

Division 8 Program

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

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Division 8 Invited Speakers

Recorded sessions
available for one year
on-demand.

A virtual poster hall
will also be available
with over 100
Division 8 posters.

Jack Glaser
UC Berkeley

Discretion and Discrimination in Law Enforcement

Police officers have considerable discretion in decisions they make. Social psychological science has showed that police hold race-crime stereotypes. Data demonstrates that when discretion is relatively high, racial disparities are more pronounced.

Ben Karney
UCLA

How Socioeconomic Status Facilitates and Constrains Intimate Relationships

This talk reviews a program of research that directly compares higher- and lower-income couples, revealing that some conventional wisdom about intimacy may not generalize beyond middle-class, college educated, mostly white samples.

Michael
Kraus
Yale
University

The Misperception of Racial Economic Inequality

This talk offers compelling evidence that Americans vastly underestimate racial economic inequality, especially the racial wealth gap. The motivational, cognitive, and structural factors that contribute to these misperceptions are discussed.

Jason
Okonofua,
UC Berkeley

A Case for Empathy: Application of Psychological Science in Real-World Contexts

This talk discusses research and structured field work to incite and sustain high quality relationships (e.g., teacher-student and officer-civilian) as a means to create contexts for better real-world outcomes (e.g., suspension rates, recidivism).

Membership facts:



- Members are in academia, private industry or government.
- Members are concerned with how individuals affect and are affected by other people and by their social and physical environments.

Division 8 Mission and Goals

- Dedicated to the fields of social and personality psychology.
- Advance the progress of theory, basic and applied research, and practice in the field of personality and social psychology.
- Activities for the division are organized and funded in part by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Inc.

About the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)



With over 7,500 members, SPSP is the largest organization of social and personality psychologists. Founded in 1974, the Society has the following mission:

Advance the **science, teaching, and application** of social and personality psychology.

Aspire to **understand individuals** in their **social contexts** for the benefit of all people.

Division 8 Leadership



Rudy Mendoza Denton, President



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Division 8 Council Representatives:

Eugene Borgida & Tomi Ann Roberts

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Division 8 Program Chair (2021):

Ludwin E. Molina

Mark Your Calendars

SPSP Annual Convention

February 2021 | Virtual

February 17-19, 2022 | San Francisco, CA

APA Annual Convention

August 12-15, 2021 | San Diego, CA

August 4-7, 2022 | Minneapolis, Minnesota