

# Rocky Mountain Psychological Association

Spring 2020

## Convention Planner

Welcome to the new format for the “spring newsletter.” Find out all you need to know about the 2020 annual convention, which happens to be RMPA’s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The image shows a colorful, geometric poster for the RMPA 90th Annual Convention. The background is a grid of squares in shades of teal, pink, yellow, and light blue. A large black triangle is centered on the poster, containing the text 'R.M.P.A.' in white, stylized letters, and 'April 16-18, 2020' in a smaller font below it. Below the triangle, the text '90th Annual Convention' is written in a large, white, stylized font. At the bottom left, there is a circular logo for the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, featuring a mountain range. To the right of the logo, the text 'Marriott Denver Tech Center 4900 S. Syracuse St.' is displayed. Below that, it says 'Proposals Due December 9, 2019' and 'Early Registration Deadline March 8, 2020'. At the very bottom, the website 'www.rockymountainpsych.com' is listed.

R.M.P.A.  
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A man with short brown hair, wearing a purple V-neck sweater over a white shirt, is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is standing in front of a bookshelf filled with books. The background is slightly blurred, showing a red curtain and a blue poster on the wall.

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Welcome message from the  
President, Dr. Brian Burke, from  
Fort Lewis College

**Need to Know Dates**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- All normal (non-guest) registrations are subject to a \$25 late fee if purchased after the 8<sup>th</sup>

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- RMPA's special convention rate for attendees (\$135/night) expires. Register your room prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Convention Dates!

# Program



We are looking forward to our next RMPA annual convention in Denver! The Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference will begin at noon on Thursday, April 16, and Psi Chi's programming for students will start 1 pm. Our regular conference officially begins at 5pm on Thursday with a talk by Temple Grandin, followed by our opening reception starting at 6 pm.



Our programming will continue on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 with an exciting combination of invited talks, oral presentations, poster presentations, and symposia. The conference will conclude with the business meeting and reception that ends on Saturday at 7:00 pm.



We are looking forward to seeing our regular attendees in April as well as welcoming new attendees!

# 2020 CONVENTION SPEAKERS

RMPA will be hosting an excellent series of speakers this year at the convention!

RMPA 2020 will kick off Thursday evening with a talk from Dr. Temple Grandin!



- **Dr. James Pennebaker:** RMPA Distinguished Lecturer
- **Dr. Adriana Galvan:** Psi Chi Invited Speaker
- **Dr. Charles Honts:** Past President's Address
- **Dr. Steven M. Elias:** Distinguished Alumni Lecture
- **Dr. Thomas Pyszczynski, Dr. Michael Bayly, Rachele Benjamin, and Dr. Brian Burke:** Presidential Symposium on Terror Management Theory (TMT)
- **Dr. Melba Vasquez PhD, ABPP:** Diversity Speaker Keynote
- **Dr. Daphna Oyserman:** APA Distinguished Scientist Lecture
- **Karen Z. Naufel, PhD:** Teaching Keynote Address

Dr. Melba Vasquez



**Learn More Here:**

**<http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/invited-speakers>**

# Hotel Information



- ▶ RMPA's 2020 convention is being held at the [Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver, CO](#).
- ▶ Address: 4900 S Syracuse Street, Denver, CO 80237.

- ▶ RMPA's special convention rate for attendees is \$135 a night. Register your room prior to March 22<sup>nd</sup> to get the discounted rate.
- ▶ USE THIS LINK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RMPA'S SPECIAL RATE:  
[HTTPS://BOOK.PASSKEY.COM/GO/RMPPSYCHASSO  
C2020](https://book.passkey.com/go/rmppsychassoC2020)

# Registration Information

- ▶ Register online before the Convention:  
<http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/registration>
- ▶ All normal (non-guest) registrations are subject to a \$25 late fee if purchased after the March 8<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ On Site Registration & Badge Pick up:
  - ▶ Thursday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm
  - ▶ Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
  - ▶ Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ▶ You must register / get badge at least 1 hour prior to entering a presentation (guests as well)
- ▶ Feel free to stop by the registration desk with questions anytime!



# Are you presenting?

## Here is what you need to know...

### ► Equipment:

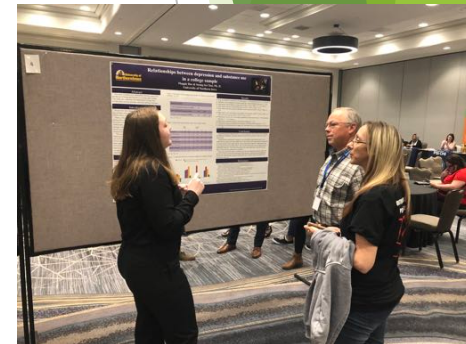
- A computer and projector will be provided, and presentations should be on a USB thumb drive. There may not be a reliable Wi-Fi connection in the presentation room, so do not rely on Wi-Fi for your presentation.

### ► Tips for Presenters:

- <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/tips-for-presenters>

### ► Questions?

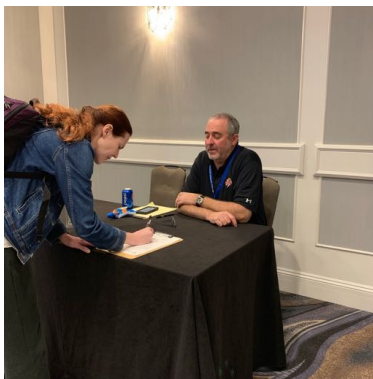
- We look forward to seeing your presentation at RMPA! If you have any questions about the above information, about presenting at RMPA, or about the program, please email Dr. Jennifer Grewe, RMPA Program Co-Chair, at [jennifer.grewe@usu.edu](mailto:jennifer.grewe@usu.edu)



# Faculty! Check this out

## Moderators

- ▶ Have you signed up to moderate sessions? Faculty members in psychology are eligible to moderate sessions at the conference. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/RM PAModerators> to sign up to be a moderator during the conference.



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## Continuing Education Credits

- ▶ For an additional \$55.00 fee, you can earn up to 12 CE hours by attending invited speaker addresses and submitting a feedback form. Details about registering for CE credits can be found at <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/ce-credits/>.





# Faculty: Nominate yourself or a peer for a RMPA AWARD!

**DUE FEB 15<sup>th</sup>**



- ▶ Early Career Award
  - ▶ <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/awards>
- ▶ Mentor Award
  - ▶ <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/mentor-award>
- ▶ Distinguished Scholar Award
  - ▶ <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/distinguished-scholar>

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# Students! Check this out

## PSI CHI AT RMPA

- ▶ Psi Chi has a strong presence at RMPA. RMPA encourages students to attend and present at the Convention.
- ▶ Psi Chi organizes an annual service activity at RMPA on Thursday morning from 8:00-noon.
  - ▶ In 2020 we will assist the Food Bank of the Rockies.
  - ▶ Any student or faculty member can participate. Please register here: <https://rmpa3.wildapricot.org/event-3698209>



**Learn More Here:**

**<http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/psi-chi-at-rmpa>**

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## Want to be an exhibitor or sponsor?

### Sponsor a snack or Break

- ▶ \*Morning/afternoon receptions (food): \$500 (Snacks).
- ▶ \*Morning/afternoon coffee break: \$500
- ▶ \*Afternoon break with lemonade/punch/tea: \$500

Graduate programs are encouraged to reserve a table as an exhibitor during the annual conference. Cost is minimal (\$250) plus registration (\$75) if you attend the conference.

### Learn more and register:

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

# See You at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention!



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Make sure to check out  
the band at the opening  
reception! -Black Water

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