk. Three or four papers are scheduled per session. After each paper is presented, or at the end of a session, the audience is given an opportunity to ask questions.

Exhibitors: During the convention, publishers, universities, psychology organizations such as Psi Chi and the American Psychological Association, and companies that have psychology-related merchandise and research tools, are located in the same large ballroom where poster presentations occur. Here you can browse through the latest books, see demonstrations of lab equipment, and talk with universities about their graduate programs. Be sure to stop in the booths that interest you and chat with the representatives. They appreciate your interest.

Receptions: Everyone is invited to receptions on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Conversation Hours: Students are invited to speak informally with distinguished speakers. All students are welcome.

GREATER TACOMA CONVENTION CENTER MAP



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH ROOM MATRIX

Meeting Room 316

8:00	
8:30	
9:00	<u>Teaching Conference Check In and Registration</u> 8:30 - 9:00 AM
9:30	<u>Introduction/Housekeeping</u> 9:00 - 9:15 AM
10:00	<u>Sustainable Professor: Strategies for Long-Term Joy in your Academic Career</u>
10:30	Ladonna Lewis 9:15 - 9:45 AM
11:00	Supporting Student Mental Well-Being Beyond Content Coverage
11:30	Sailesh Maharjan 9:45 - 10:45 AM
12:00	
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1:30	No Grant? No Problem: Creating Meaningful Undergraduate Experiences
2:00	Sierra Warner 1:15 - 2:00 PM
2:30	Play to Belong (P2B): Using Games, Comics, and Sandbox Play to Create Trauma-Informed Psychology Classrooms
3:00	Sara Roldan 2:00 - 3:00 PM
3:30	
4:00	Sci-Comm Needs More Psychology: Are You In?
4:30	Erica Kleinecht 3:15 - 4:15 PM
5:00	Awareness, Adaptation and Adoption of AI
5:30	Allison Vaughn 4:15 - 4:45 PM
6:00	<u>Evaluation/Badge Pickup</u> 4:45 - 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH ROOM MATRIX

	Exhibition Hall A	Ballroom A	Ballroom D	Meeting Room 316	Meeting Room 315
8:00	Poster Session 1 Social Issues 1 8:00 - 9:30 AM	Distinguished Speaker Jessica R. Dietch, Training providers in evidence-based treatments for sleep disorders 8:00 - 9:00 AM			Symposium Teaching with AI, Not Around It: Student Attitudes, Design Principles, and Practical Strategies 8:15 - 9:00 AM
8:30				Symposium Socioeconomic Context, Attribution-Emotion Processes, And Helping Among Healthcare Professionals: From Research To Intervention 8:30 - 10:00 AM	
9:00			Distinguished Speaker Gregory J. Feist, Origins of and Pathways to Scientific Success 9:00 - 10:00 AM		
9:30					
10:00	Poster Session 2 Health & Medical 1, Sexuality 9:45 - 11:15 AM	Distinguished Speaker Gerard Saucier, Cross- Culturally Applicable Models of Personality Variation 10:00 - 11:00 AM			Symposium The Mindful Psychologist: Practicing Mindfulness As Faculty, Teachers, & Therapists 9:15 - 10:45 AM
10:30					
11:00			Distinguished Speaker Steven M. Sanders, When Campus Climate Meets Psychological Science: A New Look at Student Well-Being 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Symposium Four New Findings on Culture, Technology, and Misunderstanding 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	WPA Early Career Award Address: Isabel Almeida, Understanding Perinatal Mental Health Among U.S. Latinas 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
11:30	Poster Session 3 Stress and Anxiety, Depression 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Distinguished Speaker Dr. Jennifer F. Beatty-Wright A Dynamic Approach to Intergroup Relations 12:00 - 1:00 PM			
12:00				Symposium The Use of Telebehavioral Health with Alaska Native Rural Residents: Provider Perception of Strengths, Limitations, and Effectiveness 12:30 - 1:30 PM	Symposium Dynamic Forces in Times of Crisis and Growth 12:45 - 1:30 PM
12:30					
1:00			Distinguished Speaker Daniel Bradford Reinforcing psychology's role as a hub science 1:00 - 2:00 PM		
1:30	Poster Session 4 Social Issues 2, Cognition/Conceptual Development 1:15 - 2:45 PM				
2:00		Distinguished Speaker Ivan Carbajal, Integrating Critical Consciousness into Psychological Research Training 2:00 - 3:00 PM		Statistics Workshop Jessica Fossum 2:00 - 4:00 PM	Symposium A Close Examination Of Assessment Techniques For Children And Adolescents 2:00 - 3:00 PM
2:30					
3:00	Poster Session 5 I/O, Applied, Psych and law, STP, International 3:00 - 4:30 PM		Distinguished Speaker Sabine Huemer Mindfulness with Nature: Simple Practice, Powerful Science 3:00 - 4:00 PM		Conversation Hour Ivan Carbajal 3:15 - 4:15 PM
3:30		Distinguished Speaker Rihana S. Mason, PhD, Weaving Research Contributions of Women of Color into Psychology Curricula 4:00 - 5:00 PM			
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5:00	Welcome Reception! Please Come! All Welcome!! Ballroom Lobby 5:00 - 6:00 PM				
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8:00	Symposium In Their Own Voices: Mental Health and Community Engagement of South Asian Youth and Young Adults 8:00 - 9:30 AM		Paper Session Multicultural Issues 1 8:00 - 9:00 AM	
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9:30				Paper Session Multicultural Issues 2 9:15 - 10:30 AM
10:00	Symposium Forensic Psychology in Practice: Advancing Justice & Equity in the Legal System 10:00 - 11:00 AM		Paper Session Climate Issues 9:45 - 10:30 AM	
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11:00			Paper Session Social Issues, Social/ Personality Processes 2 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
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12:30	Symposium Advancing Cultural Adaptations of Dialectical Behavior Therapy: Provider Perspectives, Practices, and Pathways to Equity 12:15 - 1:30 PM		Paper Session Evaluation/Measurement/ Research Methods 12:15 - 1:30 PM	Paper Session Development (General) 12:30 - 1:45 PM
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2:00	Symposium Exploring Career Paths in Psychology and Counseling 1:45 - 2:45 PM		Paper Session Clinical Psychology/ Psychotherapy I 2:00 - 3:00 PM	Paper Session Positive Psychology 1 2:00 - 2:45 PM
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3:00	Symposium Chronic Pain in Context: Exploring the Intrapersonal, Interpersonal, and Cultural Factors in the Psychology of Chronic Pain 3:00 - 4:15 PM		Paper Session Health/Medical Psychology 2 3:30 - 4:30 PM	Paper Session Stress and Anxiety 1 3:15 - 4:15 PM
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FRIDAY, MAY 1ST ROOM MATRIX

	Exhibition Hall A	Ballroom A	Ballroom D	Meeting Room 316	Meeting Room 315	
8:00	<u>Poster Session 6</u> Development (General), Information Processing, Humor 8:00 - 9:15 AM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Janet M. Peters Beyond the final exam: Developing courses with impact 8:00 - 9:00 AM			<u>Symposium</u> Adolescent Mental Health in Context: Risk, Resilience, and Socioecological Influences in the era of COVID-19 8:00 - 9:30 AM	
8:30						
9:00			<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Geoff Loftus, Perception and Memory: Applications to Real-World Events 9:00 - 10:00 AM	<u>Statistics Workshop</u> Oscar Olvera Astiva 9:00 - 11:00 AM		
9:30	<u>Poster Session 7</u> Psi Chi 9:30 - 11:00 AM				<u>Symposium</u> Psychotherapy Researchers' Attitudes Toward Various Research Practices: A Reminder of our Strengths, or a Canary in the Coal Mine? 9:45 - 10:45 AM	
10:00		<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Dr. Nancy L. Segal, Twins: The Science and the Fascination 10:00 - 11:00 AM				
10:30						
11:00	<u>Poster Session 8</u> Multicultural Issues 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM		<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Wesley Schultz, Scalable Solutions to Environmental Problems: Psychological Approaches at Work 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>Psi Beta/Psi Chi Chapter</u> Collaboration and Networking 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<u>Symposium</u> Student Leadership through Action: Innovative Clinical Projects, Public Scholarship, and Community Building 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
11:30						
12:00		<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Gabrielle P.A. Smith, Rooted Scholarship: Advancing Equity Through Research, Teaching, and Community Advocacy 12:00 - 1:00 PM			<u>Symposium</u> No Contact Is Not a Trend: ACEs, Adult Child Abuse, and the Psychology of Estrangement 12:15 - 1:15 PM	
12:30	<u>Poster Session 9</u> Social/Personality Processes 1 12:45 - 2:00 PM		<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Kim Meidenbauer, Burning Up: The Hidden Mental Toll of Rising Temperatures 1:00 - 2:00 PM	<u>Psi Chi</u> Graduate School Panel 1:15 - 2:30 PM	<u>Symposium</u> When Daily Discrimination Hurts: Emotional Pathways to Chronic Pain and Opportunities for Intervention 1:30 - 3:00 PM	
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2:00	<u>Poster Session 10</u> Evaluation/Measurement/ Research Methods, Life-Span Development, Brain Function/ Physiology/Electrophysiology, Attention, History & Philosophy 2:15 - 3:30 PM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Sapna Cheryan, A wide-angle lens approach to the study of stereotypes and bias 2:00 - 3:00 PM		<u>PT @ CC/CABE</u> <u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Inna Kanevsky 2:45 - 3:45 PM	<u>Symposium</u> Erosion of the Self: Dangers of AI We Don't Talk Enough About 3:15 - 4:00 PM	
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3:00			<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Leslie Davenport, Agency & Emotion: Leveraging Psychology to Make a Difference in Climate Work 3:00 - 4:00 PM			
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4:00		<u>WPA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address</u> 4:00 - 6:00 PM				
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6:00	Welcome Reception! Please Come! All Welcome!! Ballroom Lobby 6:00 - 7:00 PM					
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8:00				
8:30	<u>Symposium</u> What's Character, Anyways? Lessons from Research-based Assessments and Intervention Strategies in Christian Higher Education 8:15 - 9:45 AM	<u>Student Council Meeting</u> 8:30 - 9:45 AM	<u>Paper Session</u> Social Issues, Social/ Personality Processes 3 8:15 - 9:15 AM	<u>Paper Session</u> I/O and Applied Psychology 8:30 - 9:30 AM
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10:00			<u>Paper Session</u> Psychopathology 9:30 - 10:15 AM	
10:30		<u>Council of Reps Meeting</u> 10:15 - 11:15 AM		<u>Paper Session</u> Sensory Processes, Perception, Perceptual/ Conceptual Development 10:15 - 11:45 AM
11:00	<u>Symposium</u> Playing Your Own Game: Authentic, Strengths-Based Career Design in Psychology 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM		<u>Paper Session</u> Clinical Psychology/ Psychotherapy II, Depression 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	
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12:30		<u>Conversation Hour</u> Janet Peters 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM		<u>Paper Session</u> Social Issues, Social/ Personality Processes 4 12:15 - 1:15 PM
1:00	<u>Symposium</u> Sanctified Oppression: Patriarchy, Christianity, and Mental Health 1:00 - 1:45 PM	<u>PT @ CC/CABE</u> Teaching Take Outs: Student Engagement in challenging/difficult times 1:00 - 2:30 PM	<u>Paper Session</u> Educational and School Psych, Teaching II 12:30 - 1:45 PM	
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2:30	<u>Symposium</u> AI-Proof Assessments? Oral Video Exams and Automated Grading at Scale 2:00 - 2:45 PM		<u>Paper Session</u> Educational and School Psych, Teaching I, Motivation 2:00 - 3:00 PM	<u>Paper Session</u> Social Issues, Social/ Personality Processes 5 1:45 - 2:45 PM
3:00	<u>Symposium</u> Cura Personallis in Practice: Trauma-Informed Teaching in Jesuit Higher Education 3:00 - 4:00 PM			
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SATURDAY, MAY 2ND ROOM MATRIX

	Exhibition Hall A	Ballroom A	Ballroom D	Meeting Room 316	Meeting Room 315
8:00	<u>Poster Session 11</u> Psi Beta, Positive Psychology 8:00 - 9:30 AM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Kathleen Bogart Disability as a social identity protects against ableism 8:00 - 9:00 AM			<u>Symposium</u> Mentoring Diverse Students in Higher Education 8:00 - 9:30 AM
8:30					
9:00			<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Benjamin D. Rosenberg, Do not attend this talk: Thepsychology of autonomy restrictions 9:00 - 10:00 AM	<u>Statistics Workshop</u> Elizabeth Sanders 8:30 - 10:30 AM	
9:30					
10:00	<u>Poster Session 12</u> Human Learning & Memory, Animal Behavior & Learning, Language 9:45 - 11:15 AM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Gregory M. Walton, Becoming: Forging the Representations That Help Students and Teachers Spiral Up 10:00 - 11:00 AM			<u>Symposium</u> Authenticity Across Contexts: Exploring Identity, Beliefs, and Belonging 9:45 - 11:15 AM
10:30					
11:00			<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Kimberly A. Barchard, Censoring Distorts Correlations and Multivariate Correlational Techniques: Thankfully, There's a Solution 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>WPA Teaching Award Address:</u> ReCentering Psych Stats Lynette Bikos 10:45 - 11:45 AM	
11:30					
12:00	<u>Poster Session 13</u> Social/Personality Processes 2 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Jon A. Krosnick, You Know How to Design a Great Questionnaire, Right? Insights from 100 Years of Research on Best Practices Might Surprise You 12:00 - 1:00 PM		<u>Symposium</u> Exploring the Impact of Culture on Grief, Identity, Politics, and Neurodivergence 12:00 - 1:15 PM	<u>Symposium</u> Increasing the Joy of Teaching and the Depth of Learning 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM
12:30					
1:00			<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Kimberly Kahn, Policing post-George Floyd: Why racial bias (still) perpetuates policing interactions 1:00 - 2:00 PM	<u>Symposium</u> When Patients Talk to AI: Psychological Implications of Large Language Models in Healthcare 1:30 - 2:15 PM	<u>Symposium</u> My Credits May Transfer, but Will I? The Experiences of Transfer Students in Higher Education 1:00 - 1:45 PM
1:30					
2:00	<u>Poster Session 14</u> Health & Medical 2, Climate Issues, Sensory Processes 1:15 - 2:45 PM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Giovanni Ramos, Action through psychology: Clinical science and mental health equity 2:00 - 3:00 PM		<u>Symposium</u> Understanding Public Responses to Homelessness: How Empathy, Beliefs, and Social Interactions Influence Dehumanization 2:30 - 3:45 PM	<u>Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker</u> Daphna Oyserman, Identity-based motivation and making sense of difficulty 2:15 - 3:15 PM
2:30					
3:00			<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Yuichi Shoda, Rethinking Boundary Conditions: From Limits to Opportunities for Insight 3:00 - 4:00 PM		
3:30					
4:00	<u>Poster Session 15</u> Clinical Psychology/ Psychotherapy 2, Psychopharmacology, Counseling & Rehab, Substance Abuse 3:00 - 4:30 PM			<u>Symposium</u> Using Social Psychology for Broadening Participation in STEM 4:00 - 5:15 PM	<u>Psi Chi Chapter Exchange</u> 3:30 - 5:00 PM
4:30		<u>Last Lecture Series</u> 4:00 - 5:30 PM			
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8:00	<u>Symposium</u> Psychology in Action for Healthy Aging: Advancing Clinical, Cognitive, and Community Risk Detection Strategies 8:00 - 9:00 AM	<u>Full Board Meeting</u> 7:30 - 9:00 AM		
8:30			<u>Paper Session</u> Clinical Psychology/ Psychotherapy III, Substance Abuse, Depression 8:30 - 9:45 AM	<u>Paper Session</u> Gender-related issues 8:15 - 9:30 AM
9:00				
9:30	<u>Symposium</u> Teaching with Dynamic AI Avatars: Empirical Evidence and Pedagogical Applications 9:15 - 10:00 AM	<u>Distinguished Roundtable</u> Kathleen Bogart, PhD, <u>Disability & Advocacy Research Network</u> 9:15 - 10:15 AM		
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10:30	<u>Symposium</u> Depression, Stigma, and Help-Seeking Messages: Success is Possible 10:15 - 11:15 AM		<u>Paper Session</u> Brain Function/Physiology Electrophysiology 10:30 - 11:15 AM	<u>Paper Session</u> Clinical Psychology/ Psychotherapy IV, Counseling 10:15 - 11:15 AM
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11:30		<u>Psi Chi</u> <u>First Generation Mixer</u> 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	<u>Paper Session</u> Health/Medical Psychology 1 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	
12:00	<u>Symposium</u> Self-Compassion as a Protective Mechanism in College Student Mental Health Across Diverse Contexts 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM			<u>Paper Session</u> Stress and Anxiety 2 12:00 - 12:45 PM
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1:00	<u>Symposium</u> Decolonizing Perspectives Infused into Psychology Classes: An integration of the Student Voice 12:45 - 2:15 PM			<u>Paper Session</u> Positive Psychology 2 1:00 - 2:00 PM
1:30		<u>Conversation Hour</u> Jon Krosnick 1:15 - 2:15 PM		
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2:30			<u>Paper Session</u> Social Issues, Social/ Personality Processes 1 2:30 - 3:45 PM	
3:00		<u>PT @ CC/CABE</u> <u>Roundtable Discussion</u> 2:45 - 4:15 PM		
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4:00	<u>Psi Beta Chapter Exchange</u> 3:30 - 5:00 PM			
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SUNDAY, MAY 3RD ROOM MATRIX

	Exhibition Hall A	Ballroom A	Ballroom D	Meeting Room 316	Meeting Room 315
8:00	<u>Poster Session 16</u> Educational and School Psych, Teaching 8:00 - 9:30 AM				<u>Symposium</u> Self and Health: Topics in Wellness 8:00 - 9:00 AM
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		<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Vishnu 'Deepu' Murty, Encoding, Remembering, and Communicating Threatening Events 8:30 - 9:30 AM		Statistics Workshop Brian Flaherty 8:30 - 10:30 AM	<u>Symposium</u> Education 2.0: Leveling up learning with effective informal-learning techniques 9:15 - 10:30 AM
10:00					
10:30	<u>Poster Session 17</u> Clinical Psychology/ Psychotherapy 1, Psychopathology, Motivation 9:45 - 11:15 AM	<u>Conversation Hour</u> Vishnu 'Deepu' Murty 9:45 - 10:45 AM	<u>Distinguished Speaker</u> Sharon Tettegah, Why Machines Cannot Cry and Why It Matters 9:45 - 10:45 AM		
11:00					
11:30					
12:00					<u>Paper session</u> Sexuality 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

	Meeting Room 407	Ballroom B&C	Meeting Room 317	Meeting Room 318
8:00	Symposium Culturally Responsive Research Training: Faculty and Student Insights from Undergraduate and Doctoral Mentorship 8:00 - 9:00 AM		Paper Session Learning and Animal learning, Life-Span Development 8:15 - 9:30 AM	
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10:00	Symposium From Practicum to Practice: Building the Psychology Workforce for Underserved Communities 9:45 - 11:00 AM		Paper Session Social/Personality Processes, Psychology and the Law 9:45 - 10:45 AM	
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The Program Committee:

The primary function of the Program Chairperson is to plan and organize the invited portions of the program. This is a complex and demanding process that starts almost two years before a given convention, and one that assures an attractive and diversified program. This year, Regan Gurung accepted the challenge of serving as the Program Chair. Together with WPA President Gregory Feist, they have arranged a fantastic program that will provide each of us with an excellent and memorable convention. We thank them for their outstanding contributions to our association.

Teaching and Student Events:

In coordinating the planning and the organization of the Teaching and Student Events that enrich our program each year, we have had the opportunity and the pleasure of working with a number of dedicated people who are responsible for the excellence of this part of our program

Special thanks go to the following people whose creativity, resourcefulness, and dedication to the teaching/learning process led to the development of outstanding program events of special interest to psychology teachers and students.

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Thursday, April 30
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Ballroom Lobby

WPA Awards Ceremony & Presidential Address

Friday, May 1
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Ballroom A

WPA Reception

Friday, May 1
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Ballroom Lobby



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Non Member Professionals	\$275
Student	\$145

*Additional printed program may be purchased for \$5

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Two hour temporary Registration for Family Members and can only be registered on site. \$20

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Wednesday	4 pm - 8 pm
Thursday	7 am - 6 pm
Friday	7 am - 7 pm
Saturday	7 am - 5 pm
Sunday	7:30 am - 10:30 am

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The WPA student representatives have scheduled conversation hours following some of the presentations. Please join your colleagues for stimulating discussions with our speakers. Thanks to Dale Berger and the WPA Student Council for organizing the conversation hours.

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Thursday, 3:15 - 4:15 PM
Meeting Room 315

Janet Peters

Friday, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
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