Members of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) met on April 20 - 22, 2017 for the organization’s 89th Annual Meeting at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Illinois. A total of 2,710 people registered for the meeting (up almost 13% from last year). The program committee was moderated by Helen Harton (University of Northern Iowa). Members included Melissa Buelow (The Ohio State University Newark), Tom Carr (Michigan State University), Katherine Corker (Kenyon College), Heather M. Claypool (Miami University), Don Saucier (Kansas State University), Renée Tobin (Illinois State University), Douglas Wallace (Northern Illinois University), Erica Weisgram (University of Wisconsin Stevens Point), Elizabeth Kiel Luebbe (Miami University), Eric Wesselmann (Illinois State University), Dennis K. Miller (University of Missouri), Jennifer Wiley (University of Illinois Chicago), and Robyn Mallett (Loyola University of Chicago). Lorraine Grogan served as Convention Manager. Bernard Dugoni (University of Chicago) coordinated local arrangements.

Submissions and Awards

A total of 831 faculty and graduate students submitted papers or posters to the Annual Meeting. This total reflected a 3.6% increase over the previous year. Eighteen symposia were also submitted by members (see below). The program committee recognized the following graduate students for best student papers: Kathryn Kroeper (Indiana University, Bloomington); David March (University of Tennessee); Matthew McCurdy (University of Illinois at Chicago); Sarah Nielsen (Western Illinois University); Elaine Paravati (University of Buffalo); and Valerie Wood (Queen’s University).

Eleven psychologists were designated as 2017 MPA Fellows because of their outstanding contributions to psychological science and the organization: Michael J. Bernstein (Pennsylvania State University Abington); Alexandra F. Corning (University of Notre Dame); Jon E. Grahe (Pacific Lutheran University); Jeff D. Karpicke (Purdue University); James M. Lampinen (University of Arkansas); Connor T. McLennan (Cleveland State University); Susan D. McMahon (DePaul University); Amy Summerville (Miami University); Erica S. Weisgram (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point); Robert West (DePauw University); Cynthia Willis-Esqueda (University of Nebraska Lincoln)

Invited Addresses

Allen R. McConnell (Miami University) gave the 2017 MPA Presidential Address entitled, “Bring the Family: Relationships with Pets and Family Members Promote Health and Well-Being.” MPA Invited Addresses were also presented by respected psychologists, Amy J. C. Cuddy (Harvard Business School), “Fear and Loathing in Psychology? How We Can (and Should) Increase Trust, Openness, and Goodwill Among Psychologists;” Kristin Buss (Penn State University),

Silvia Sara Canetto (Colorado State University) gave the Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker Lecture, “Why are Suicide Rates Highest Among “White” Older Adult Men?” The American Psychological Association G. Stanley Hall Distinguished Lecture was delivered by Janet Swim (Penn State University), “Environmental Psychology in the Dawn of the 21st Century.”

Invited Workshops

MPA continued to offer workshops on statistical analyses and research methods at this year’s meeting. The presenters included Jon E. Grahe (Pacific Lutheran University), “Crisis Schmeisis: Open Science Benefits Personal Workflow Cumulatively for Science;” Erin P. Hennes and Sean P. Lane (Purdue University), “Power to the People: Flexible Simulation Methods for Power Analysis;” and Annalyn Ng (Singapore Military and Disney Corporation), “Mining Facebook Data for Personality Profiling.”

The American Psychological Association also sponsored the professional development workshop, “Entering the Academic Marketplace: Advice from Experts” Presenters included Katie Corker (Grand Valley State University), Amanda El Bassiouny (Spring Hill College), Mary Beth Spitznagel (Kent State University) and Renee Tobin (Illinois State University). Tamera R. Schneider, a program director for the National Science Foundation, presented the conversation hour, “National Science Foundation Funding and Insights.”

Symposia

The program included three MPA invited symposia. Christine Gidycz (Ohio University) organized the symposium, “Key Issues in Sexual Assault Prevention: Bystander Behavior and Alcohol Use,” with presentations by herself, Joel Wyatt, Brian Wymbs, Christina Thiessen, Ryan Shorey, Ellen Haynes, Catherine Strauss all from Ohio State, and Katie M. Edwards, Victoria Burns, Stephanie N. Sessarego, Victoria L. Banyard, Kimberly Mitchell, University all from University of New Hampshire.

Edward Awh (University of Chicago) organized the symposium, “Tracking Attention and Learning Through Time and Space,” with presentations by himself, as well as Laura Batterink and Ken A. Paller (Northwestern University), Steve Fraconeri (Northwestern University), and Ed Vogel (University of Chicago).

Several other members organized symposia for the meeting: Megan Haggard (University of Oklahoma) organized, "Values, Virtues, and Civic Behaviors in Adolescents and Adults;" Jeremy Gretton and Duane T. Wegener (The Ohio State University) led "The Elaboration Likelihood Model at 30;" Meghan Huntoon Lindeman (Northern Illinois) organized "The Effects of Obesity Stigma;" J. Scott Jordan (Illinois State University) organized "Hero Narratives: Psychology, Identity, and Moral Change;" Steven Stanton (Oakland University) led "Hormones' Broad Psychological Influence: Memory, Decision-Making, Relationships, and Well-Being;" Eric Wesselmann (Illinois State University) organized "Anti-Atheist Prejudice, Stereotypes, and Discrimination;" Bruce Clark (Southern Illinois University) organized "There's an IRAP for that! Broad Applications of Implicit Measurement;" Ilya Yaroslavsky (Cleveland State University) organized "Why Now, but not Later? Emotion Regulation across Development and Diagnosis;" Patrick Cullen (University of Wisconsin) organized "Optogenetic and Chemogenetic Dissection of the Neural Circuits Driving Fear;" Meghan Huntoon Lindeman (Northern Illinois) organized, "Values for the Greater Good: Leveraging Personal Values for Positive Outcomes;" Lindsay Sheehan (Illinois Institute of Technology) organized "Stigma and Health: A Mixed Methods Approach;" Katherine Thomas (Purdue University) led "Real-Time Assessment of Interpersonal and Affective Relationship Dynamics;" and Rayne Bozeman (Loyola University Chicago) organized "Practical Tips for Confronters: Examining Factors That Predict Successful Confrontations of Bias."

**Invited Talks**

MPA is grateful to the following psychologists who gave Invited Talks at the Annual Meeting: Dolores Albarracin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Jeanette Altarriba (University at Albany, SUNY), Woo-Young Ahn (The Ohio State University), Heather Bailey (Kansas State University), Michael J. Bernstein (Pennsylvania State University Abington), Wiebke Bleidorn (University of California Davis), Ryan P. Brown (The University of Oklahoma), Adreinne R. Carter-Sowell (Texas A&M University), Daniel Casasanto (University of Chicago), Joseph Cesario (Michigan State University), Christopher R. Chartier (Ashland University), William Chopik (Michigan State University), Andrew D. Engell (Kenyon College), Christopher Federico (University of Minnesota), Jeremy A. Frimer (University of Winnipeg), Douglas A. Gentile (Iowa State University), Jessica L. Harnett (Gannon University), Carlee Beth Hawkins (University of Illinois Springfield), Kimberly Kirkpatrick (Kansas State University), Christopher A. Kurby (Grand Valley State University), Jeri Little (Hillsdale College), Marilee Martens (The Ohio State University Newark), Leandra Parris (Illinois State University), Evava S. Pietri (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis), Sarah E. Racine (Ohio University), Brent W. Roberts (University of Illinois), Amanda Roy (University of Illinois Chicago), Lili Sahakan (University of Illinois), Laura D. Scherer (University of Missouri Columbia), Michael J. Serra (Texas Tech University), April R. Smith (Miami University), Mary Beth Spitznagel (Kent State University), Alexa M. Tullet (University of Alabama), Russell Webster (Pennsylvania State University Abington), Mikhila Wildey (Grand Valley State University), David S. Yeager (University of
Texas), and Virgil Zeigler-Hill (Oakland University).

**Affiliated Meetings**

MPA acknowledges the participation of several professional organizations that held their meetings in affiliation with us again this year. The affiliated meeting of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology hosted several symposia and roundtable discussion sessions. Invited addresses were given by Regan Gurung (University of Wisconsin Green Bay) “Doing SoTL: Accomplishments and Challenges to Doing Pedagogical Research” and Janie H. Wilson (Georgia Southern University) “Statistics and Research Methods: Reduce Stress and Enhance Learning.” The organization also held an extensive Creative Classroom Poster Session.

The affiliated meeting of the Society for Community Research and Action (APA Division 27) offered several symposia and roundtable discussion sessions.

The affiliated meeting of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology, hosted numerous poster sessions over two days for student research. In addition to the Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture, the organization also sponsored several symposia including, “Finding Fit: A Strategic Approach to Applying to Graduate Programs,” “Speed Mentoring,” “Getting In: Tips on Maximizing Success with your Graduate School Application,” “Publishing Your Research: How to Turn Your Poster Into a Published Article,” “Awards, Grants, and Leadership: How to Increase Your Involvement with Psi Chi,” “Psi Chi Members Can and Should Benefit from the Open Science Movement,” “Paying the Costs of Graduate School,” and “Creating a Skills Path to Your “Freshman Year” in the Workplace with a Bachelor’s Degree.” Psi Chi also hosted its annual award ceremony and reception at the Palmer House.

**MPA Leadership**

The results of this year’s elections were announced at the MPA business meeting on April 22, 2017. Duane Wegener (Ohio State University) was elected President-Elect for 2017-2018 and Robyn Mallett (Loyola University Chicago) was elected to a three-year term on MPA Council (2017-2020). She joins returning Council members Ximena Arriaga (Purdue University; 2015-2018) and Leslie Ashburn-Nardo (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; 2016-2019).

At the end of the business meeting, Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) began her one-year term as President and Allen R. McConnell (Miami University) began his one-year term as Past-President. Michael J. Bernstein (Penn State University Abington College) began his term as Executive Officer (2017-2020) and Daren Kaiser (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne) continued as Treasurer (2015-2018). Lorraine Grogan (ConferenceDirect) continued in her term as Convention Manager (2015-2020).
Future Meeting

The 90th Annual Meeting will be held earlier in Spring than in the past, April 12-14, 2018. Once again the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Illinois will serve as the venue. Information, membership, and registration are available at www.midwesternpsych.org.