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## Planning to Attend the APA Convention?

- If you plan to attend the APA Convention, check Jamie McMinn's column on page 7 of this newsletter for highlights of STP's (APA Division 2's) programming during the convention.
- If you are attending your first APA Convention, consider attending the Welcome First-Time Attendees social hour (Session 1366) on Thursday, August 9 from 4-4:50pm at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel, Golden Gate Room C1 B2 Level.
- APA's [social media sites](#) will detail the best of what's happening at the convention. On Twitter, follow the APA Convention Office at [@APAconvention](#) and APA Division Services Office (DSO) at [@APA\\_Divisions](#) for highlights throughout convention. Use the APA convention hashtag, #APA2018, to tweet your impressions, comments and personal experiences.
- Visit the APA Division Services booth, which will be just outside the exhibit hall inside the Moscone Center. The booth will have STP (Division 2) ribbons for your nametag and copies of Division 2's programming.
- The [40th Annual Ray's Race 5k Run and Walk](#) will be held at Crissy Field on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018 at 7 a.m. You won't want to miss this run along the San Francisco Bay, complete with beautiful and iconic views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and Marin Headlands. [Register here.](#)

## GET INVOLVED

**STP is committed to providing opportunities to as many members as possible to participate in STP initiatives. For all positions, STP encourages applications and nominations from colleagues who are from underrepresented groups and have diverse backgrounds and experiences.**

### 2018 International Twitter Poster Conference Committee

STP is forming an ad hoc committee to oversee STP's 2018 International Twitter Poster Conference. We are seeking committee members who are familiar with Twitter and have an active Twitter account. Committee members will help refine the conference guidelines, help promote the conference, monitor conference submissions on Twitter, and help determine prizes/awards, if applicable. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email Manisha Sawhney at [msawhney@umary.edu](mailto:msawhney@umary.edu) with your CV, your Twitter username, and a brief statement of interest **by July 21, 2018**.

### Call for Member of the IRA Committee

STP is now accepting applications for one new member of the six-member Instructional Resource Award (IRA) Committee. Applicants must be members of STP, have completed their Masters degrees, and be willing to commit to a three-year term starting February 1, 2019. **Please apply by September 15, 2018** by sending a recent CV and a one-page cover letter stating your interest in and qualifications for the position to Elizabeth Mazur, Chair, STP IRA Committee at [emazur@psu.edu](mailto:emazur@psu.edu). For more information, visit <http://teachpsych.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1610198> or contact [emazur@psu.edu](mailto:emazur@psu.edu).

### Call for Member: APA Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education

APA's Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) is seeking nominees for CABE to join the committee in January 2019. Three members will be appointed. BEA encourages participation by early career psychologists and members of underrepresented groups, and would particularly welcome such nominees. Self-nominations also are encouraged. BEA will consider a slate of nominees and make the appointments later in 2018. The APA Board of Directors will be requested to approve these appointments in December 2018. Visit <http://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/undergrad/committee.aspx> for more information about CABE

CABE conducts its business through conference calls, virtual meetings and a face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C. APA covers travel and accommodation expenses. Nominees for CABE should submit a curriculum vitae and a brief personal statement that describes the basis for their interest in becoming a member of CABE. Please send electronic files of nomination materials to Martha Boenau at [mboenau@apa.org](mailto:mboenau@apa.org). **Nominations are due by Aug. 31, 2018.**

## ERRATA

On page 2 of the June 2018 newsletter, the date of the Letter from STP President Sue Frantz was incorrect. The correct date of the letter is June 8, 2018. This error will be corrected in the archived version of the newsletter.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Call for APA Fellow Nominations

The STP Fellows Committee invites nominations for APA Fellow status for STP members who are also APA members. Criteria for Fellow status emphasize “unusual and outstanding” contributions to the teaching of psychology that have had a national impact. The full list of divisional criteria as well as information about the application process can be found at: <http://teachpsych.org/members/fellows/index.php>.

The APA criteria for Fellow status can be found at <http://www.apa.org/membership/fellows/index.aspx>. The application process is entirely online through the APA Fellows Application Platform, which can be accessed from this page. <https://teachpsych.org/page-1599536>

Nominees will be evaluated based on their ability to provide (a) strong letters of endorsement from at least three current APA Fellows and (b) documentation in support of the criteria listed above, but not necessarily in all areas. These endorsement letters and supporting documentation will provide evidence first to STP's Fellows Committee and subsequently to APA's Membership Committee, Board of Directors, and Council of Representatives that the nominees have met APA's criteria for selection to Fellow status. In general, APA requires that nominees show “evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in the field of psychology.”

The Committee is committed to increasing the diversity of Fellow nominees. Self-nominations are welcome.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications, including all endorsement letters and supporting materials, is **December 31, 2018**. Applications must be submitted electronically through the APA Fellows Application Platform. Late applications will be considered in the following year. Please contact Bruce Henderson ([fellows@teachpsych.org](mailto:fellows@teachpsych.org)), chair of the STP Fellows Committee, with any questions.

### APF 2019 Brewer Distinguished Teaching Award

The Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching of Psychology Award recognizes significant career contributions of a psychologist who has a proven track record as an exceptional teacher of psychology. The recipient of this award will receive a \$2,000 award, a \$1,000 travel stipend and round-trip airfare to the 2019 APA convention, a plaque presented at the APA convention, and will be invited to give a special address at the APA convention.

Nominees should demonstrate and will be rated on the following dimensions:

- Have demonstrated achievement related to the teaching of psychology
- Exemplary performance as a classroom teacher
- Development of innovative curricula and courses
- Development of effective teaching methods and/or materials
- Teaching of advanced research methods and practice in psychology
- Administrative facilitation of teaching
- Research on teaching
- Training of teachers of psychology
- Evidence of influence as a teacher of students who become psychologists

See our website for more information <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/brewer.aspx>

Click here to apply for this grant: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=apa&>

**The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2018.** Please feel free to distribute this call as you see fit.

### Seeking Contributions for Special Issue on Dr. Charles Brewer

The Editors of ToPNEWS-Online will solicit contributions for a Special Issue of the newsletter honoring Dr. Brewer's legacy to be published in October. If you would like to contribute, please email the following to [stp@teachpsych.org](mailto:stp@teachpsych.org) by **September 20, 2018**: your name and relationship(s) to Dr. Brewer (e.g., former student, colleague, AP Reader, etc.); your current institutional affiliation (if relevant); text of your remembrances of Dr. Brewer (which will appear verbatim in the newsletter), and (if available) a photo connected to your remembrance with a descriptive caption (which will appear verbatim in the newsletter).

# DIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Innovations in International Psychology Summit

The APA is hosting its inaugural Innovations in International Psychology Summit on August 7 and 8, just before the APA convention. Visit <http://www.apa.org/news/events/2018/innovations-summit.aspx>

## RESOURCES

### STP Best Practices Resource: Student Job Search Skills

Danae Hudson, Director of Teaching Resources, is happy to announce a new resource:

#### **Developing and Enhancing Students' Job Search Skills and Motivation: An Online Job Search Intervention Training Module (2018)**

*STP Best Practices\**

Authors: Christopher J. Budnick & Larissa K. Barber

Affiliations: Southern Connecticut State University & Northern Illinois University

Description: This 47-page online training program provides a flexible, low labor, and low cost approach to implementing undergraduate student job search skills and motivation training into psychology courses. Designed to be easily modifiable, this module can be presented via online survey software (e.g., Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey) and housed/deployed using learning management systems. Although this resource should be useful for any instructor wishing to embed job search training in their courses, it will likely especially benefit internship advisors, psychology instructors teaching career-focused courses, and industrial-organizational psychology instructors discussing application and selection processes.

Note: 2016 Instructional Resource Award

\*STP resources are peer-reviewed and developed according to best practices in teaching and learning. Each resource begins with a brief description of evidence-based practices utilized in the development and implementation of the resource.

You can access this resource under the "Advising" category at <http://teachpsych.org/page-1603066#>

### This is How I Teach Blogs

Stephanie Simon-Dack, Ball State University (Indiana), is the most recent contributor to the "This is How I Teach" blog. Read her and others' approaches to teaching psychology at <https://teachpsych.org/page-1703896>.

Would you like to contribute to the blog? Contact [howiteach@teachpsych.org](mailto:howiteach@teachpsych.org) to get started.

#### I'm a Member of STP and This is How I Teach



### Recent Articles on Psych Learning Curve

Here are links to recent articles published on APA's Psych Learning Curve website. To subscribe and/or view these and other articles, visit <http://psychlearningcurve.org/>

July 2, 2018: [Fostering a Growth Mindset Through Culturally Responsive Teaching](#)

June 25, 2018: [Audience Members, Collaborators, And Competitors: Technology Tools To Connect](#)

June 18, 2018: [10 Exciting Psychology Books for Your Summer Reading List](#)

June 11, 2018: [A Different Way To Teach Psychological Science: The 18 Minute Overview](#)

Also check out the weekly News Roundups, which link to recent articles related to the teaching of psychology. Here are links to recent News Roundups from [June 15, 2018](#), [June 22, 2018](#), and [June 29, 2018](#)



### Calling all GSTA Members! Look for us this August at APA in "The City that Knows How"

By: Raechel N. Soicher, Oregon State University, and Teresa Ober, The Graduate Center CUNY

This year at the APA, there are a number of exciting opportunities for graduate students. Below are three specific presentations we think might be interested in:

#### 1. **GSTA Invited Speaker Address** - Friday, August 10, 4:00-5:00pm - Convention Center Room 204C

This year, Dr. Jon Grahe of Pacific Lutheran University will present a talk titled "Learning Through Doing, Contributing, and Sharing: Employing Authentic Research Opportunities." During the talk, Dr. Grahe will speak about creating instructional opportunities to engage undergraduate students in authentic research that both prepares students for conducting studies independently and seeks to address issues of replicability in psychological science. All are welcome!

#### 2. **Teaching Workshop** (with APAGS) - Friday, August 10, 8:00-9:50am - Moscone Center Room 2024

In this skill-building workshop entitled "Teaching Better By Doing Less---A Workshop for Graduate Student Teaching Assistants", graduate students Raechel N. Soicher (Oregon State University) and Kristin Dell'Armo (Ohio State University) will offer peer instruction on concrete, evidence-based suggestions for addressing challenges that GTAs commonly encounter, including how to (1) balance time between teaching and academic or research obligations, (2) build rapport with students, (3) employ active learning strategies in the classroom, and (4) save time with respect to teaching duties (e.g., grading). Attendance from graduate students is strongly encouraged (but faculty are welcome too!).

#### 3. **APAGS Symposium on Peer Review** - Sunday, August 12, 9:00-9:50am - Moscone Center Room 2008

This talk will outline the benefits of engaging in peer review, provide tips for how to peer review, describe real-world experiences and examples in peer-reviewing, and discuss opportunities for how to become involved in the peer-review process.

**Please consider taking the GSTA Teacher Survey and encourage graduate students in your department to do so as well!** Drawings will be held to award \$50 gift cards over the coming months as data come in. Visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/GSTATeacherSurvey>.



#### For updates on GSTA activities, visit:

Twitter: @gradsteachpsych

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Email: [gsta.cuny@gmail.com](mailto:gsta.cuny@gmail.com)

Blog: <http://teachpsych.org/page-1784686?pg=2>

GSTA website at STP:

<http://teachpsych.org/gsta/index.php>

GSTA website at CUNY:

<https://psychology.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

# NATIONAL TEACHER SURVEY

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## WHY

College courses across the United States are taught by graduate students (often in their first year of graduate school) and adjunct instructors. Yet there is little professional development available for these teachers and no public information available about how many students they serve. Please tell us about your experiences as a college teacher!



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## CONFERENCES/INSTITUTES/WORKSHOPS

### STP Program at APA's 2018 Convention

By Jamie G. McMinn, Director of STP Programming at APA



The APA Convention is just over a month away, and I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco. This year's program promises interesting and exciting projects related to the scholarship of teaching, effective pedagogy in psychology (particularly the introductory course), and support for students as they discern and ready for meaningful careers. Registration, hotel, and room sharing reservations, and reduced-cost airline options for the convention are available on the APA website ([www.apa.org/convention](http://www.apa.org/convention)).

The **presidential address** will be held on the first afternoon of the convention (Thursday, August 9, 1.00-1.50pm). Ken Keith (past president), Sue Frantz (current president), and Rick Miller (president-elect) will provide reflections on "Lessons Learned from 117 Years of Teaching."

And **NEW THIS YEAR**, we will hold the STP social hour (Thursday, August 9, 2.00-3.50pm) at the Jamber Wine Pub ([www.jambersf.com](http://www.jambersf.com)). Join us for great food, fun beverages, and meaningful networking with STP and APA members. Our TOPSS friends will be on-hand as well, so please join us and come hungry for San Francisco's best potato tots!

A schedule of APA-STP events is available at <http://teachpsych.org/conferences/apa/index.php>.

### 2018 Annual Conference on Teaching

By Jordan D. Troisi, Director, STP's Annual Conference on Teaching



We're about 3 months away from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology's 17th Annual Conference on Teaching (ACT), and the details of the conference are starting to come together! Peer-reviews of a record-breaking number of conference submissions have been distributed, and we will have more symposia sessions this year than at any ACT on record!

This year the conference will be held October 19-20 in Phoenix, Arizona. Make sure to [register for the conference soon to get early bird rates](#) (before September 3). Also make sure to [book your travel](#), and reserve a hotel room in our [discounted room block](#).

The block fills up fast, and we have rooms starting at \$118 per night for students and \$142 per night for others. You can also make reservations over the phone at the Sheraton Crescent (602-943-8200). Students should let the hotel staff know your status for best discount.

If you know of any publishers or any other organizations that may be interested in co-sponsoring ACT--local to Phoenix, or otherwise--please send us a note at [annual-conference@teachpsych.org](mailto:annual-conference@teachpsych.org). We're always looking for more support to make ACT a terrific experience! And for any other information you need about the conference, please check out the ACT website. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in October!



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#### Keynote Speakers

STP President Sue Frantz, Highline College  
*Changing the World-One Psychology Class at a Time*

David Myers, Hope College  
*Teaching Psychological Science in a Post-Truth Age*

Mitch Handelsman, Univ. Colorado - Denver  
*Teaching Torture: What I Didn't Do Over My Summer Vacation*



## Ohio Psychology Teaching Conference

The Ohio Psychology Teaching Conference will be held on July 20, 2018 at The Ohio State University. For registration and information go to <https://www.focusonpsych.org/>. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Regan Gurung. We are looking forward to getting psyched.

## Mid-Atlantic Teachers of Psychology Conference

The Prince George's Community College Department of Psychology is sponsoring the 20th Annual Mid-Atlantic Teachers of Psychology (MATOP) conference on the teaching of psychology on Friday September 28, 2018 at PGCC outside of Washington DC. This year's conference will focus on Trends in Teaching Psychology. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Elizabeth Yost Hammer from Xavier University in New Orleans. For registration information, go to <http://academic.pgcc.edu/~dfinley/>.

## Northeast Conference for Teachers of Psychology

The Northeast Conference for Teachers of Psychology (NECTOP) invites you to attend and participate in the 2018 Annual Meeting, November 9, 2018 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

NECTOP will consider proposals for one-hour interactive sessions/workshops dealing with instructional methods or strategies in the teaching of psychology as well as posters and participant idea exchanges. **The deadline for one-hour interactive sessions is June 1, 2018. Priority will be given to posters and 30-minute participant idea exchanges submitted by July 1, 2018.** NECTOP will continue to review posters submitted through October 1, 2018. Visit: <https://www.newenglandpsychological.org/>.



## National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology



The 41st annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, co-sponsored by the Association for Psychological Science and the University of South Florida Department of Psychology, will be held January 3-6, 2019, at the TradeWinds Island Grand Hotel, in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Registration is limited to 375 participants; registration by November 15 is highly recommended. **Proposals for Teaching Slam and Demo Demo presentations should be received by September 15, 2018 and proposals for posters and participant idea exchanges should be received by October 1, 2018** to guarantee space in the program. For more information, consult [www.nitop.org](http://www.nitop.org) or email queries to [Coordinator@nitop.org](mailto:Coordinator@nitop.org).



## Calendar of Upcoming Conferences

### Ohio Psychology Teaching Conference

July 20, 2018, Columbus, OH

<https://www.focusonpsych.org/>

### Mid-Atlantic Teachers of Psychology

September 28, 2018, Largo, MD

<http://academic.pgcc.edu/~dfinley/>

### STP Programming at the APA Convention

August 9-12, 2018, San Francisco, CA

<http://teachpsych.org/conferences/apa/index.php>

### STP's Annual Conference on Teaching

October 19-20, 2018, Phoenix, AZ

<http://teachpsych.org/conferences/act.php>

### Northeast Conference for Teachers of Psychology

November 9, 2018, Worcester, MA

<https://www.newenglandpsychological.org>

Deadlines for submissions: July 1 & October 1, 2018

### National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology

January 3-6, 2019, St. Pete Beach, FL

<http://www.nitop.org>

Deadlines for submissions: September 15 & October 1, 2018

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## Regional Psychology Conferences

### New England Psychological Association (NEPA)

October 26-27, 2018, Bridgeport, CT

<https://www.newenglandpsychological.org>

### Eastern Psychological Association (EPA)

March 1-4, 2019, New York, NY

<https://www.easternpsychological.org>

### Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

March 20-23, 2019, Jacksonville, FL

<http://www.sepaonline.com>

### Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (RMPA)

April 4-6, 2019, Denver, CO

<http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/>

### Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA)

April 5-7, 2019, Albuquerque, NM

<http://www.swpsych.org/>

### Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA)

April 11-13, 2019: Chicago, IL

<https://www.midwesternpsych.org/>

### Western Psychological Association (WPA)

April 25-28, 2019, Pasadena, CA

<http://westernpsych.org/>

Summer is here! While you enjoy a well-deserved break, consider looking at submission deadlines for 2018-2019 regional conferences.

Below are the upcoming conference dates and websites for all regional conferences. STP has programming at each one and we encourage you to attend and present! If you have questions about STP regional conference programming, please feel free to email Garth Neufeld at [gneufeld@cascadia.edu](mailto:gneufeld@cascadia.edu).



Visit [www.teachpsych.org/page-1862920](http://www.teachpsych.org/page-1862920) for additional information about conferences.

Please send announcements for upcoming conferences to [stp@teachpsych.org](mailto:stp@teachpsych.org).

## MEMBERSHIP IN STP

STP has arranged for the APA Division Services Office to receive and process all new and renewal membership applications. APA members who are in STP (Division 2) will continue to receive renewal notices with their APA renewals as in the past. STP members who are APA affiliates or not APA members at all will receive mailed and electronic renewal notices from the Division Services Office. Of course, a person does not have to be a member of APA to join and enjoy the membership benefits of STP.

### Joining or Renewing in 2018

STP is now accepting membership dues for new members or renewing members for 2018. Dues for 2018 are \$15 for students, \$25 for non-students and \$15 for retirees.

### Joining STP for the First Time in 2018

To join STP, visit <http://teachpsych.org/page-1862983> where you may either download an application form or pay online by redirecting your browser to [www.apa.org/divapp](http://www.apa.org/divapp). Please be sure to fill in all information fields on the application form.

### Renewing: APA Affiliate or Non-APA Member

STP members who are not members of APA will receive a 2018 STP dues statement in the mail in October. These members may also pay online at the URL above. STP members who are Affiliates of APA (e.g., students, APAGS; high school, TOPSS; and community college, PT@CC) will also receive a 2018 STP dues statement in October; STP dues will not appear on the APA renewal form for these Affiliates, only on the separate divisional renewal forms. These members may also pay online at the URL. (Individuals who are not members of APA or are APA Affiliates and belong to more than one division of APA will receive a combined statement for all divisional memberships.)

### Renewing: APA Member of Division 2

STP members who are also members of APA should check their APA dues statements for an itemized assessment fee for Division 2. If your Division 2 renewal appears on your APA dues statement, do not pay online at the STP Web site. You may end up paying twice for your membership. However, if you are a member of STP, and the Division 2 renewal does not appear on your APA dues statement, please contact the APA Member Services Office at [division@apa.org](mailto:division@apa.org) so that we may correct this error.

### APS Members, Please Note

APS members who choose the \$25 STP option on the APS renewal form will receive full membership in STP and will have access to all member benefits. You may activate membership through your APS check off OR through the STP webpage at <http://teachpsych.org/page-1862983>. However, please be sure not to pay through BOTH alternatives. If you hold membership in both APS and APA, we will ask APA to include the membership in your APA membership profile, and you will receive renewal notices from APA. Please do not pay twice by using the APS option again.

APS Members who belong to APA and have joined STP (Division 2) through their APA membership will receive automatic, itemized STP renewal notices in their annual APA dues statements. Please renew STP in this manner and do not select the APS check off to avoid paying twice.

In addition, our arrangement with APS requires a \$25 fee for all membership categories. Students and retired members who are eligible for a \$15 membership fee may wish to join or renew membership through the STP Web options.

### Questions about STP Membership Status

Email [division@apa.org](mailto:division@apa.org) if you have any questions about your STP membership status.

### STP Members: Updating Mail/Email Address

If you are an STP member and your mailing and/or email address will be changing, please report your new contact information to [division@apa.org](mailto:division@apa.org)