Members of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) met on April 12 - 14, 2018 for the organization’s 90th Annual Meeting at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Illinois. A total of 3,300 people registered for the meeting – a substantial increase over last year. The program committee was moderated by Tracy DeHart (Loyola University Chicago). Members included Melissa Buelow (The Ohio State University Newark), Jeanette Altarriba (SUNY Albany), Katherine Corker (Kenyon College), Heather M. Claypool (Miami University), Don Saucier (Kansas State University), Renée Tobin (Illinois State University), Stephanie Cacioppo (University of Chicago), 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 909 faculty and graduate students submitted papers or posters to the Annual Meeting. This total reflected a 9.4% increase over the previous year. Seventeen symposia were also submitted by members (see below). The program committee recognized the following graduate students for best student papers: Matthew Jamnik (Southern Illinois University Carbondale); W. Tang Watanasriyakul (Northern Illinois University); Thomas Nyman (Abo Akademi University); Michael Kardas (University of Chicago, Booth School of Business); Colleen Cowgill (Ohio University); Natalee Price (Miami University).

Fourteen psychologists were designated as 2018 MPA Fellows because of their outstanding contributions to psychological science and the organization: Joshua Clarkson (University of Cincinnati); Kenneth DeMarree (University of Buffalo SUNY); Michelle Drouin (Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne); Kentaro Fujita (The Ohio State University); Shira Gabriel (University of Buffalo SUNY); Catherine Kwantes (University of Windsor); Susan Levine (The University of Chicago); Robyn Mallett (Loyola University Chicago); Daniel Molden (Northwestern University); John Neuhoff (College of Wooster); Kimberly Quinn (DePaul University); Ed de St. Andrew (Marquette University); Ernest Park (Grand Valley State University); Eleni Pinnow (University of Wisconsin – Superior).

Invited Addresses

Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) gave the 2018 MPA Presidential Address entitled, “The Social and Political Implications of Moral Conviction.” MPA Invited Addresses were also presented by respected psychologists, Molly Crockett (Yale University), “Modeling Morality: How Harm Aversion Shapes Moral Decisions, Judgments and Inference;” Sarah Brosnan (Georgia State University), “Cooperative Decision Making in Non-Human Primates;” Kiley Hamlin
Mark Leary (Duke University) gave the Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker Lecture, “We Can’t All Be Right: Psychological and Social Implications of Intellectual Humility.”

**Invited Workshops**

MPA continued to offer workshops on statistical analyses and research methods at this year’s meeting. The presenters included Erin M. Buchanan (Missouri State University), “Third Wheels and Interactions: Mediation and Moderation Analyses;” Chad Drake (Southern Illinois University), “Life Skills Modules: A Supervisor’s Approach to Teaching Acceptance and Commitment Therapy;” and Paul G. Curran (Grand Valley State University), “Deterrence, Detection, and Implications of Carelessly Invalid Responding.”

The American Psychological Association also sponsored the professional development workshop, “Finding Fit: A Strategic Approach to Applying to Graduate School” Presenters included D. S. Michalski, G. A. Fowler, and C. Cope all from the APA. 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. Heather Claypool (Miami University) and Eric Wesselmann (Illinois State University) organized the symposium, “Social Psychological Phenomena in the 2016-2017 Political Context,” with presentations by MARGO MONTEITH, Purdue University; THERESA VESCIO, Penn State University; DAVID N. RAPP, Northwestern University; DOLORES ALBARRACIN, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Jeanette Altarriba (University at Albany, State University of New York) organized the symposium, “How Language Speaks to Memory in the Bilingual Mind and Brain,” with presentations by herself, as well as VIORICA MARIAN, Northwestern University; LUDMILA ISURIN, The Ohio State University; WENDY S. FRANCIS, University of Texas at El Paso.

Rebecca Gilbertson (University of Minnesota) organized “What is Neuroscience? How Do Animal Models Inform Us of Biological Mechanisms Involved in Addiction?,” with presentations by MEREDITH WATSON, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire; NICHOLE NEUGEBAUER, University of Chicago; REBECCA J. GILBERTSON, University of Minnesota-Duluth; and TONY W. BUCHANAN, Saint Louis University.
Invited Talks

MPA is grateful to the following psychologists who gave Invited Talks at the Annual Meeting: Chana K. Akins, University of Kentucky; Marc Berman, The University of Chicago; Kevin Blankenship, Iowa State University; Ryan Bogdan, Washington University in St. Louis; Anthony Burrow, Cornell University; Lorne Campbell, University of Western Ontario; Evangelia G. Chryskou, University of Kansas; David Cosio, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center; Eros DeSouza, Illinois State University; M. Brent Donnellan, Michigan State University; Martha Escobar, Oakland University; Sarah Francis, University of Toledo; Perla Gamez, Loyola University Chicago; Wind Goodfriend, Buena Vista University; Verena Graupmann, DePaul University; Meara M. Habashi, Purdue University; Karl Healey, Michigan State University; Erin Henshaw, Denison University; E. Tony Higgins, Columbia University; Kurt Hugenberg, Miami University; Zlatan Krizan, Iowa State University; Joshua C. Magee, Miami University; Randy McCarthy, Northern Illinois University; Sylvia Morelli, University of Illinois at Chicago; Kara Morgan-Short, University of Illinois at Chicago; Mary Murphy, Indiana University; Nicole L. Muscanell, Pennsylvania State University, York; Jessica M. Nolan, University of Scranton; Sylvia Perry, Northwestern University; Jae A. Puckett, University of South Dakota; Randall Renstrom, Central College; Nathan S. Rose, University of Notre Dame; Erica D. Schneid, Bloomsburg University; Kimberly Schneider, Illinois State University; Elizabeth Shelleby, Northern Illinois University; Clarissa Thompson, Kent State University; Lucas Torres, Marquette University; Ilja Van Beest, Tilburg University; Elizabeth M. Wakefield, Loyola University Chicago

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 Daniel Cervone (University of Illinois at Chicago), "Personality as a complex system: How are we going to teach that?"; Nicholas Epley (University of Chicago), "Mindwise: Teaching intuitive psychologists about experimental psychology;" John F. Dovidio, (Yale University), "The Subtlety of Contemporary Racism: Implications for Intergroup Perceptions, Interactions, and Policy." 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, “Applying to Graduate School in Psychology,” “Speed Mentoring,” “Everything You Wanted to Know About the GRE (and how to do your BEST at it),” “Success as a Graduate Researcher: Learn from MPA Graduate Student Research Award Winners,” “So You Want to be a Graduate Student? An
Inside Look at Life as a Grad Student,” and “Psi Chi Leadership: How to Increase Chapter Effectiveness.” 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. Ximena Arriaga (Purdue University) was elected President-Elect for 2018-2019 and Heather Claypool (Miami University) was elected to a three-year term on MPA Council (2018-2021). She joins returning Council members Robyn Mallet (Loyola University; 2017-20120) and Leslie Ashburn-Nardo (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; 2016-2019).

At the end of the business meeting, Duane Wegener (The Ohio State) began his one-year term as President and Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) began her one-year term as Past-President. Michael J. Bernstein (Penn State University Abington College) finished his first year as Executive Officer and continues into his second year (2017-2020) and Daren Kaiser (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne) was reappointed as Treasurer (2019-2021). Lorraine Grogan (ConferenceDirect) continued in her term as Convention Manager (2015-2020).

**Future Meeting**

The 91st Annual Meeting will be held earlier on April 11-13, 2019. Once again the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Illinois will serve as the venue. Information, membership, and registration are available at [www.midwesternpsych.org](http://www.midwesternpsych.org).