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Advancing LGBTIQ+ Research Across the Globe (new)
VIRTUAL, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The preconference on “Advancing LGBTIQ+ Research Across the Globe” is dedicated to the study of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and sex characteristics, and provides a forum for scholars doing research on these topics across the globe to present new findings, discuss future research directions, and consolidate and extend their scholarly networks. Our preconference is guided by four themes: 1) diversity of research methodologies/approaches, 2) differences in socio-political climate between and within countries/regions, 3) differences between the experiences and priorities of different subgroups within the LGBTIQ+ community, 4) laying the groundwork for cross-national research projects.

Given that international and minoritized scholars are underrepresented within science, we aim to increase the diverse representation across geographic locations, speakers, and attendees. We believe that more diverse voices, approaches, and ideas are essential to improve the quality of science and translation of scientific findings into real-world applications aiming to foster social equality beyond group divides.

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Authenticity
VIRTUAL, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Authenticity is a construct that encompasses a fundamental human drive to know and understand our sense of self, express that self in our lives, and validate it in our social interactions. Decades of psychological research have demonstrated the importance of authenticity, being robustly linked to subjective well-being, self-esteem, and relationship quality. Yet, much work remains to understand how authenticity can be accessed in daily life. We know surprisingly little about how authenticity intersects with complex social identities in an increasingly self-presentational world. What “self” is at the center of authenticity? Can we bring our whole selves to challenging social environments—and should we? How do we (mis)perceive the authentic self-expression of others?

To begin to unpack these questions, the Authenticity Preconference will bring together a set of interdisciplinary scholars to discuss their relevant recent and in-progress research, spanning themes such as personality, essentialism, morality, social perception, culture, and DEI.

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Existential Psychology

VIRTUAL, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The science of existential psychology focuses on core issues of “being” and “becoming” in human nature and social life. These issues include such key existential concerns as: freedom, authenticity, and moral responsibility; awareness of mortality; culture, self, and identity; isolation, uncertainty, and shared reality; and the quest for meaning and purpose in life.

The theme of our 6th consecutive Existential Psychology Preconference will be “Existential ecology: Culture, self, and identity.” A Special Address will highlight Black existentialist perspectives and a Keynote Address will consider research on cultural existential psychology. Five Invited Research Talks will present research on: cultural dynamics of authentic and inauthentic self-expression; narrative identity development and its interaction with culture over time; interpretations of difficulty and possibility in identity-relevant goal pursuit; and meaning in life. Data blitz and poster sessions will cover wide-ranging existential psychology topics. The event will also include sessions for awards and networking.

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Psychology of Extremism
VIRTUAL, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

This pre-conference will bring together researchers that study various forms of extreme behavior (such as addictions, violent and political extremism, extreme diets, extreme sports, extreme love, extreme humanism, or extreme groups) in order to explore the psychological and biological commonalities they share. The line-up includes invited speakers who will give talks about extreme and sacrificial behaviors from different perspectives, as well as a data blitz and poster sessions. The idea of the pre-conference is to bring together researchers from various areas of study and create a platform to exchange thoughts and ideas that can help define the domain of extreme behavior and establish it as a fruitful area of study across levels and disciplines.

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Welcome to the 13th annual Sustainability Psychology Preconference! This year’s theme is “Individual and Structural Approaches to Addressing Climate Change.” As sustainability psychology researchers, we often focus on individual actions but overlook the impact of larger structural changes necessary to create and maintain a sustainable planet. This year’s preconference showcases cutting-edge research that extends the predominant scope in sustainability psychology. We shine a spotlight on work that includes both top-down, research that focus on structural change, policy and key decision makers, and bottom-up, research that emphasizes the need for changes in our day-to-day lives. Our preconference is open to participants at all career stages and professional backgrounds and will include a keynote address, invited speaker sessions, blitzes, poster sessions, and a happy-hour event.

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In-Person (Full Day) – February 8

**Advances in Cultural Psychology: Threats! Danger! Death!**
In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Threats! Danger! Death! This year’s pre-conference takes threats head on— it will highlight research from diverse speakers on different angles of threats—reproducibility, physical health, and symbolic threats. Does cultural psychology have a replication crisis? Why do some hazards kill people in some cultures and make people healthier in other cultures? And how is it that threats lead to honor violence in some cultures and inflated narcissism in others? Join us for the dangerous side of cultural psychology and a lightning round of data blitz talks.

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**Close Relationships**
In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Close Relationships Preconference has been part of SPSP for over 20 years. This preconference highlights cutting-edge research and theory in relationship science across social and personality psychology. The preconference features award addresses and talks; poster and data blitz presentations of new research; themed lunch tables; and a special discussion-oriented session. Our lineup will include multiple dynamic speakers (each with time for discussion), including talks by the winners of the Caryl E. Rusbult Early Career Award and Graduate Student Research Paper Award. Our interactive special session panel will include 3-4 presenters followed by a moderated discussion. Our new poster session will allow researchers across career stages to present their hottest new findings, and a subset of these presentations will be selected for data blitz presentations. The themed lunch tables cover an array of professional development, theoretical, and methodological topics and facilitate forming new connections and collaborations with relationship science colleagues.

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The SPSP Emotion Preconference is an interdisciplinary event that brings together social and personality scientists interested in affective science—a subject spanning any psychological process in which emotion plays a role, from decision-making and outgroup bias to close relationships and mental health. Held every year since 2006, this preconference is an opportunity to learn about cutting-edge work across a wide range of domains and engage in fruitful scholarly exchange. The program prioritizes diverse perspectives and will include a series of talks by invited distinguished speakers as well as submitted talks and a poster session, which provide opportunities for trainees and early investigators to showcase their work.

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Gender
In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Gender Preconference brings together emerging and classic approaches to the social psychology of gender. Presentation formats include a keynote talk, symposia, data blitzes, and posters. Invited speakers will include early career rising stars through established scholars. This year’s symposia will focus on gender identity and allyship from an intersectional perspective, and on gender bias in language. Data blitz sessions will feature 5-minute talks that highlight innovative work on “hot topics” of interest. The program will also include a poster session that offers additional opportunities for presenters to share their gender research in a relaxed atmosphere. We invite applications for data blitz talks and posters from students and academics at all stages of their careers. To celebrate and showcase the scholarship of emerging gender scholars, we will have two awards for graduate student poster or data blitz presenters.

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Group processes and intergroup relations (GPIR) research is crucial for addressing global issues in a quickly changing world. Mass shootings are on rise in the US and beyond, war rages in multiple contested areas, the health of democracy is constantly tested, and societal structures threaten perceptions of minority groups’ collective action against inequality. The 2024 GPIR preconference brings together scholars whose work speaks to these issues and beyond, connecting researchers at all levels to create meaningful collaborations and expand theory and methods. Invited speakers include: Colin Leach, Michael Hogg, Isabel Pinto, Agnieszka Golec de Zavala, Christine Reyna, Jessica Bray, and an early career scholar selected from the pool of applicants for the poster session. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the SAGE journal GPIR and the work showcased in this preconference celebrates the journal’s contributions to social psychology. The day concludes with the popular graduate student roundtable.

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Health

In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Health Pre-conference serves as a hub for SPSP attendees working across areas that bridge social/personality processes with health. Health and well-being are deeply interconnected with social and personality processes. Understanding the psychological factors that influence health outcomes (e.g., intergroup relations, close relationships), is crucial for developing effective interventions and promoting overall wellness. By connecting experts from health and social psychology fields, the pre-conference facilitates interdisciplinary collaborations and encourages the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

Recent events highlighted the critical role of social and psychological factors in shaping health. Exploring these connections and discussing the broader structural determinants of health becomes imperative to address the underlying causes and promote equitable health outcomes.

The pre-conference features invited research presentations, student/postdoc data blitzes, faculty/professional flash talks, round table discussions on research topics, and poster presentations. Awards will be presented for Outstanding Data Blitz, Early Career Scholarship, Diversity in Research, and Lifetime Contributions.

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Intervention Science: Harnessing Psychology to Address Real-World Social Problems

In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Intervention Science preconference brings together researchers interested in turning psychology outward to understand and address pressing societal issues. In 2024, we will showcase intervention research using diverse theoretical and methodological approaches to tackle social problems. Our preconference will involve discussions on how to develop rigorous interventions with research that bridges the gap between basic and applied perspectives, as well as how to translate such research into scalable interventions that have real-world impact. We also invite abstract submissions to present in our poster session (open to all attendees) and/or to give an early career data blitz (open to graduate students and recent PhDs).

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Judgment and Decision Making
In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

This preconference will explore the psychology of judgment and decision making and how it intersects with social and personality psychology, broadly construed. Topics include social and strategic decision making, intertemporal decisions, emotion, and reasoning under uncertainty, among others.

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The political psychology pre-conference brings together researchers to discuss topics in political cognition, ideology, and behavior. The pre-conference aims to facilitate the dissemination of cutting-edge research in political psychology, honor the field leaders, and promote the next generation of political psychologists. Back by popular demand, this year’s pre-conference will again feature themed “minisymposia,” covering a diverse range of topics. Each mini-symposia will include an extended discussion session with the audience. In addition to invited faculty speakers, we host a graduate student talk, data blitz, and poster sessions. Graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and early career (i.e., pre-tenure) scholars are invited to submit proposals for data blitz and poster presentations.

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This preconference explores social psychological research on religion and spirituality to understand when, why, and how religion/spirituality affects cognitive, emotional, and behavioral processes. Integrating empirically-based cutting-edge research with interdisciplinary approaches, this preconference showcases state-of-the-field theory, methods, and research that advances a rich and diverse scientific study of religion and spirituality. This year, our focus is to highlight the diversity of methods that can be used to study the psychology of religion and spirituality around the world. Religions continue to be a central part of social life across cultures, and this preconference showcases the methodological diversity in cutting-edge research across a wide range of human phenomena intersecting with religion and spirituality. As in previous years, to encourage young researchers to connect with experts in the field, we anticipate fully funding graduate student registration fees with support from The John Templeton Foundation.

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**Social Cognition**
In-Person, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Social Cognition Preconference, sponsored by the International Social Cognition Network (ISCON), spotlights emerging research that uses the methods and theories of social cognition to address psychological phenomena. This year, the program highlights social cognition from basic mechanisms to applications.

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Conflict and Conflict Resolution
In-Person, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Conflict is ubiquitous across time and place and has important consequences for everyone involved. This preconference will bring together eminent and rising scholars to share recent theory and findings in the area of conflict and conflict resolution. We invite scholars studying the precursors, nature, and consequences of interpersonal, organizational, and intergroup conflict, as well as strategies for managing past and ongoing conflict in more constructive versus destructive ways. We also encourage presentations addressing multiple goals of conflict resolution, such as justice, equity, performance, relationship functioning, personal wellbeing, and the reduction of prejudice and discrimination. Sessions will be structured to permit constructive discussion of research, future directions, and practical implications for interventions. In addition to full research talks, this preconference will feature a data-blitz session. We look forward to seeing you there!

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The Misinformation & Belief Science preconference will bring together scholars and practitioners who work on understanding and tackling misinformation in society from multiple subdisciplines. The presenters will focus on novel theoretical, methodological, and empirical insights into the belief, sharing, and spread of misinformation, and associated behavioral changes. It will also investigate how people come to believe new information (both true and false) and how those beliefs can be changed or altered, and the connection (or lack thereof) between beliefs and behaviors. There will be a focus on why people are susceptible to misinformation, the development and evaluation of counter-misinformation interventions that may correct or prevent false beliefs, and the cross-cultural replicability of the findings. The day will include a diverse series of talks by misinformation scholars, a skill-sharing session, blitz talks from Early Career Researchers, and a poster session, along with ample time for discussion and meeting new colleagues.

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The Moral Psychology preconference will bring together some of the most exciting work being done on “morality” by scholars from around the world. Explicitly welcoming methodological and theoretical pluralism, this preconference will provide a unique space at the SPSP for a focused day on the latest theoretical and empirical work on human values, judgments, and decisions in moral contexts - and how this may impact both pressing societal issues and debate in ethical theory.

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The Personality Science Preconference showcases new directions in personality and individual differences research across diverse topics, methodologies, and samples. Programming includes traditional symposia, an early career data blitz, hack-a-thons, and ample opportunities for open discussion, encouraging active involvement by all attendees. Given that personality psychology is the study of similarities and differences in individuals’ experiences, we will feature programming that intersects with social, cultural, clinical, health, biological, organizational, and community psychology and beyond. Join us!

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Self & Identity
In-Person, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Self & Identity Preconference provides a forum for discussion and investigation of the complexity of the individual and the collective self. This year’s preconference introduces a special focus on “Collective Identity and Belonging,” highlighting the role of group membership and social belonging in developing and maintaining collective identities. As a fundamental need, belonging powerfully influences our social interactions and outcomes within the context of school and the workplace as well as the way we navigate social categories like gender, race, and culture. Exploring the impact of belonging will help us better understand the social nature of identity and self. In addition to several speakers, the preconference will also include presentations by scholarly award winners, a poster session, a data blitz, and a mentoring/networking lunch.

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Most SPSP members have or will have teaching-related responsibilities in social psychology or related specialties. The STP Teaching Preconference focuses on these responsibilities and ways to improve teaching based on best practices and findings from SoTL research. The Preconference provides programming supporting teaching at all levels (graduate students to senior faculty), emphasizes novel, empirically-supported techniques and content for teaching, provides opportunities for teachers to share effective practices, and addresses a wide variety of teaching issues and contexts. The goal of this preconference is for attendees to leave with specific, teaching-related ideas that can be implemented upon attendees’ return from the preconference. This preconference is appropriate for those at every professional level, from novice instructors who might be building courses for the first time to veteran faculty who continue to update courses. This preconference has been held 21 consecutive years at SPSP, and attendees reliably consider it valuable and enjoyable.

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In-Person (Afternoon) – February 8

*Attitudes and Social Influence*
In-Person, 1:00 pm -5:00 pm

With interpersonal disagreement and societal polarization rising, understanding people’s opinions and the factors that affect them has never been more critical. In the Attitudes and Social Influence preconference, a range of experts will describe their cutting-edge research on this topic. Including both speakers and panelists, this preconference will cover the cognitive structure, motivational processes, and the latest interventions designed to understand and change people’s evaluations and behavior. This year’s preconference will include talks that challenge conventional wisdom in this area, a data blitz on up-and-coming research, and the opportunity to learn and discuss some of the most fundamental and vital research for today’s society. As one of the longest-standing preconferences, space is limited, so sign up soon.

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This preconference brings together researchers interested in computational methods to glean new insights into social behavior and cognition. In recent years, computational methods including text analysis, reinforcement learning, social network analysis, Bayesian modeling, dynamical systems modeling, deep learning, and agent-based modeling have opened new approaches to studying the social mind. These methods support both theory-driven and data-driven approaches to social-personality psychology. From a theory-driven perspective, these methods allow researchers to engage in rigorous psychological hypothesis testing via the development of quantitatively precise, mechanistic, and falsifiable cognitive models. From a data-driven perspective, these methods allow researchers to discover the structure hidden within large, complex, and naturalistic datasets and to model the emergence of population-level phenomena. This forum will unite the diverse community of researchers who already use computational methods, and inspire and educate new researchers to use these methods to answer substantive questions at the heart of social-personality psychology.

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Evolutionary Psychology
In-Person, 1:00 pm -5:00 pm

The SPSP Evolutionary Psychology (EP) Preconference—in its 22nd year—provides a forum for discussing cutting-edge research examining how psychological processes have been shaped by recurring physical and social challenges faced over human evolutionary history. Regularly among the top-attended preconferences, the EP Preconference attracts established researchers, new investigators, and graduate and undergraduate students from around the world. Invited speakers present full-length research talks; slots to present data blitzes and posters are competitive, featuring scholars across career levels. Presentations cover a broad range of topics, including cooperation, health, morality, aggression, social cognition, mating, and personality in both humans and non-human species. The EP Preconference fosters interdisciplinary collaboration between researchers from psychology and neighboring disciplines like anthropology and biology, and it provides an optimal forum for introducing psychologists to the ways evolutionary theory can be used to cohere disparate findings, generate novel predictions, and ultimately enhance our understanding of behavior.

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**Happiness and Well-Being**
In-Person, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The 11th Annual Happiness and Well-Being Preconference will continue its successful tradition of showcasing cutting-edge work in the science of well-being across a variety of perspectives. Well-being experts will be invited to share their latest work and discuss future directions for the field. Ample time will be allocated for audience questions and discussions. Students and postdocs will have the opportunity to feature their work in data blitzes and poster sessions. During lunchtime, attendees will have the opportunity to further connect with speakers and with one another at mentorship tables, where they can discuss well-being research, methodological approaches, and professional development topics. Invited talks, data blitzes, and poster sessions will contain novel theoretical contributions, new research methodologies, and cutting-edge applications. Please join us for another year of happiness and well-being at SPSP 2024.

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Digital technologies are deeply embedded in our everyday lives. We engage with a diverse set of devices, platforms, and agents to communicate, navigate our environment, and seek information or entertainment. As a result, social scientists are at the forefront of a dynamic and difficult undertaking: to understand the psychological antecedents and consequences of technologies that are changing each year. In this preconference, researchers from psychology and communication share their work and ideas for this area of research. The theme for the 8th meeting will highlight the importance of communication and the self, illuminating the dynamics of online interaction and self-processes. Beyond the central theme, the invited symposia, data blitzes, and posters will explore a diverse range of topics connected to core areas of social and personality psychology, allowing participants to engage with the wide spectrum of research (and researchers) falling under the umbrella of media and technology psychology.

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Sexuality
In-Person, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The theme of the eleventh annual SPSP Sexuality Pre-Conference is “The War on Sex.” This theme was chosen in response to accelerating legislative threats to sex education, sex research, LGBTQ+ rights, and reproductive rights. Several US states have enacted restrictions on the information students can be taught about sex, access to abortion, the rights of sexual and gender minorities, and the ability of sex researchers to even ask questions. Presentations from a diverse group of scholars will address the current climate and explore opportunities for advocacy to promote sexual health, advance equality, and preserve academic freedom. Attendees are invited to submit proposals for individual talks, data blitzes, and posters. Submissions are welcome from scholars at all levels in any relevant research area. Individual talks are encouraged to match the conference theme, while data blitzes and poster presentations are welcome to focus on any topic within sex research.

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