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.

Discretion and Discrimination in Law Enforcement
Jack Glaser  UC Berkeley
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.

How Socioeconomic Status Facilitates and Constrains Intimate Relationships
Ben Karney  UCLA
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.

The Misperception of Racial Economic Inequality
Michael Kraus  Yale University
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.

A Case for Empathy: Application of Psychological Science in Real-World Contexts
Jason Okonofua  UC Berkeley
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).
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.

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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