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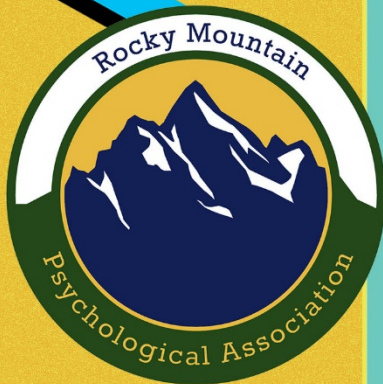
90<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention

Marriott Denver Tech Center  
4900 S. Syracuse St.

Proposals Due  
December 9, 2019

Early Registration Deadline  
March 8, 2020

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## *Message from the President*

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I am thrilled to announce that the next convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association will be April 16-18, 2020 at the Marriott Tech Center in beautiful Denver, CO. The Executive Committee has been working tirelessly to develop a superb program that will appeal to a diverse audience and help us celebrate a special milestone—our 90th anniversary. The convention begins on Thursday afternoon with the Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference for psychology faculty alongside sessions for students on grad school and other helpful topics such as how to get the most out of this conference. The experience then continues with keynote speakers, research presentations/posters, workshops, continuing education opportunities, and social events, with delicious food and fun 90th anniversary surprises. All of these provide wonderful opportunities to network with others who have a deep interest in the most fascinating thing ever—psychological science.



The year 1969 was an eventful one, including the first moon landing, Woodstock, and Scooby-Doo airing on TV. It was also the year that George A. Miller, in his APA presidential address, argued eloquently for the need to “give psychology away” for the betterment of society. That is our theme for the 90th anniversary of RMPA—and you will see as you gaze longingly at the amazing list of speakers below that all of them do research that improves our lives and should be shared with the world.

We often hear that RMPA is the best regional convention because of how friendly and welcoming we all are and how student-centered our conference has become. But for many reasons, 2020 will be THE year to attend RMPA. The slate of speakers for our 90th anniversary is full of star power, award winners, past presidents, and then some, with Drs. Temple Grandin, James Pennebaker, Melba Vasquez, David Daniel, Charles Honts, Daphna Oyserman, and Adriana Galvin just for starters. And you will get to hear my latest “RMPA elevator joke” (2020 edition). Plus, Executive Committee members Nancy Karlin and Doug Woody have promised to take the Ice Bucket Challenge at the conference if we reach 1000 attendees!

Note that the **submission deadline is December 9, 2019 for all proposals**. More information will be available both in this newsletter and on our web site: [www.rockymountainpsych.com](http://www.rockymountainpsych.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver this coming April.

Brian Burke, Ph.D., President, Rocky Mountain Psychological Association

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## 2020 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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We are excited about our upcoming 90th annual RMPA convention that will be held in Denver! The Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference will begin on Thursday, April 16, and Psi Chi's programming for students will start at the same time. Our regular conference officially begins at 5pm on Thursday with Temple Grandin's invited talk, followed by our opening reception. We have some fun, exciting events planned to coincide with this being our 90th year! Special thanks to our Executive Committee members that have worked hard to make this a wonderful convention and experience for all.

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.

Please note that the submission deadline for the conference is Monday, December 9th at 11:59 pm MST. More information about submissions and the portal will be posted here:

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

Consistent with the last couple of years, we will have higher standards for accepting oral and poster presentations, which we think makes for a strong, vibrant conference. We hope to see your high-quality submissions by December 9th!

If you have any questions about the program or about submitting to the conference, please contact RMPA's Program Co-Chair, Jennifer Grewe at [jennifer.grewe@usu.edu](mailto:jennifer.grewe@usu.edu)

We are looking forward welcoming new and returning attendees!

**Registration link:** <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/registration/>

- *For conference registration and membership:*  
<https://rmpa.squarespace.com/registration/>
- *For exhibitors and reception sponsors:*  
<https://rmpa.squarespace.com/registration/>
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## Travel / Lodging

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**90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the  
Rocky Mountain Psychological Association**  
**April 16 – 18**  
**Marriott Denver Tech Center**

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

**4855 S. Quebec St., Denver**

Room rate of \$135/ night

Click [HERE](#) for the Hotel Block Rate

For more information click → [Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver, CO](#)

### **GETTING TO THE HOTEL**

We recommend SuperShuttle for travel from the airport to the conference hotel. Prices are listed below (please note these reflect the cost of a one-way ride and do not include gratuity). Reservations can be made online at <http://www.supershuttle.com>.

Super Shuttle Shared-ride van	\$21 Each Way
Super Shuttle Non-Stop Ride 1-3	\$50 Each Way
ExecuCar: Black Car Will Call	\$75 Each Way
ExecuCar: SUV Will Call	\$85 Each Way

### **PARKING**

The daily parking rate at the hotel is \$15. Please note, that this **is not included** in the hotel room rate. Free/low cost parking is available at the Belleview Station (about a 10-minute walk to the hotel).

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## DENVER AT A GLANCE

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Denver is the capitol and largest city in Colorado. Located at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, Denver has more than 300 days of sunshine. Whether you are interested in outdoor activities, sports, music, shopping, food, or the arts, Denver has something to offer for everyone.

(Special thanks to Visit Denver for providing much of the information in this guide; [denver.org](http://denver.org)).

Read [[more...](#)]



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## CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

### Candidates for President Elect



**James Nolan, Ph.D.**

*Bethany College*

I am extremely honored to be nominated to serve as President of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association. Since my first experience attending RMPA in 1997 in Reno, NV, I have greatly enjoyed attending this annual meeting due to the scientific nature of the meeting and the great relationships that I have made along the way with many truly outstanding students and professionals alike [read more...]



**Mary Pritchard, Ph.D.**

*Boise State University*

I started attending RMPA as a graduate student in the late 1990s. Twenty years later, I still bring my students to RMPA every year. Why? Because RMPA is still the most student-friendly student-centered conference I have found. It is also jam-packed with valuable teaching- and research-centered information for faculty and students alike. Most of all, I and my students have a lot of fun at RMPA's annual conference each year [read more...]

### Candidates for RMPA Secretary



**Bethany Fleck, Ph.D.**

*Metropolitan State University of Denver*

RMPA has contributed to my professional and personal development in numerous ways. I would like the opportunity to continue to give back through service as Secretary. I have been serving as the current secretary and I am prepared to continue my role. Other leadership roles in the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP) have prepared me this position [read more...]

## APA APPROVED CE CREDITS

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The Rocky Mountain Psychological Association invites you to submit your ideas for Continuing Education Workshops for this year's Annual Meeting. We are soliciting proposals that relate to clinical/consulting practice in broad areas with diverse populations of clients, and those that cover various aspects of professional ethics.

We are also pioneering a new Nuts and Bolts workshop series. The purpose of these one to two-hour workshops is to provide a basic overview of the theory and practice of specific evidence-based psychotherapy styles, (e.g., Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectic Behavioral Therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Compassion Focused Therapy, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Motivational Interviewing, Prolonged Exposure Therapy, Emotion Focused Therapy, etc.). Relevant to both trainees who are searching for a theoretical orientation that resonates with them, as well as seasoned veterans who are looking to expand their therapeutic repertoire, we envision these workshops to be of great value to all attendees. Consider sharing your expertise with other RMPA attendees.

Finally, RMPA is seeking proposals for workshops on Statistics for Clinicians. These workshops should review the types of statistical techniques and procedures most likely encountered and used in clinical practice (e.g., outcome research, psychometric analysis, scale development, etc.).

As with all workshops, we encourage presenters to incorporate experiential exercises into their proposals. Presenters will also need to identify a few learning objectives for each workshop they facilitate.

Please direct questions about Continuing Education workshops to Steve Barney ([barney@suu.edu](mailto:barney@suu.edu)).

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## 2020 CONVENTION SPEAKERS

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### RMPA Distinguished Lecture

**Dr. James Pennebaker**

*University of Texas at Austin*

**Using words to understand individuals, groups,  
and cultures**



### Keynote for Teaching Conference

**Dr. Karen Naufel**

*Georgia Southern University*

**Training Over Hazing: Reducing Risks to  
Student Researchers Builds  
Their Transferrable Skills**



### Diversity Keynote

**Dr. Melba Vasquez**

**The Ethics of Self-Care for Survivors of  
Inequity**



## **Psi Chi Invited Speaker**

**Dr. Adriana Galvan**

**How Adolescent Neuroscience Research Can Inform Policy**



## **Gardner Memorial Lecture**

**Dr. Temple Grandin**



## **Past President Address**

**Dr. Charles Honts**

*Boise State University*

**Hot-off-the-presses: A New Meta-analysis on Polygraph Accuracy**



## **Distinguished Alumni Invited Speaker**

**Dr. Steven M. Elias**

*Fort Lewis College*

**Why Every Dean Should be a Psychologist**



## **Presidential Address/Symposium**

**Dr. Tom Pyszczynski**

*University of Colorado-Colorado Springs*

**Dr. Michael Bayly**

*University of Charleston*

**Terror Management Theory  
(TMT)**



**Distinguished Scientist (APA)  
GSH Speaker**

**Dr. Daphna Oyserman**

*Dornsife Center for Mind and Society*

**Identity-based motivation: theory and  
applications**



## PAST AWARD WINNERS



*2019*

*Distinguished Service Award*

Dr. Susan Becker  
*Colorado Mesa University*

*2019*

*Early Career Award*

Dr. Jennifer Grewe  
*Utah State University*

*2019*

*Mentor Award*

Dr. Krista Bridgmon  
*Colorado State University Pueblo*

### **NANCY KARLIN GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS**

David Top, Connor Larson, Angus Bennion, Karch Smith, Lauren Hall, Isaac Wu, Chaz Rich, and Tyler White, *Brigham Young University*, "Uncertainty is the Key to Atypical Fear Conditioning and Extinction in Autism"

Mikeala Priest, Vikki Alden, Kenneth McClure, Alexa Milbradt, and Adrian Barberis. *University of Wyoming*, "Taking gender out of mental rotation: Reexamining gender difference in mental rotation using virtual reality and 3D models."

### **RMPA TEACHING POSTER AWARD**

Tyrus Roanhorse and William Mira, Fort Lewis College, "Academic Persistence among college students."



## CALL FOR 2020 AWARD NOMINATIONS

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### Early Career Award

RMPA is soliciting nominations for the 2019 Early Career Award. The Early Career Award recognizes a member of RMPA who is early in her or his career and who has already made significant contributions to the Association and to psychological science. The award is presented at the annual convention business meeting (April 6, 2019).

The Deadline for Nominations is **February 15, 2020**

Read more: <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/awards/>

### Mentor Award

RMPA is seeking nominations for the 2019 Mentor Award. The award is presented at the RMPA annual convention business meeting (April 6, 2019). RMPA recognizes that the mentoring relationship is vital in the development of psychology graduates and students at all levels and has established a Mentor Award to recognize outstanding mentors.

The Deadline for Nominations is **February 15, 2020**

Read more: <http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/mentor-award/>

### NEW THIS YEAR

### RMPA Distinguished Scholar Award

The RMPA Distinguished Scholar Award will be given for the first time at the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting. The 2020 recipient will be identified using the following criteria:

Awardees must be a faculty or professional member who has been an active member of the Organization for a minimum of five years.

Material submitted for consideration must be a body of research stemming from the three previous years.

The body of research to be evaluated should include:

- Published journal articles
- Keynote/invited conference presentations
- Books/book chapters both authored and edited
- External funding

Self-nominations are encouraged. An annual deadline of **February 15** has been established. Send nominee's name, their body of research and current curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation to the current Past President of RMPA.

The winner will receive a plaque that will be presented at RMPA's Saturday business meeting.

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## 2020 WERTHEIMER-PORTENIER TEACHING CONFERENCE

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The 2020 Wertheimer-Portenier Teaching Conference will begin at noon on Thursday, April 16, 2020 with *Teaching Take-Out*, a session of short, interactive classroom demonstrations in several different areas of psychology. We are honored to have Professor Karen Z. Naufel from Georgia Southern University join us to give the teaching keynote address: Training Over Hazing: Reducing Risks to Student Researchers Builds Their Transferrable Skills. Additionally, Professor David B. Daniel will present the Harry Kirk Wolfe lecture during the main RMPA convention.

Several symposia and workshops on teaching topics have been proposed including (a) Strategies for Teaching First Generation University Students, (b) Using Open Educational Resources in Psychology, (c) Teaching English Language

Learners, (d) The Roads That Many Travel: The Transition from R1 Graduate Programs to Faculty Roles at Teaching Universities, and (e) The Uses of Student Evaluations in Teaching.

There will also be several sessions aimed at students including (a) Making the Most of Your RMPA Experience, (b) Maximizing Learning across Different Instructors, and (c) Using Your Psychology Degree in Your Career Outside of Academia.

THE PORTENIER-WERTHEIMER TEACHING CONFERENCE WILL CLOSE WITH A RECEPTION. TEACHING POSTERS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE MAIN CONVENTION, AND THE BEST TEACHING POSTER WILL RECEIVE THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TEACHING POSTER AWARD.

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## TEACHING TAKE-OUT CALL

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This is a formal invitation to participate in the 2020 RMPA Convention Teaching Take-Out session on teaching demonstrations. We invite teachers of psychology from high schools, community colleges, and universities to bring their favorite teaching demonstrations to share with other teachers of psychology.

This year we seek to include a wide range of teaching demonstrations across several subtopics in psychology. We invite demonstrations of active learning opportunities, discussions, debates, collaborative learning, or problem-based learning for small classes, large lecture classes, and online/distance learning classes. Technology will be available to present online activities and demonstrations.

Learn more here: <https://rmpa.squarespace.com/new-page-1>

## Psi Chi News

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Psi Chi has a strong presence at RMPA. RMPA encourages students to attend and present at the Convention. This year's Psi Chi Distinguished Lecturer is Dr. Cathy Faye from the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology, at the University of Akron. Her talk is titled: Back to the Future: Exploring Psychology's Past, Reimagining Psychology's Future

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 [HERE](#)

Psi Chi members are encouraged to offset travel expenses to RMPA by applying for a Regional Travel Grant [LINK](#)

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

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. The Psi Chi service activity and conference programming is open to all students, both graduate and undergraduate, regardless of current Psi Chi membership.



## Treasurer Report

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*October, 2019*

We continue to have a great turnout for the conference. At the 2018 meeting in Denver, we had 804 registered attendees. We are currently in a strong financial position as an organization. We have continued to maintain a strong balance in our savings, allowing us to maintain financial stability during years in which expenses have exceeded revenue; we have been able to add to this fund with profitable years in the recent past. We have recently begun working with professionals in accounting to consult with us moving forward, and are currently researching investment opportunities that will allow our assets to grow while maintaining adequate liquidity and stability in our financial standing. We continue to strive to keep costs for our members affordable while investing in quality programming and maintaining value.

For the 2020 conference, we will continue to use an online registration portal for the meeting, and will be making changes, based upon feedback from the 2019 conference, with an aim of improving the user experience and increasing clarity in the process. Watch the RMPA website for more information, available soon.

### Summary of Recent Conference Gains/Losses:

Year:	Location:	Net Gain/Loss:
2015	Boise	-7043.71
2016	Denver	+28189.24
2017	Salt Lake City	+11747.77
2018	Denver	+17293.86
2019	Denver	+7065.15

Balance in Checking Account	\$80,150.49
Balance in Money Market Account	\$31,629.01
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$111,779.50</b>



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**Thank you (again, as always) to Mr. Thai Intarakamhang for your hard work and master skills putting together this newsletter.**

**RMPA'S OPENING RECEPTION (THURSDAY, 6 - 9 PM)**

Black Water Colorado will be playing at this year's convention on Thursday night from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes!

<https://www.facebook.com/Black-Water-Colorado-348696808973117/>

