

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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FALL NEWSLETTER - 2022

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Annual Convention  
April 13 - 15, 2023  
Destination:  
Albuquerque NM



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - DR. CHERYL SANDERS

Metropolitan State University of Denver

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A Warm RMPA Hello!

It is an honor and privilege to serve as RMPA President this year. This organization has had a significant impact on my career for almost 25 years, so I am grateful for the opportunity to pay it forward.

First and foremost, I would like to thank our Executive Committee (Steve Barney, Bethany Fleck, Jennifer Grewe, Nancy Karlin, James Kole, Elizabeth List, Mary Pritchard, Ann Rumble, Clayton Stephenson, Theresa Wadkins, & Doug Woody; and outgoing officers Nora Dunbar, Nikki Jones, & Bill Wozniak) for their hard work returning us to an in-person conference in 2022. We had an amazing comeback in Salt Lake City, and it wouldn't have happened without the elbow grease of this diligent group. They continue with their tireless efforts, putting together a 2023 conference that is set to be exceptional. When you see an EC member, be sure to thank them for their behind-the-scenes work; it is commendable.



We are grateful to have Sieun An, Leslie Gill, and Lassiter Speller from Eastern New Mexico University serving as convention managers this year. Glad to have you on board!

Are you ready for a 'destination' conference in 2023? We are extremely excited for our 93rd annual convention to be held at the beautiful Hotel Albuquerque in Albuquerque, New Mexico from April 13-15! The Executive Committee has been busy putting together an A-list line up of speakers that you won't want to miss.

We are honored and thrilled to host Dr. Elizabeth Loftus as the Distinguished RMPA Speaker. She is considered the most influential female psychologist of the twentieth century (see *Review of General Psychology*) and internationally known for her expertise in memory. Dr. Loftus will be speaking on "The Fiction of Memory" and interacting directly with students in a special Q&A session.

# OUR CURRENT STELLAR SLATE OF INVITED SPEAKERS COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY INCLUDES

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- Dr. Jillian Fish (University of Minnesota)
- Dr. Iva GreyWolf (APA Fellow; President of the Society of Indian Psychologists)
- Dr. June Gruber (University of Colorado - Boulder)\*
- Dr. Travis Heath (San Diego State University)
- Dr. Danae Hudson (Missouri State University)\*
- Dr. Kimberly Kahn (Portland State University)
- Dr. Eric Landrum (Boise State University)
- Dr. Elizabeth Loftus (University of California - Irvine)
- Dr. Jasmine Mena (Bucknell University)
- Dr. William Miller (University of New Mexico)
- Dr. Katalin Parti (Virginia Tech)
- Dr. Kamilla Venner (University of New Mexico)
- Dr. Brooke Whisenhunt (Missouri State University)\*
- Dr. Katie Witkiewitz (University of New Mexico)

\*A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO PEARSON AND MACMILLAN LEARNING FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIPS. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT!

# OUR 'DESTINATION' CONFERENCE CHECKS ALL THE BOXES.

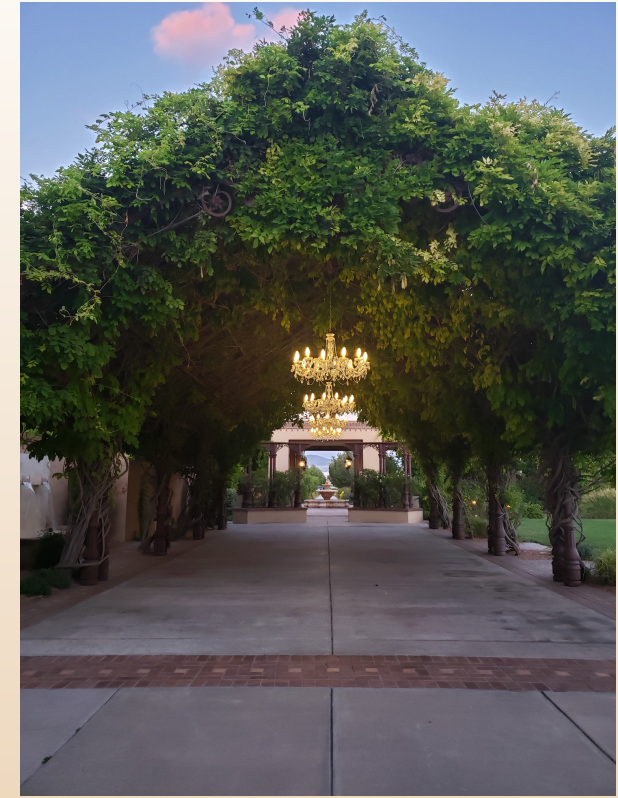
- ✓ Cutting edge research talks
- ✓ Social hours to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones
- ✓ Several talks addressing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, including speakers representing indigenous peoples
- ✓ Beautiful hotel courtyards for networking and recharging
- ✓ An indigenous blessing to be given by a local tribal leader at our opening reception honoring the fact we will meet on the current and ancestral homelands of numerous Indigenous tribes
- ✓ Numerous talks approved for Continuing Education Credit
- ✓ Teaching Pre-Conference where you can learn and share effective teaching tips and research related to the teaching of Psychology
- ✓ Exhibitor hall highlighting graduate schools, publishers/new textbooks, and vendors relevant to the field
- ✓ Multiple Psi Chi and other student-centered events, including a service project, for student participation
- ✓ Historic Old Town Albuquerque showcasing traditional New Mexican culture and restaurants in walking distance from hotel
- ✓ Outdoor resort swimming pool and hot tub for relaxing
- ✓ Sawmill Market, a 25,000 square-foot food hall featuring an array of culinary experiences, steps away from hotel

THE 2023 RMPA CONVENTION  
PROMISES TO BE MEMORABLE.  
ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE, WE CANNOT  
WAIT TO SEE YOU IN  
ALBUQUERQUE!

DR. CHERYL SANDERS,  
RMPA PRESIDENT



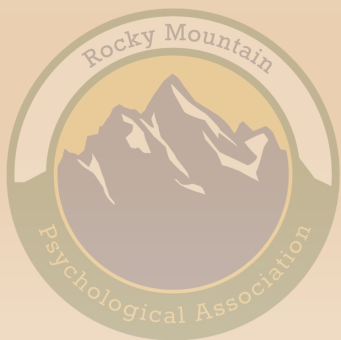
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# HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE At Old Town

Book with this link: [RMPA2023](#)

800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104  
Phone: [505-843-6300](tel:505-843-6300)



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please email our Convention Managers with any questions prior to your travel.

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Leslie Gill: [leslie.gill@enmu.edu](mailto:leslie.gill@enmu.edu)

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Eastern New Mexico University



Click on the visitor's guides to learn more about Albuquerque



# 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Please email our program co-chairs with questions:

James A. Kole [James.kole@unco.edu](mailto:James.kole@unco.edu)

Theresa Wadkins [Wadkinst@unk.edu](mailto:Wadkinst@unk.edu)

## Proposal Information

- Submit proposals by December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Proposal instructions are found on the submission site.
- [Proposal Site](#)

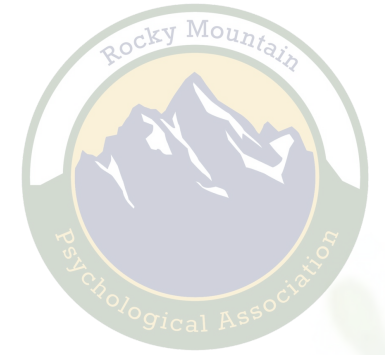
## Registration Information

- Registration for RMPA 2023 is open!
- [Registration & Membership Site](#)



# 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION

## DATES & DEADLINES



DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

Proposals Due: [Submit Here](#)

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Hotel Room Block Deadline: [Book Here](#)

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Early bird registration deadline:

[Register Here](#)

APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Convention Time!

# TEACHING CONFERENCE

Dear RMPA Members,

During our 2022 conference in Salt Lake, I was able to meet with some of our members and discuss ideas about the 2023 teaching conference. There were a number of great ideas, and I am excited to announce that based on that brainstorming session the 2023 Wertheimer–Portenier Teaching Conference will be a little different. The teaching conference will now have *two* Teaching Take-Out sessions! Another exciting change is that we will have a one-hour session that will be a more informal, round table type of session where people will sit together in groups and have small group and large group discussions about teaching successes and issues with the goal of further developing professional relationships. For the keynote speaker, we are thrilled to have Professor Jasmine Mena from Bucknell University. The title of her keynote is Cultivating Student Sense of Belonging Inside and Outside of the Classroom. The teaching conference will begin at noon on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will open with Teaching Take-Outs followed by one hour of symposia and workshops. Professor Mena will give the keynote at 2:00 p.m. After the keynote, we will have our round table session in addition to talks. Finally, we will wrap up the final hour with another Teaching Take-Out session. Remember that the end of the teaching conference kicks off the official conference with its first speaker at 5:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you all in Albuquerque!

Sincerely,

Clayton L. Stephenson

# TEACHING TAKEOUT CALL

<http://www.rockymountainpsych.com>

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

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Elizabeth Loftus  
The Fiction of  
Memory



Dr. Jillian Fish  
Talk Title TBA



Dr. Iva GreyWolf  
Ears to Hear the  
Healing Song



Dr. June Gruber  
Student Emotional  
Well-being and  
Happiness During  
and Beyond  
COVID-19



Dr. Travis Heath  
Lifting Up the  
Knowledge of the  
Other: Culturally  
Democratic  
Approaches to  
Therapy



Dr. Danae Hudson  
Preventing  
Academic  
Groundhog Day:  
Strategies to  
Address Predictable  
Difficult Concepts



Dr. Eric Landrum  
We Are Family: My  
RMPA Story Can Be  
Your RMPA Story

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Jasmine Mena  
Cultivating Student  
Sense of Belonging  
Inside and Outside  
of the Classroom



Dr. Kimberly Kahn  
The Psychology of  
Racial Bias in  
Policing



Dr. William Miller  
Effective  
Psychotherapists:  
Eight Clinical Skills  
that Improve Client  
Outcomes



Dr. Katalin Parti  
Community-Based  
Prevention and  
Intervention of  
Older Individuals'  
Online Scam  
Victimization



Dr. Kamilla Venner  
Emphasizing  
Culture in  
Delivering  
Evidence-Based  
Treatments: Specific  
Recommendations



Dr. Brooke  
Whisenhunt  
Preventing  
Academic  
Groundhog Day:  
Strategies to  
Address Predictable  
Difficult Concepts



Dr. Katie Witkiewitz  
Expanding  
Definitions of  
Recovery:  
Examining the  
Multiple Pathways  
to a Life Worth  
Living

# CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

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RMPA will once again team up with Seattle Pacific University to offer Continuing Education/Professional Development opportunities for some of our speakers and workshops. You may earn as many of the available credits as you wish, for a small \$55.00 Continuing Education Fee added to your annual dues and conference registration. Please consider proposing a nuts-and-bolts clinical workshop or an empirically informed discussion on clinical ethics session. If you have other ideas about a type of activity that would be of benefit to clinical professionals, please also submit your proposal!

Read more: <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/ce-credits>



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DR. STEVE BARNEY: [BARNEY@SUU.EDU](mailto:BARNEY@SUU.EDU)

# AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominating yourself or an outstanding colleague for a RMPA award:

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RMPA EARLY CAREER AWARD

RMPA MENTOR AWARD

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD



THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15, 2023

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Psi Beta Student Poster Award

- Description: Psi Beta, the honor society for students interested in psychology at the community college level, will recognize two outstanding student posters. Student winners will receive a graduation package (e.g., honor cord, sash, medallion) from Psi Beta.
- Eligibility: The first author must be a member of Psi Beta and an undergraduate student. Other co-authors are allowed, including faculty co-authors.
- Contact Heather Schoenherr with questions: [heather.schoenherr@cw.edu](mailto:heather.schoenherr@cw.edu)

- History of Psychology in the Rocky Mountain Region

- Are you interested in the inclusive local histories of psychology departments in the rocky mountain region?
  - Check out the RMPA history webpage to learn more!  
<http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/documents>
  - Please contact RMPA's historian: William Douglas Woody: [William.Woody@unco.edu](mailto:William.Woody@unco.edu) for opportunities to potentially present at an upcoming RMPA convention.





# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

RMPPA is also looking for:

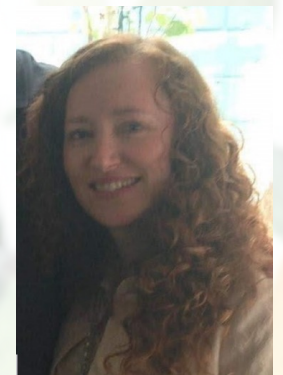
- Program Committee Members
- Membership Engagement Coordinator
- Diversity Council Members
- Nominate yourself or a colleague

Voting will occur via email for members  
in December

President Elect: Robert Wright, Ph.D., Brigham  
Young University - Idaho



Secretary: Dr. Nahanni Freeman, Colorado  
Christian University



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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RMPPA remains in good financial standing with over \$90,000 in the bank. The Salt Lake City conference at the Radisson had over 700 attendees, with 135 faculty and 456 undergraduate and graduate students. We also offered CEU credits through Seattle Pacific University, and had 36 individuals register for the conference and CEU courses. In addition, we had 11 vendor tables and 3 sponsored food events. The conference registration and membership fees totaled \$63,522, and the conference expenses were \$62,289. Conference expenses included: the conference registration and program vendor, hotel expenses, speakers, and award winners.

Ann Catherine Rumble: [Ann.Rumble@nau.edu](mailto:Ann.Rumble@nau.edu)

# STUDENTS – STUDENTS – STUDENTS: PSI CHI NEWS



Psi Chi is excited about RMPA 2023 and to be visiting Albuquerque! The Psi Chi Distinguished Lecturer this year is Dr. Kimberly Kahn from Portland State University's Gender, Race, and Sexual Prejudice Lab. Dr. Kahn's talk is titled: The Psychology of Racial Bias in Policing.

Graduate and undergraduate Psi Chi members are eligible to apply for the Regional Research Award: (\$400). When you submit your proposal to RMPA you will have the opportunity to indicate whether you would like to be considered. More information can be found [here](#). If you want to be considered, you must select that you are willing to give an oral presentation.

Contact Dr. Jennifer Grewe with questions: [jennifer.grewe@usu.edu](mailto:jennifer.grewe@usu.edu)



Psi Chi members are encouraged to offset travel expenses to RMPA by applying for a [Regional Travel Grant](#). These will be due by the first part of February.

Psi Chi organizes an annual service activity at RMPA on Thursday morning from 8:00–noon. More details will be forthcoming!

The Psi Chi service activity and conference programming is open to all students, both graduate and undergraduate, regardless of current Psi Chi membership. We look forward to interacting with you in Albuquerque, NM!

# SPONSORSHIP

RMPA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: All donations are a tax deductible

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- RMPA invites organizations to consider sponsoring the 2023 convention
  - Consider a full page add in our Spring Newsletter: \$300 or providing lanyards for the convention with your logo on it: \$500
- [Learn more about other sponsorship options](#)

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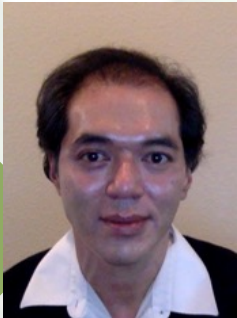
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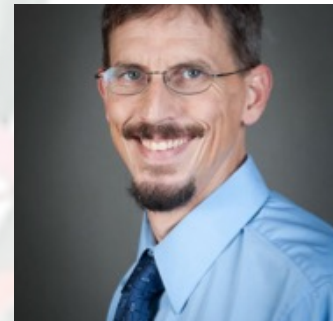
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