

PAU at the Western Psychological Association Virtual Convention

Over 25 Palo Alto University (PAU) faculty members, students and alumni have been invited to participate in this year's 100th annual Western Psychology Association (APA) Virtual Convention taking place October 28-31, 2020. [Click here](#) for the full program.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Time (Pacific Time)	Event Type	Event Name & Palo Alto University Affiliation
11 am-12 noon	Live Teaching Conference	<p>Applying Psychological Knowledge as the Foundation for Creating a New Generation of Youth Heroes</p> <p>Phillip G. Zimbardo, Ph.D., Heroic Imagination Project (Professor Emeritus)</p>
1 pm-2:15 pm	On-Demand Symposium	<p>Showcase of Internationally Focused Dissertations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interaction Between Personality and Age on Health Status Among Older Adults in New Zealand Charissa Hosseini (Graduate) & Lisa M. Brown, Ph.D. (Professor) • Sleep and Emotional Stressors in Mars Analog Simulation Crew Afik Faerman (Ph.D Student & Adjunct Professor)
2:15 pm-3 pm	On-Demand Symposium	<p>Trauma, Coping and Resilience with Displaced Populations: The Impact of Community Interventions</p> <p>Discussant: Sita Patel, Ph.D. (Asst. Professor)</p> <p>Presentation Titles and Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coping with Trauma Among Immigrant Survivors of Torture Vanessa Ma, Ph.D. (Graduate) • Running Women's Problem Solving Groups Among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: A Positive Experience Sariah Daouk, M.A. (Ph.D. Student) • Exploring School Performance and Health in a Fragile Geopolitical Context: Findings From the Lebanon AHEAD (Advancing Health and Education Amid Displacement) Study Nicole Khauli, M.A. (Ph.D. Student)

Thursday, October 29, 2020

10 am-11:30 am	On-Demand Symposium	<p>PTSD and Co-Occurring Conditions: Research and Clinical Intervention</p> <p>Symposium Chair Name: Osnat Lupesko-Persky, PAU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of Intimate Partner Violence and Co-occurring PTSD and Substance Use Disorder Matthew M. Yalch, Ph.D. (Asst. Professor) & Sloane R. M. Rickman (Ph.D. Student) • The Association Between PTSD and Intermittent Explosive Disorder, and Their Relationship with Firearm Possession Osnat Lupesko-Persky (Ph.D. Student) • Older Adults and Late Onset PTSD Lisa M. Brown, Ph.D. (Professor)
10:30 am-2 noon	On-Demand Symposium	<p>Building Everyday Heroes from the Ground Up</p> <p>Symposium Chair Name and Affiliation: Philip Zimbardo, Ph.D., Heroic Imagination Project (Professor Emeritus)</p>
10:45 am-11:30 pm	On-Demand Paper Session	<p>Sexuality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social-Contextual Influences on Racial Disparities in HIV Among Young Men Who Have Sex with Men in Chicago Elizabeth McConnell, Ph.D. (Asst. Professor)

11 am-12 noon	Poster Session	Cognitive/Conceptual Development & Information Processing Poster Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Locus of Control and Attitude Predicting Cognition Across Lifespan Ashton Scherrer (Ph.D. Student)
12:30 pm-1:30 pm	On-Demand Symposium	Self-Connection: Theory, Measure, and Application Kristine Klussman, Ph.D. (Graduate)
1 pm-2pm	Live Distinguished Speaker	Ethnic and Racial Minority Issues: How Are We Faring? Stanley Sue, Ph.D. (Distinguished Professor)
1 pm-2pm	Poster Session	Poster Session #8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing Suicide Risk in Spanish-Speaking Individuals: A Systematic Review Paola Mendoza Rivera (Ph.D. Student) Preliminary Validation of the CAT-PD Inconsistency Scale: A Monte Carlo study Amber Steward (Ph.D. Student)
2:45 pm-3:00 pm	On-Demand Paper Session	Stress & Anxiety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insight Therapy Reduces Problematic Behaviors and Psychotropic Medication Use Among a Complex Older Veteran Cohort Jonathan Sills, Ph.D., VA Palo Alto Health Care System (Graduate)
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	Live Symposium	STP Symposium: The Last Lecture Each year, the Society for the Teaching of Psychology invites distinguished teachers to give their “last lecture” – a deliberately ambiguous assignment that involves a reflective look at teaching Featured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racism, Ethnicity, and Other Hot Topics for Teaching Stanley Sue, Ph.D. (Distinguished Professor)

Friday, October 30, 2020

9 am-10 am	On-Demand Paper Session	Clinical and Psychotherapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual Victimization History and Adjustment in Recent Trauma Survivors Steffanie Tinsley, Ph.D., M.A. (Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellow)
10 am-11 am	Poster Session	Poster Session 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMI, Total Body Fat, and Inflammation Predicting Symptoms of Depression Eliot Steer (Ph.D. Student)
12:15 pm-1:45 pm	On-Demand Symposium	The Psychology of Sustainability and Sustainable Development: Examples from International Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collectivistic Cultures: Three Main Factors Which are Relevant to Psychopathology Among Taiwan, Korea and Japan Satoko Kimpara, Ph.D. (Asst. Professor) & Larry E. Beutler Ph.D. (Distinguished Professor Emeritus)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Poster Session	Poster Session 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Bayesian Variable Selection Techniques to Explore Potential Factors Moderating Response to Virtual Reality Guided Meditation Kevin Liu (Ph.D. Student)
2:00 pm-3:00 pm	Poster Session	Poster Session 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Trauma-Related Beliefs and Sleep Disturbances in Recently Traumatized Treatment-Seeking Civilian Adults Emily Garfinkle (Ph.D. Student) Social Constraints and Trauma Disclosure in Recently Traumatized Treatment-Seeking Adults Angelique Finestone (Ph.D. Student)
3:00 pm-4:00 pm		Poster Session 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culturally Informed Reminisce Supports Emotion Regulation Among a Complex Older Veteran Cohort James Mazzone, Ph.D., Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System (Adjunct Faculty)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Help-seeking and Mental Health Care Utilization of LGBTQ+ African American Churchgoers</i> Sheila Park (Ph.D. Student)
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Saturday, October 31, 2020

10:00 am-11:00 am	Poster Session	Poster Session 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Culturally Adapted Interventions in India: A Systematic Review Using the Cultural Treatment Adaptation Framework</i> Aishwarya Thakur (Ph.D. Student)
11:00 am-12 noon	Distinguished Speaker	Enlisting the Power of Youth for Climate Change: Albert Bandura Q&A with Philip Zimbardo Phillip G Zimbardo, Ph.D., Heroic Imagination Project (Professor Emeritus)