

Minnesota Psychological Association 2010 Annual Convention

Psychology on the Move: What's Ahead?

April 16-17, 2010 • Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Plymouth, MN

CALL for CONCURRENT SESSION PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: Monday, Jan. 4, 2010

As we continue to consider Psychology on the Move and what's ahead, MPA wants to explore the development of individuals and professionals over the lifespan. We seek presentations that include the latest in brain development, interpersonal growth, psychopathology, and health from early childhood to late adulthood. The committee is also interested in presentations addressing professional development, including early career concerns, building a practice, finding a niche and marketing yourself, burnout prevention, balancing career and family, and, eventually, retirement.

The Minnesota Psychological Association's 2010 Annual Convention planning committee cordially invites you to submit proposals for concurrent sessions on topics from all areas of psychological practice and research regarding the various aspects of human development. We welcome your experience, your professionalism, your creativity, and your scholarship. We deeply appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge for our mutual benefit.

We are looking for presentations that will:

- Explicate recent or current research;
- Enhance the knowledge, skills, and self-care of those working in the field;
- Impart new information;
- Share promising strategies and effective practices, especially with children and adolescents;
- Depict creative programs and services; and
- Demonstrate innovative ideas/solutions.

Submissions due by Monday, January 4, 2010:

The program proposal cover sheet is on the next page. Proposals must be typed or word processed and submitted in one of the following ways:

- Go to www.mnpsych.org to complete the form online;
- E-mail MS Word document to education@mnpsych.org;
- Fax to (651) 290-2266;
- Mail to MPA, 1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 252, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Confirmation:

No confirmation of receipt will be sent. If you require a confirmation, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard bearing the title of the submission.

Selection Criteria:

While topics related to the conference theme will be given preference, we encourage submission of other topics of interest to psychology. Submissions will be evaluated by members of the MPA Annual Convention Committee. Criteria for selection will include:

- Appropriateness of subject matter, i.e., relevance to attendees of the conference, as well as the conference theme;
- An understanding of the context of the presentation;
- Potential for facilitating an ongoing exchange;
- Explanation of how the presentation addresses and/or integrates the psychological aspects or needs of diverse populations.

Proposal Acceptance:

If your proposal is chosen, these guidelines will apply:

- Persons whose presentations are accepted agree to participate at the time scheduled by the Convention Committee.
- Submission of the proposal indicates agreement that MPA may record the presentation.
- Handouts are expected for each session and are the responsibility of the presenter.
- Traditional audio/visual equipment will be provided. Presenters using LCD projectors (PowerPoint) should bring their own equipment.
- Audio/visual requests made after April 2 may not be honored.
- Summary descriptive statement is what will be printed in the convention program materials.
- Notifications of acceptance will be mailed in January, 2010.
- All presenters and panelists are invited to register for the convention at the reduced member rate.
- Notification will be mailed to the author of the proposal only. The proposal author will need to notify panel members and co-presenters.

Psychologist Authors' Spotlight:

At the 2010 Annual Convention, the planning committee invites Minnesota psychologists who are also authors to showcase their writing. Highlighted works may include not only those relating to psychology, but also writing on other areas of interest and passion.

Contact Information:

Contact the MPA office for convention information at (651) 203-7249, (800) 417-3660 (Minnesota only), or education@mnpsych.org.

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**Use this form for
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Proposals**

1. Type or print name _____
First Initial Last
Institution/Agency _____
Title/Position _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: Office (____) _____ Home (____) _____
E-mail address _____ Fax (____) _____
MPA membership status: Member Student Nonmember
2. **Type or print title of proposed session** (Do not use more than 10 words):

3. **Type of proposed session:**
 Panel
 Presentation
 Other (please characterize): _____
4. **Length of proposed session:**
 1.25 hours 2.5 hours
5. **Indicate audio/visual equipment to be used in the presentation:**
 Flipchart Screen
 Overhead projector* TV/VCR
 AV Cart (cart for projector with power strip)
 I can personally provide any AV equipment needed
* Presenters using LCD projector (PowerPoint) must bring their own computers and projectors.
6. **List of presentation participants:**
 - Attach a sheet and provide the following information for each participant: First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Highest Degree Earned, License; Organization or Institution; Title or Position; Mailing Address, including Zip Code; Area Code/Telephone Number/Extension, and E-mail.
7. **Attach a description statement, not to exceed 300 words, of the proposed session.**
 - Designate each person's role in session, e.g., moderator, panelist, workshop leader, discussion facilitator.
 - Persons whose names are submitted must have given consent prior to being included.
 - Presenters who wish to attend any portion of the Annual Convention outside of their session must register and pay the speaker rate.
8. **Attach a summary descriptive statement, not to exceed 75 words typed, double spaced, which may be published in the Annual Convention program or in other brochures, publicizing your session. This description should provide information as to content, process to be used (format), and prerequisites that persons attending the sessions should possess.**
 - Sessions with a series of reports/research papers on a theme should give a brief summary of each paper.
 - Workshops offered previously in other settings should include a list of dates/locations offered.
 - Symposia and reports/papers previously published or read at any state, regional, or national meeting may not be proposed unless substantial modifications are made. Substantial modifications may include adaptations to meet the anticipated needs of a new audience.

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Completed session proposals must include: a) this session proposal cover sheet; b) list of presentation participants, including information requested in item 6, above; c) 300-word descriptive statement to aid committee in selection process requested in item 7, above; and d) summary, including information requested in item 8, above.