

Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Newsletter Spring 2009

Program Chair's Message

Diane Martichuski
University of Colorado

The 79th Annual RMPA Convention should be a great conference! We have about 260 submissions for papers, posters, symposia, and workshops this year, and all of the Rocky Mountain states (Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, and New Mexico) are represented, as well as New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, Nebraska, Washington, Kansas, Florida, Minnesota, and North Carolina. This is also the fifth year for the Portenier/Wertheimer Teaching Pre-conference, which will be held starting at noon on Thursday, April 16. In addition to the teaching sessions, which students are welcome to attend, we also have set up special sessions just for students during the teaching pre-conference on Thursday afternoon. We will have the general Conference Kickoff Speaker (Diane Halpern) at 5 pm on Thursday the 16th and the teaching posters and reception following Halpern's talk from 6 to 7:30 pm. At that time, you can find a group to go to dinner with, if you are interested in meeting new people. Friday and Saturday (April 17 and 18) will have full schedules, like last year. We have many social events planned for this conference, and there are great restaurants around, so please plan on staying in Albuquerque for the entire convention, which will conclude with our President's Reception on Saturday night.

For those who are new to RMPA, please remember that even though you have submitted a proposal, *it is still necessary to register for the convention and reserve rooms at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town*. Please pre-register as early as possible (the deadline for early registration is March

13). Pre-registering is cheaper for all groups, plus it really eases the burden on our convention managers and the local staff.

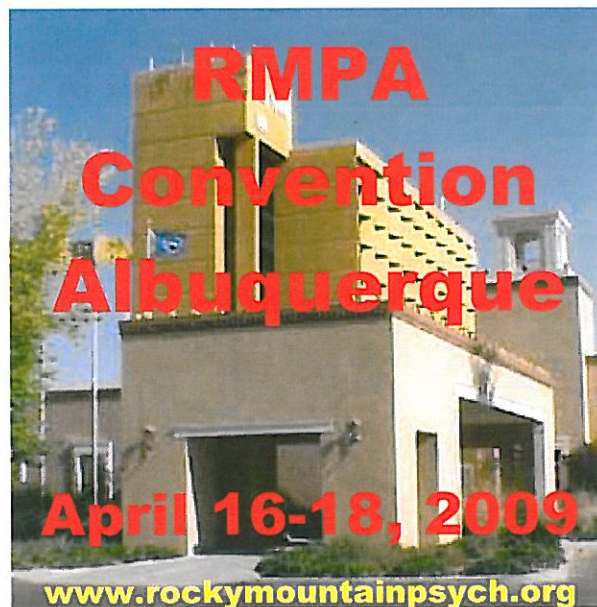
Remember, you will not be mailed a convention program. Convention-goers will receive a program when they either pick up their badge (pre-registered people) or when they register on-site at the conference in April. We will otherwise have a brief schedule of the conference as well as a complete copy of the program on the website when it is finished. You can check on the progress of the program as we develop it on the webpage at <http://www.rockymountainpsych.org>. Click on "2009 Convention Program Information."

Last year was our first year to use LCD projectors in all presentation rooms. They were a big success! We are going to continue to have LCD projectors, so bring a memory stick/thumb drive/flash drive with your presentation on it. Many thanks to University of New Mexico for helping us with this equipment. You no longer need to bring your computer or LCD projector (but still need a memory stick).

Notification of proposal acceptance into the program occurred on-line. The status webpage can be linked from the main conference webpage (under "2009 Convention Program Information"). Session assignments and times for sessions will be online by mid-March in the same area. This information includes the type of session (oral or poster), and time and date of your session. I also have posted a "General Guidelines" link

for newcomers to the conference, as well as moderator information, and presenter information. If you have any questions or problems with a submission or want to help out more, please contact me at Diane.Martichuski@colorado.edu.

Thanks again for all of the great looking proposals! We welcome newcomers and look forward to seeing our "regulars" each year! The executive committee and I are all very excited about this conference!



RMPA 2009 CONVENTION INFORMATION

APRIL 16-18, 2009

The Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

800 Rio Grande Boulevard, NW

Albuquerque, NM 87104

(L) 505-843-6300

(T) 800-237-2133

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www.HotelABQ.com



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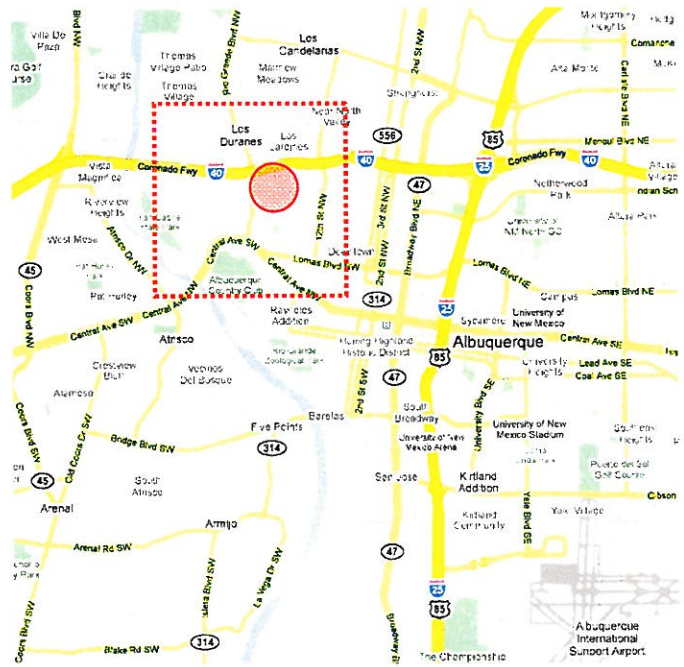
Lodging

The Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town is a landmark hotel nestled in the heart of the historic Old Town Plaza and museum district with its 400 year history and more than 200 shops, restaurants, and galleries to explore. Reservations are made by calling the hotel directly at 505-843-6300 or their toll-free numbers 800-237-2133 and 866-505-7829. You can also log onto their web-site at www.HotelABQ.com by March 23, 2009. The RMPA Convention rate for rooms will be \$99 for a single or double, \$119 for a triple and \$139 for a quad. These rates will extend from three days prior to three days after the convention. Please be sure to tell them that you will be attending the RMPA Annual Meeting in order to get the special rate.

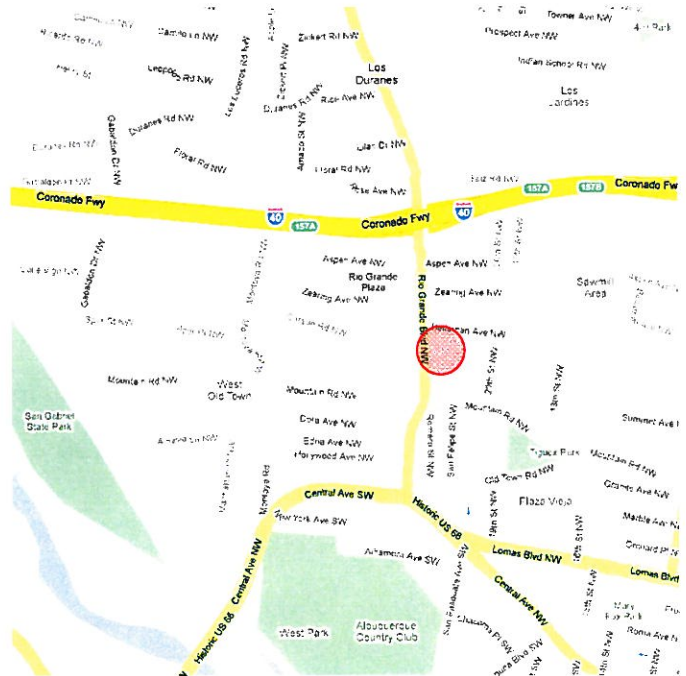


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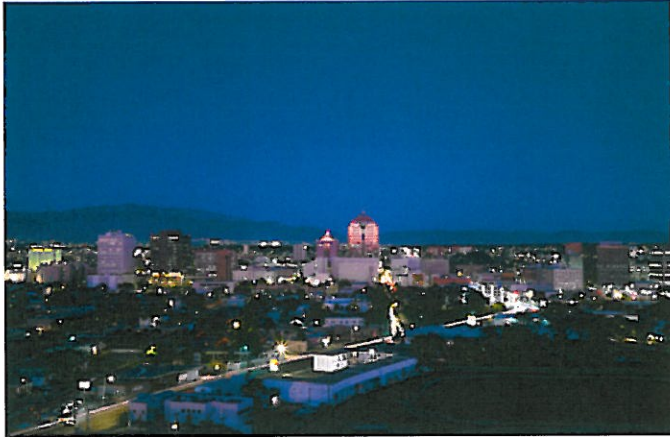
Transportation & Directions



Hotel Albuquerque (see red circle on maps) is conveniently located off I-40 at Rio Grande and historic Old Town plaza and museum district. Just 15 minutes to Albuquerque International Sunport Airport, 5 minutes to downtown and close to shopping, dining, and attractions that Albuquerque has to offer. Transportation to and from the hotel is by cab, ABQ ride (Albuquerque's bus system) or shuttle. A cab from the airport is approximately \$30 and the Sunport Shuttle has a \$15 one-way and \$28 round trip rate (they also offer group discounts). If traveling from the airport take I-25 south and exit to I-40 west. Exit off Rio Grande and travel south. Hotel Albuquerque is found in the east side of the street. If traveling by car again exit Rio Grande south.



ALBUQUERQUE at a glance



The Hotel Albuquerque is located in the heart of Albuquerque's historical center. It provides a unique atmosphere blending Native American, Mexican, Spanish and Western Culture. Over 400 years of Albuquerque lies within blocks of the hotel.

Steps away from the hotel lies Albuquerque's Old Town, featuring over 200 restaurants, shops and art galleries. Old Town has been the focal point of Albuquerque's community since 1706. More about Albuquerque's Old Town can be found at the Old Town Information and Visitors Center. www.albuquerqueoldtown.com (505) 319-4087



The San Felipe de Neri Catholic Church is centered in Old Town, and was once the point for which the community was built around. (505) 243-4628

Just blocks from the Hotel lies Albuquerque's museum district. The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History provides for a traditional Southwestern environment. (505) 243-7255. The Explora provides for hands on experiences in science, technology and art. (505) 224-8323. The National Atomic Museum provides exhibits, artifacts and films depicting the times of the Atomic Age. (505) 245-2137



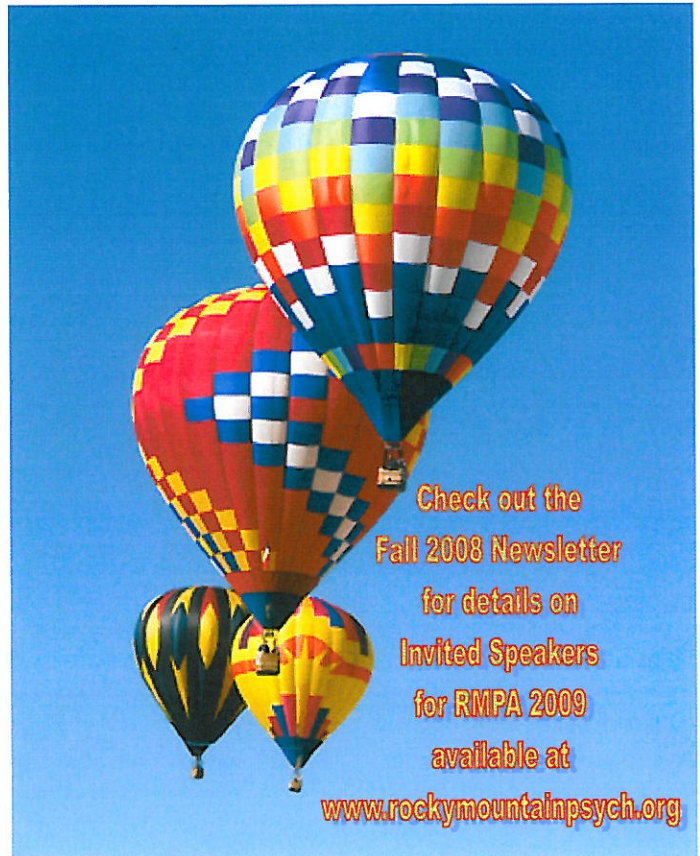
Tours through Old Town can also be scheduled, taking one back to the early 1700s. Specialty ghost tours can also be made. History Tours of Old Town and Ghost Tours of Old Town (505) 246- TOUR

Enjoy dozens of Authentic New Mexican food all within walking distance from the hotel. High Noon Restaurant and Saloon features a fully stocked bar and 2 kiva fireplaces, along with 17th century hand-carved Santos. (505) 765-1455

The St. Clair Winery and Bistro provides a tasting room and French cuisine. (505) 243-9916 www.stclairvineyards.com

City known candy and ice cream shops are nestled in Old Town, just 5 minutes walking time from the hotel. The Candy Lady features 25 years of secret family recipes, including red and green chili brittles. (505) 243- 6239. Crave Ice Cream and Coffee features ice cream, shakes, sundaes and lattes. (505) 242-8445

Albuquerque, the Old Town area, and the Hotel Albuquerque is an excellent venue for the 2009 RMPA convention and the whole family. Plan to spend some time exploring!



Future Convention Sites:

**2010 – Sheraton Denver Tech Center
Greenwood Village, Colorado
April 15-17, 2010**

**2011 – Salt Lake City, Utah
Radisson Hotel
April 14-16, 2011**

**2012 – Reno, Nevada
Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
April 12-14, 2012**

Restaurant Guide in the Old Town Area



\$19 and up

Antiquity Restaurant

Albuquerque's most romantic restaurant, serving the freshest seafood, lobster, steaks, veal, chicken & pork.

112 Romero Street NW
(505) 247-3545

Open: Mon – Sun; 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



Seasons Rotisserie & Grill

Seasons of Albuquerque offers casually elegant dining with an upstairs patio. Reservations recommended.

2031 Mountain Road NW
(505)766-5100

www.seasonsabq.com

Open: Mon – Sun; Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. & Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. (Located just south of Hotel Albuquerque, and provides casually elegant dining with the feel of California wine country. Or, relax on the patio in their rooftop cantina. They also have the Magnum Room, which is for private dining.)

The St. James Tearoom

A "return to elegance," the St. James Tearoom is a two hour retreat in the heart of Old Town. Their décor of British private parlors affords wonderful relaxation! This four-star business serves a three-course array of decadent morsels and vibrantly flavored teas that keeps customers returning.

901 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Ste. E
(505) 242-3752

www.stjamestearoom.com

Open: Mon-Thurs 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Fri – Sat 11:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.



\$11 to \$18

Albuquerque Bar & Grill (Best Western Rio Grande Inn)

The Albuquerque Bar & Grill is a favorite site for locals and tourists alike because of its great food, and good value. Offers authentic New Mexican specialties. The Grill's casual atmosphere is perfect for a relaxing dinner for two or a group of 20.

1015 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
(505) 217-1619 or (800) 959-4726

www.riograndeinm.com

Open: Mon – Sun; 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



Ben Michael's Authentic NM Cuisine

Old Town's best food and world-famous margaritas. Authentic New Mexican cuisine, with food prepared fresh daily. Photos of famous movie stars and political figures who have eaten at Ben Michaels are available to view. Patio available for special events (150 cap).

2404 Pueblo Bonito Court NW (Across from Hotel Albuquerque)
(505) 224-2817

Open: Tues – Sat; 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.



St. Clair Winery & Bistro

New Mexico's largest winery, located across Rio Grande Blvd (west of Hotel Albuquerque) serving lunch and dinner in the French Country Bistro. You can taste a variety of NM wines and enjoy an appetizer while sitting on their patio and listening to live music on Friday & Saturday evenings. Private space available for breakfast meetings (groups up to 80 people).

901 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Ste. B-100
(505) 243-9916 or (888) 870-9916

www.stclairvineyards.com

Open: Sun-Thurs 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. & Fri-Sat 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

La Crepe Michel

Traditional country French, beer & wine
400 San Felipe NW (Patio San Felipe Del Norte)
(505) 242-1251

Tues-Sun 11:30-2:00 • dinner Tues-Sat 6-9pm • closed Sun eve & Mon
www.lacrepemichel.com

High Noon Restaurant & Salon

Eclectic cuisine, excellent service, unparalleled ambience! Enjoy steaks, fresh seafood, wild game, New Mexican fare, a fully stocked bar and a well-appointed wine list in this historic building that features 2 kiva fireplaces, brick floors, 17th century hand-carved Santos and a copper topped bar! A memorable experience.

425 San Felipe NW (Corner of Mountain Road & San Felipe)
(505) 765-1455

Open: Mon-Thurs 11:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m., Fri-Sat 11:00 a.m.—9:30 p.m. & Sun 12:00—9:00 p.m.

Up to \$10



Café Plazuela (Hotel Albuquerque)

Set in a festive but casual atmosphere, diners will be sure to enjoy the New Mexican cuisine. After hours, enjoy the Café Plazuela Cantina featuring delicious tapas and signature drinks.

800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
(505) 843-6300 or (800) 237-2133

www.hotelabq.com

Open: Mon – Sun 6:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Casa de Ruiz – Church Street Café

Recipes four generations old. The best in New Mexican cuisine. "Top 50 Mexican Restaurants" in Hispanic Magazine. Located in the oldest residence in Albuquerque. Sandwiches and salads too. Patio dining. Vegetarian available.

2111 Church Street NW (Behind the Church)
(505) 247-8522

www.churchstreetcafe.com

Open: Mon – Sat 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. & Sun 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rolling-in-Dough Bakery & Café

Fresh baked pastries, bread, croissants and more from scratch! Gourmet sandwiches, soups, salads & coffees.

303 Romero Street NW (Plaza Don Luis)
(505) 248-1786

Open: Mon – Sun 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monica's El Portal

Local favorite since 1977. Traditional New Mexican food. Homemade chile. Beer & wine. Home cooking, flavored with tradition!

321 Rio Grande
(505) 247-9625

Open: Tues-Fri 9:00 a.m.—9 p.m. & Sat-Sun 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Golden Crown Panaderia

Featured on the Food Network. Quaint neighborhood bakery, espresso bar voted best of the city 2007. Bakery style pizza.

1103 Mountain Rd NW
(505) 243-2424

<http://www.goldencrown.biz>

Open: Tues-Sat 7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m., Sun 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

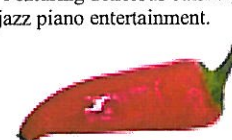
QBar

Albuquerque's most sophisticated, and styling bar. Featuring delicious cuisine, signature drinks, billiard room and live dance and jazz piano entertainment.

800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
(505) 222-8718

<http://www.QBarABQ.com>

Open Monday-Sunday at 4:00pm



For more information and additional listings, visit
<http://www.itsatrip.org>

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to **Pennie Seibert** and **Cheryl Sanders** on their elections. During the next RMPA Business Meeting, Pennie Seibert will become President-Elect and Cheryl Sanders will continue as Treasurer.



Pennie Seibert



Cheryl Sanders

Wertheimer-Portenier Teaching Pre-Conference

The Teaching Pre-Conference will begin at noon with a talk by Steve Davis, author of several popular textbooks and Past-President of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. His talk is entitled *Cheating and Education: The Most Dangerous Intersection in the World*. Wrapping up the Pre-Conference will be a distinguished lecture by Diane Halpern, Past-President of the American Psychological Association and author of books on critical thinking, gender issues, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Her talk is entitled *Women at the Top: How Powerful Leaders Successfully Combine Work and Family*. Between these two talks, we have scheduled several interesting symposia including: *Blueprint for the Future: Results from the National Conference on Undergraduate Education in Psychology*, *Coordinating and Administering Undergraduate Research Programs*, *Working with Students with Disabilities*, *Academic Integrity*, and a panel that addresses *Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues*. As a part of the pre-conference, there will be *Teaching Take-Out* of demonstrations and exercises in forensic psychology, sensation and perception, statistics, memory, and developmental psychology that you can use in the classroom. Finally, a series of short presentations and posters will explore a variety of topics of interest to teachers, including *Instructional Techniques Preferred by Students and How Often They are Used in the Classroom*, *Podcasting*, *Online Teaching Techniques*, *Teaching APA format*, *Gender Differences in Non-verbal Communication*, and several more.

Arizona Colorado Idaho Montana Nevada New Mexico Utah Wyoming

Pre-Conference Activities for Students

During the Teaching Pre-Conference, there will be parallel sessions of interest to students, including workshops on *Using Web-based Tools*, *How to Get Into the Graduate School of Your Choice*, as well as sessions on *How to Get the Most Out of Your RMPA Experience*, *Educational Opportunities Outside the Classroom (Service Learning, Teaching Assistantships and Undergraduate Research)*, and *How Graduate Programs Differ by Specialty*.

Diversity Program – RMPA 2009

We have an exciting selection of diversity programming at RMPA this year. Our invited speaker this year is Pam Doughty from Texas A & M who will speak on, *Reflections of Values: Caring for Elders in Hispanic Communities*. She will also join students for a conversation hour to discuss careers in health research and program evaluation.

The diversity lunch this year will feature discussion and screening of the documentary *Daddy & Papa* which is about the cultural and political implications of gay fatherhood.

Our GLBT panel presentation this year will be *Life Transitions for GLBTQ Students during College*. During the teaching pre-conference we will have a diversity roundtable discussion titled: *ADHD Success through the BA, MA, and PhD: Turning a "Weakness" into a Gift*. All are welcome to join in the discussions about these diversity issues and challenges.

We are also hoping to launch our diversity page on RMPA's web site later this year, so if you have ideas about what would be useful on the web page, please bring your ideas to the diversity lunch or contact Susan Becker directly at sbecker@mesastate.edu.



RMPA 2010 Posters (11 X 17) for display in your department are available for free by contacting the RMPA Secretary at rycekr@unk.edu or pick up a few at this year's convention.

RMPA Treasurer's Report **2/09**

Conference Income (Boise)	\$27,135.00
Conference Expenses	\$27,330.79
Loss:	- \$195.79

Current Amount in Checking Account	\$22,962.41
Current Amount in Savings Account	\$ 1,057.79
CD Investment	\$16,312.55
Total:	\$40,332.75

Number of Members	94
Number of Affiliates	313
Number of Lifetime Members	53

PSI CHI program at RMPA

Melanie M. Domenech Rodríguez
Utah State University
Psi Chi Rocky Mountain VP

The Psi Chi regional steering committee has worked diligently this year to establish another strong program at RMPA in Albuquerque. Below is a sneak peek at the Psi Chi program. Specific times will be available shortly on the Psi Chi website (http://www.psichi.org/conventions/article_1110.asp) and, of course, at the RMPA convention. If you have any questions about this year's program or suggestions for next year, please contact me via e-mail (melanie.domenech@usu.edu) or phone (435-797-3059).

Special Psi Chi Activities:

- **Psi Chi Breakfast:** Everyone is invited to mix and mingle at 8a Friday in Alvarado F.
- **Psi Chi Advisor Appreciation Lunch:** If you are a chapter advisor, please reserve Friday lunch to meet other faculty advisors in the region and to connect with your regional VP for ideas and support. An e-mail invitation will reach you very shortly!
- **Psi Chi Awards Ceremony & Reception:** Award winners will be given their certificates and cash awards at this catered reception.

Psi Chi Presentations:

- **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER:** *Anger: From Practice to Science and Back.* Jerry Deffenbacher is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on anger. This presentation will be followed by a conversation hour so that you can ask any and all questions.
- **Symposium:** Students interested in pursuing graduate studies will benefit from a bird's-eye view of this presentation which features issues of importance to consider before, during, and after the

application process. *So You Think You Want to Go to Graduate School? (Almost) Everything You Need To Know* will be presented by Vinny Prohaska (Past President of Psi Chi; Lehman College), Eric Landrum (incoming Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President; Boise State University), Steve Davis (Past President of Psi Chi; Morningside College), Melanie M. Domenech Rodríguez (outgoing Rocky Mountain Regional VP; Utah State University)

- **Symposium:** Many graduate students want to pursue a graduate degree to become a therapist. Oftentimes we all overlook the importance of the clinical internship in the process of considering programs, shaping how we approach grad school, and making future plans for jobs. *I want to be a great therapist!: Considering internships from day one*, will give an excellent overview for those interested in becoming great therapist. Susan Crowley (Utah State University) and Tanya A. Jacobsen (APA Workforce Services) will present.
- **Symposium:** Undergraduate and graduate student often serve in the important role of teaching and research assistants. In what is sure to be a lively presentation, Pamela Ansborg (MetroState) and Aaron Richmond (University of Nevada, Reno) present on *The Do's & D'oh's of Research and Teaching Assistants: What Would the Simpson's Do?*

Psi Chi Specific Themes:

- **National Office Guest Speaker:** Chief Executive Officer for Psi Chi, Martha Zlokovich, will be present to share her vision and wisdom for students and faculty on how to make the most of Psi Chi membership.
- **Chapter Highlight:** Krista Fritson, chapter advisor from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, will lead a special presentation, Using a Professional Seminar as a Psi Chi Service Learning Project and Fundraiser, that will likely be of interest to Psi Chi members and officers looking to improve fundraising efforts at their local chapters.
- **Psi Chi Oral Session:** The regional award winners will present their papers at this session.

Many people worked hard to make this program a success, including the rocky mountain Psi Chi steering committee: Pamela Ansborg, Mark Basham, and Kristina McDougal. We also had a lot of help and support from Psi Chi National Office members, past, present, and future, including Susan Iles, Martha Zlokovich, Steve Davis, Vinny Prohaska, and Eric Landrum. We are grateful to all of our speakers; we are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of their expertise. We are indebted to many reviewers that gave their time to review abstracts for the Psi Chi awards (in no particular order): Randi Smith, Aaron Richmond, Lesley Hathorn, Susan Crowley, Pamela Ansborg, and Mark Basham. This year's program is wonderful and I look forward to seeing many of you in Albuquerque.

Thanks to UNM!



The Rocky Mountain Psychological Association would like to express its sincere appreciation and thanks to the **University of New Mexico** for providing Lap-tops, LCD projectors, and other Audio-Visual equipment for this year's convention. Special thanks to Ron Yeo and Dave Witherington, Convention Co-Managers, who coordinated that effort.

Special Thanks

The RMPA Executive Committee would like to thank the following organizations for their support of this year's Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Convention.

American Psychological Association for funding the G. Stanley Hall Lecture and the APA Education Directorate for funding outstanding student papers at the convention. Also thanks to APA for offering several workshops at this year's convention.

Association for Psychological Science for funding the William James APS Lecture.

Society for the Teaching of Psychology for funding the best teaching poster competition.

Psi Chi for funding the student research.

RMPA 2010



April 15-17, 2010

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