

Rocky Mountain Psychological Association

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President's Message

Leslie Cramblet Alvarez
Adams State University

On behalf of the RMPA Executive Committee, I am pleased to announce that the 85th convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association will be held April 9-11 in Boise, Idaho. Conference events will be held at The Grove Hotel, situated in Boise's charming downtown. This central location is within walking distance of BSU's riverside greenbelt, the Idaho Capitol Building, and a vast array of restaurants and shopping. Complete with rink-side views of the CenturyLink arena, the Grove Hotel features many amenities including a newly remodeled conference center. More information can be found on our website <http://www.rockymountainpsych.org/>, and in this newsletter assembled by Bob Rycek, RMPA Secretary.



This newsletter also contains information about submissions to the conference, invited speakers, a listing of award winners from the Spring 2014 Annual Meeting, news from Psi Chi, a treasurer's report, and a call for RMPA award nominations.

Regarding our Spring Meeting, we have some wonderful programming for all of our members. William "Doug" Woody is organizing the Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference for Thursday, April 9. Professor R. Eric Landrum will serve as the Teaching Conference Keynote Speaker. Dr. Landrum is a prolific author of teaching and learning scholarship and a Professor of Psychology at Boise State. Also during the teaching preconference, Dr. Susan Becker, Regional Psi Chi Vice President, has arranged student-oriented workshops and leadership seminars. She has invited Dr. Tom Pyszczynski, world-renowned for his work in Terror Management, from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs to deliver the Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker address.

Our 2015 RMPA Distinguished Lecture will be given by Dr. Erin Bigler, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Brigham Young University. Dr. Bigler established the Brain Imaging and Behavior Laboratory at BYU and studies traumatic brain injury, Autism and learning disabilities, and acquired injuries of the brain. A productive author and scholar, his talk will discuss the role of imaging methods in the study of cognition and behavior.

Dr. Charles Honts, Professor of Psychology at Boise State University, will deliver the Past President's address. Former Department of Defense research team leader, Dr. Honts has worked

extensively with the Innocence Project which has documented 316 DNA exonerations of wrongly convicted individuals. Dr. Honts' talk will argue the role and responsibility of the profession of psychology in translating research, particularly within eyewitness testimony, false confessions and deceptive testimony, to practice.

This year's Presidential Address will be given by an invited lecturer, Dr. Brian Nosek, of the University of Virginia. Dr. Nosek is the co-founder of Project Implicit, co-founder and director of the Center for Open Science, and co-leader of the Reproducibility Project, a large-scale effort to determine reproducibility estimates in psychological science. Dr. Nosek's address will consider the role of crowd-sourcing psychological science in an effort to attain efficiency, capitalize on individual expertise, and diverge from a vertically-based model of science.

Our 2nd annual RMPA Alumni Address speaker will be Dr. William Douglas Woody of the University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Woody is a long-time RMPA member, mentor, and supporter, as well as Past President, Early Career Award recipient and Service Award recipient. Dr. Woody's research focuses on psychology and law, in particular, jury decision-making.

We are pleased to announce that our Invited Diversity Speaker, co-sponsored by Worth Publishers and Psi Chi will be David Myers, Professor of Psychology at Hope College. Dr. Myers is a beloved textbook author, National Science Foundation grant and fellowship recipient, and Gordon Allport Prize recipient. Recently, his work in the realm of assistive listening for hearing loss has garnered national recognition. Dr. Myers has received several awards for his work including the 2011 American Academy of Audiology Presidential Award. We thank Dr. Anna Ropp from Metropolitan State University, our Diversity Council Chair, Worth Publishers, and Psi Chi for their coordination of this programming.

To top off this year's stellar slate of invited speakers we are excited to host Dr. Lori James and Dr. Stan Coren as our G. Stanley Hall and Gardner Memorial Lecturers, respectively. Dr. James, a memory and language researcher, is an Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Training from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Dr. James will be sharing with us "The Story of HM." We thank Dr. Aaron Richmond and the STP and APA for their support of this speaker.

Dr. Steve Barney, Past President had worked to secure Dr. Stan Coren, Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Coren is a prolific writer and Director of UBC's Human Neuropsychology and Perception Laboratory. He is joining us as the Beatrix Gardner Memorial Lecturer to discuss his work regarding the intelligence of dogs.

We look forward to seeing you in Boise!

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Elections

Two positions are up for election this year; President-Elect and Treasurer. All Professional and Faculty Full Members of RMPA are invited to vote in the upcoming elections. An electronic ballot will be sent to all eligible voting members shortly.

Candidate for President-Elect

R. Eric Landrum, Ph.D. Boise State University

Biography

R. Eric Landrum is a professor of psychology at Boise State University, receiving his PhD in cognitive psychology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1989. His research interests center on the educational conditions that best facilitate student success as well as the use of SoTL strategies to advance the efforts of scientist-educators. He has over 300 professional presentations at conferences and published over 25 books/book chapters, and has published over 75 professional articles in scholarly, peer-reviewed journals. He has worked with over 275 undergraduate research assistants and taught over 13,000 students in 23 years at Boise State. During summer 2008, he led an American Psychological Association working group at the National Conference for Undergraduate Education in Psychology studying the desired results of an undergraduate psychology education. During the September 2014 Education Leadership Conference, APA President Nadine Kaslow presented Eric with an APA Presidential Citation, acknowledging his varied contributions to the teaching of psychology. Eric is the lead author of *The Psychology Major: Career Options and Strategies for Success* (5th ed., 2013), authored *Undergraduate Writing in Psychology: Learning to Tell the Scientific Story* (2nd ed., 2012) and *Finding A Job With a Psychology Bachelor's Degree: Expert Advice for Launching Your Career* (2009). He co-authored *The EasyGuide to APA Style* (2nd ed., 2013), *You've Received Your Doctorate in Psychology—Now What?* (2012), and is the lead editor for *Teaching Ethically—Challenges and Opportunities* (2012) and co-editor of *Assessing Teaching and Learning in Psychology: Current and Future Perspectives* (2013). With the launch of a new APA journal in 2015—*Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*—he will serve as one of its inaugural co-editors. Eric will also serve as the Harry Kirke Wolfe lecturer for the American Psychological



Association for 2015. Eric served as Vice President for the Rocky Mountain region of Psi Chi (2009-2011). He is a member of the American Psychological Association, a fellow in APA's Division Two (Society for the Teaching of Psychology or STP), served as STP secretary (2009-2011) and is serving as the 2014 STP President.

Presidential Statement

I've been a fan of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (RMPA) for some time. I attended my first RMPA in 1993, at a joint RMPA/WPA meeting in Tucson, AZ. In addition to presenting posters and the occasional oral presentation since that time, I have also served numerous times as a RMPA reviewer and a RMPA/Psi Chi reviewer for program submissions. My first substantive contribution occurred when I served as the convention co-manager for the RMPA convention held in Boise, ID. It was during those planning meetings where I observed first-hand the passion of a small group of individuals dedicated to serving members and students across the Rocky Mountain region and beyond. I became more involved with RMPA from 2009-2011 when I served as the Psi Chi Regional Vice President for the Rocky Mountain region. During that time I was able to bring Albert Bandura to Denver in 2010 and Elizabeth Loftus to Salt Lake City in 2011. I am honored to be nominated for the RMPA President-Elect position, and it would be a professional highlight of my career to serve as RMPA President.

Candidate for Treasurer

Courtney Rocheleau, Ph.D. Metropolitan State University of Denver

Biography:

Courtney Rocheleau is an assistant professor at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she has been employed since 2012. She earned her BA at Colorado State University, with a major in Biological Sciences and a minor in Anatomy and Neurobiology, before attending the University of Colorado Boulder, where she earned her MA and PhD in the area of Social Psychology, with an emphasis in Health Psychology. Upon completion of her PhD in 2005, she joined the faculty at Appalachian State University in North Carolina as an assistant professor, until the opportunity to move back to Colorado and join the faculty at MSU Denver arose.



Courtney's research interests center on the intersection of social and health psychology and on the scholarship of teaching and learning. She has published a number of articles

and book chapters on the topics of organ and tissue donation decision making, "fat talk" (the ritualized conversational norms to derogate one's body and weight), and on the use of Just-in-Time Teaching and learning communities to promote student engagement and learning. She particularly enjoys collaborating with colleagues from other fields in interdisciplinary efforts and with students, assisting them to become independent investigators in the field.

Courtney has also been active in service to the discipline, serving on the steering committee that organized the 2008 National Conference on Undergraduate Education in Psychology at the University of Puget Sound. This conference culminated in a 2009 book, *Undergraduate Education in Psychology: A Blueprint for the Future of the Discipline*, and new APA principles for undergraduate education. She was also the organizer of the teaching preconference at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology from 2011 until 2014. She looks forward to the possibility of continuing her service to the discipline by joining the RMPA executive committee.

Candidate Statement:

I first joined RMPA in 1999, when I was a student at CSU, and have regularly attended, and presented at, the annual meeting. I have benefited greatly from the support I received from RMPA, particularly as a student, building important relationships with professional mentors, colleagues, and friends; gaining experience presenting my research; and developing my identity as a psychologist. I am honored to be considered for the role of Treasurer and to have the opportunity to repay this community by serving the association in this capacity.



RMPA Call-for-Papers



The Call-for-Papers for the 85th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association which will be held at the Grove Hotel in Boise, Idaho, April 9-11, 2015 has been issued. The Call is posted on the RMPA website (www.rockymountainpsych.org). Submission deadline is January 16, 2015. Advanced registration for the convention is available through March 13, 2015. See the website for details including submission requirements and process.

RMPA 2015 CONVENTION INFORMATION

APRIL 9-11, 2015

The Grove Hotel

245 South Capitol Blvd.

Boise, Idaho 83702

Hotel Direct: 208-333-8000

Toll Free Reservations: 1-888-961-5000

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Lodging

The Grove Hotel is Boise's only AAA Four-Diamond rated hotel! Reservations are made by calling the hotel directly at their toll-free number 1-888-961-5000 by March 9, 2015. There is also a dedicated web link for making reservations at:



https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_login.cfm?hotelID=76224 and use the on-line booking code **RMP**. The Grove Hotel has

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guaranteed RMPA that these will be the lowest rates available. Please be sure to tell them that you will be attending the RMPA Annual Meeting in order to get the special rate. Room rates are \$109 for single/double. .

Transportation

The Boise Airport is serviced by numerous airlines with regular flights. The Grove Hotel provides a **free shuttle service** to and from the Airport. Taxi and Limousine service are also available. For details check, [The Grove's transportation page](#). If you are driving to Boise, you will be on I-84. From either the East or West take the Airport/Vista Avenue exit and travel north on Vista Avenue. Vista Avenue transitions into Capitol Boulevard which will then take you directly to the hotel. Maps and other transportation details will be provided in the Spring 2015 Newsletter.



Boise at a glance:

The Grove Hotel is located in downtown Boise and is within easy walking distance to over 50 restaurants, ranging from fast food to nationally rated fine dining including many unexpected ethnic restaurants. Your Conference Packet will include a listing of contact information (address, location, directions, phone number) for many of Boise's fine and diverse restaurants.



Boise's downtown is a lively area for shopping, sports and the arts. In the immediate area of The Grove Hotel is the CenturyLink Arena, (formerly known as the Qwest Arena),

www.centurylinkarenaboise.com, and the Boise Centre on the Grove www.boisecentre.com.

Downtown Boise is also vibrant home to an active nightlife with a number of medium and small venues for music,

comedy, and social gatherings. One block from the convention hotel is the first distillery/pub/restaurant in the United States, www.bardenay.com where you can watch (and enjoy) them making rum, vodka and gin.

Just a few blocks away is Boise State University, Idaho's largest university and Boise's Metropolitan Research University of Distinction, www.boisestate.edu. Boise State University is home to The Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, www.mc.boisestate.edu; host to the Boise Ballet, Opera and Symphony; and the Taco Bell Arena, www.tacobellarena.com.

Just across the street from the Grove Hotel is the Basque Block where you can learn about and enjoy Idaho's Basque culture through dining, museum and cultural activities, www.boisebasques.com.



There are over 100 retail businesses within walking distance of the convention hotel representing local merchants and national chains. For a list of merchants and for an all around good place to learn about downtown Boise check, www.downtownboise.org.

Boise also has a wonderful art museum (a couple of blocks from the hotel) that has an excellent permanent collection and which hosts a number of national and international exhibitions each year, www.boiseartmuseum.org.

The City of Trees also boasts an unpolluted river flowing through the heart of the city and a 25-mile river front greenbelt (within walking distance of the convention hotel) <http://parks.cityofboise.org/media/228316/14-0507-greenbelt-map.pdf>

Among the many other unique sites to visit are the Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center, Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, Idaho Black History Museum and the World Center for Birds of Prey. Southwest Idaho's easily accessible outdoors beckons the Boise visitor to enjoy nearby mountains, desert sand dunes, canyons and whitewater rafting rivers. Boise is the perfect city for a memorable visit. For more information about Boise and the Treasure Valley see, www.boise.org

We are really looking forward to RMPA coming to Boise and we KNOW you are going to have a wonderful time visiting the Treasure Valley of Idaho.



See you in Boise!

RMPA Convention at a glance:

RMPA Distinguished Lecturer

Networks, Connectivity and Neuropsychology

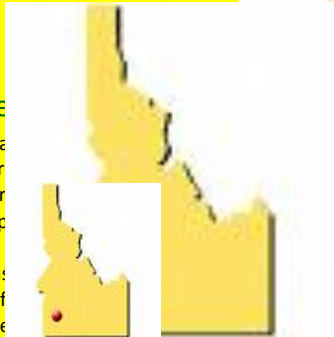


Erin D. Bigler

Brigham Young University

Although post-mortem blunt dissection, a technique, have long been used to examine neural networks in the brain, in vivo neuroimaging methods now permit connectivity with great relevance to all of psychology and neuroscience. A variety of magnetic resonance imaging techniques including structural imaging combined with diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) and resting state functional connectivity mapping (rs-fMRI) can be performed, some of which can be used to study behavioral or cognitive tasks.

How to integrate these methods in the study of cognition and behavior and the underlying neural networks that subserve them in the investigation of age-typical development, or some neurodevelopment, neurological disease and/or neuropsychiatric disorder will be reviewed. Understanding brain development from a systems neural connectivity and functional neural network perspective provides a much improved approach for using neuroimaging findings in the study of cognition and behavior. This lecture will review the current applications of neuroimaging methods for psychology and cognitive neuroscience.



RMPA Diversity Address Worth Publishers Lecture

A Quiet World: The Psychology of Hearing and Hearing Loss



David Myers

Hope College

Drawing on personal experience and psychological science, David Myers will explore the biology and psychology of hearing and hearing loss. He will also explore user-friendly assistive technologies that reflect "the human factor," and will describe efforts to double functionality of hearing aids and cochlear implants.

He is an internationally renowned scientist, author, and teacher whose research and writing have covered a wide range of topics in psychology.

G. Stanley Hall Distinguished Lecture

The Story of H.M.: Recent Findings Indicating More than Memory Deficits



Lori James

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Many introductory textbooks on psychology present information about the amnesic patient H.M., widely known for his remarkably dense anterograde amnesia. In 1953, H.M. had an operation in which most of his medial temporal lobes were removed in an attempt to control his epileptic seizures, and from that time on, H.M. was unable to form new memories. He participated in hundreds of research projects over a span of more than 50 years, until his death in 2008. His deficit is typically characterized as a relatively pure case of anterograde amnesia, accompanied by some retrograde memory deficits. However, over the last 15 years, published findings have begun to call into question the purity of H.M.'s memory deficit. Specifically, my colleagues and I have documented specific deficits in his language comprehension, language production, and visual cognition, and also identified some exacerbated age-related changes in H.M.'s non-memory cognitive processes. The research has definitely been controversial, especially regarding the mechanisms underlying H.M.'s deficits in domains other than memory, but the basic finding that H.M. may not have been a pure amnesic remains unknown to many psychologists who do not specialize in memory research as well as to the public at large.

Lori E. James is an Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Training at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. She came to UCCS from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she was in a post-doctoral research position from 1997-2001. Dr. James earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in Cognitive Psychology from the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, CA. She obtained her B.A. in 1991 from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. James teaches undergraduate courses in cognitive psychology and research methodology, and graduate courses in cognitive psychology and aging. Dr. James' primary research areas are memory, language, and age-related changes in these abilities. Her program of research has two goals: elucidating the mechanisms involved in memory and language function, and identifying areas of improvement, stability and decline in cognitive performance in older adulthood. Her primary research interests include memory, language, and age-related changes in these abilities. Dr. James' current projects include many experiments testing young and older adults' learning and memory for proper names, comparisons of communication abilities in young and older adulthood, and an exploration of

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the ability to detect and describe errors across the lifespan. Dr. James teaches undergraduate courses in cognitive psychology and research methodology, and graduate courses in cognitive psychology and aging. She has served as her department's Psi Chi chapter faculty co-advisor for 5 years.

Psi Chi Keynote Address

Thirty Years of Terror Management Theory: From Genesis to Revelation



Tom Pyszczynski

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

After nearly 30 years, Terror Management Theory continues to generate new research, conceptual extensions, applications to important social phenomena, and continuing discussion. From this perspective, human awareness of the inevitability of death plays an important role in diverse aspects of life, by fueling the human needs for meaning, self-esteem, and interpersonal connections. This talk will present our current assessment of the "state of the theory," discuss the still growing body of research assessing it's fundamental propositions, and consider the theory's recent applications to diverse social phenomena, including political ideology, war, peace-making, and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

Tom Pyszczynski received a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Kansas in the 1980s. He is currently Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. With Sheldon Solomon and Jeff Greenberg, he developed Terror Management Theory, an analysis of the role that awareness of death plays in life, in the mid-1980s, and has been refining it and testing hypotheses derived from it since then. Over the years this perspective has been applied to an extremely broad range of issues within psychology and been applied to a diverse range of social problems, including prejudice, terrorism, war, environmental degradation, materialism, religion, and political conflict. A recently published book by Solomon, Greenberg, and Pyszczynski, entitled "The Worm at the Core: The Role of Death in Life," provides a broad overview of this work. He and his colleagues also co-edited the "Handbook of Experimental Existential Psychology" which introduced an increasingly influential sub-discipline within social psychology that combines ideas from existentialist philosophy and psychotherapy with rigorous experimental research methods to focus attention on how people come to grips with their awareness of the "givens of human existence" or "facts of life."

Gardner Memorial Lecture

The Intelligence of Dogs



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Stan Coren

University of British Columbia

Stanley Coren is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at the University of British Columbia. Although best known to the public for his books on dogs, he is also an award winning behavioral researcher, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and was named as one of the 2000 outstanding scientists of the Twentieth Century. His many books on dog behavior and human-canine interactions have been international bestsellers and have received awards from groups like the *Animal Behavior Society*. He also received the prestigious *Maxwell Medal of Excellence* from *The Dog Writers Association of America* for his book *Born to Bark*. Coren is popular with the media and has been featured on numerous television programs including Oprah, Larry King, and many more. He was the host of the nationally broadcast television show *Good Dog!* in Canada, and more recently he can be heard broadcasting a radio column on CBC. His newest book is *The Wisdom of Dogs*.

Teaching Conference Keynote Address

Undergraduate Psychology Education, The Importance of Skills, and a Legacy at Risk



R. Eric Landrum

Boise State University

The popularity of undergraduate psychology leads to challenges that the discipline may not be handling so well. Articulating what students should know and be able to do, followed by psychometrically meaningful assessment, comprise important steps to answering accountability concerns and building a sustainable future for undergraduate psychology education. If we were to measure skills at the time of graduation, we could provide valuable information and confidence to our graduates, as well as assurances competencies to departments, institutions, employers, legislators, and citizens. Local skills assessment efforts exist, but nationally-coordinated efforts are warranted given the high stakes; fortunately, psychology educators are fully capable of leading the way.

R. Eric Landrum is a professor of psychology at Boise State University, receiving his PhD in cognitive psychology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. His research interests center on the educational conditions that best facilitate student success as well as the use of scholarship of teaching and learning strategies to advance the efforts of scientist-educators. He has over 300 professional presentations at conferences and published over 25 books/book chapters, and has published over 75 professional articles in scholarly, peer-reviewed journals. He has worked with over 300 undergraduate research assistants and taught over 13,000 students in 23 years at Boise State. During Summer 2008, he led an American Psychological Association working group at the National Conference for Undergraduate Education in Psychology studying the desired results of an undergraduate psychology education. In September 2014 at the Educational Leadership Conference, APA President Nadine Kaslow presented him with a presidential citation in recognition of his contributions to the teaching of psychology.



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RMPA Alumni Address

What Can the Cold War Teach Us about Interrogation and Confession? Integrating Psychological Perspectives from the Mid-20th Century into Current Research



William Douglas Woody
University of Northern Colorado

A currently underemphasized explosion of research occurred in the 1950s, during the complex milieu of post-World War II Europe and the United States. With the start of the Cold War, psychologists, psychiatrists, and other scholars evaluated the psychological factors that could cause high profile false confessions such as those by dissidents behind the Iron Curtain (e.g., Joseph Mindszenty in Hungary) and U.S. Marine Col. Frank H. Schwable, who falsely confessed to the use of biological weapons during the Korean conflict (Lifton, 1961; Meerloo, 1956). During this time in world history, scholars viewed confessions as resulting from several causes, including social influence (e.g., Lifton, 1961), physiological arousal and fatigue (e.g., Huxley, 1958/2004; Sargant, 1957), psychoanalytic needs to confess (Meerloo, 1951, 1956; Reik, 1959), or political pressures (Hunter, 1958). Although some of these scholars (e.g., Theodore Reik) have received some recent recognition for their contributions (see e.g., Houston, Meissner & Evans, 2014; Isreal, 2006; Weiss, 2012), others are largely absent from the current scholarship of interrogation and confession. This talk will review 1950s-era perspectives on interrogation and confession, particularly false confession and connect those ideas to current scholarship. The presentation will conclude with historically justified recommendations for future research.

William Douglas Woody, Ph.D. is Professor of Psychological Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado. He received his doctorate from Colorado State University in 1999, and his research interests include the teaching of psychology, psychology and law, and the history of psychology. Dr. Woody serves as the Teaching Conference Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, and he has also served the organization as President in 2012 and has received both the RMPA Early Career Award and the RMPA Distinguished Service Award. Among other recognition, he has received the Early Career Award for Scholarship in the History of Psychology and the Wilbert J. McKeachie Early Career Teaching Excellence Award, and he has earned numerous college, university, and other teaching awards. He recently received the first university-wide Sears-Helgoth Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Northern Colorado; additionally, he has been named Best Professor by the students at two of the three universities at which he has taught.



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RMPA Past President's Address

Psychological Science and Actual innocence: Roles, Responsibilities and Policy Making



Charles R. Honts
Boise State University

With the advent of the use of DNA for forensic identification in the late 1980 it quickly became apparent that a number of people who were actually innocent had been wrongfully convicted for serious crimes. In 1992 the Innocence Project was formed to use DNA evidence to document and support those who had been wrongly convicted. Since that time the Innocent Project reports 316 documented DNA exonerations of the wrongly convicted in the United States. The National Registry of Exonerations, which includes exonerations that did not involve DNA, reports 1,374 cases of demonstrated false conviction. In examining the causes of wrongful conviction two area, that are clearly in the domain of psychological science emerged, mistaken eyewitness identification and memory and false confessions. A third area, deceptive testimony by informants and other motivated parties is also an important contributor. Over the last 20 years psychological science knowledge in these area has grown substantially. While some progress has been made applying that knowledge to policy and criminal justice practice in some area, other areas reflect essentially unchanged practices. I will argue that professionals in psychological science have a responsibility, and even a duty, to not just generate knowledge, but to strive to see that knowledge reflected in practice and policy.

Presidential Invited Address

Scientific Utopia: Crowdsourcing Research



Brian Nosek
University of Virginia

The standard contributor model in science is vertically integrated. Resources are centralized to an individual or small team that conducts the entire research process: idea, design, collection, analysis, and report. This approach makes it easy to assign credit, but is inefficient in capitalizing on specialized expertise, produces a lot of small science, and is exclusive. A

complementary model for science is horizontally distributed. Crowdsourcing modularizes and distributes the research process across many contributors. This approach leverages expertise, enables big science, and is inclusive. I will illustrate how adoption of crowdsourcing strategies can improve research efficiency in scientific research.

Dr. Nosek will also present a workshop entitled "Improving Openness and Reproducibility."

Wertheimer-Portenier Teaching Conference

The 2014 Teaching Conference will begin at noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015 with *Teaching Take-Out*, a session of short, interactive demonstrations and exercises in several different areas of psychology. Our keynote address will be given by R. Eric Landrum, Ph.D. Dr. Landrum will discuss skills assessments for undergraduate psychology majors and the connections of these skills to graduates' future scholastic and employment opportunities.

Several symposia and workshops on teaching topics have been proposed including (a) Seeking Life-Work Balance, (b) Important Career Turning Points and Advice for Advisors and Students, (c) Teaching Ethics and Facing Ethical Dilemmas with Students and Colleagues, (d) Ethical Teaching in a Changing Culture, (e) Incorporating Sustainability into the University Classroom, (f) Hook, Line, and Sinker: Ineffective Teaching Strategies, and many more.

The Teaching Conference will close with a reception and a poster session at which the best poster will be selected for the RMPA Teaching Poster Award.

Attention High School Teachers

With the help of a grant from the American Psychological Association, RMPA is able to offer free registration for both the Wertheimer-Portenier Teaching Conference as well as the full RMPA Conference to the first 8 High School Teachers of Psychology that register for the conference. To take advantage of this offer, contact Dr. Cheryl Sanders at sandersc@msudenver.edu.

RMPA Treasurer's Report

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Conference Income (Salt Lake City)	\$39,245.00
Conference Expenses	\$48,210.62
Loss:	\$ 8,965.62
Current Amount in Checking Account	\$36,679.88
Current Amount in Savings Account	\$16,976.22
CD Investment	\$ 1,057.79
Total:	\$54,713.89
Number of Members	128
Number of Affiliates	452
Number of Lifetime Members	58

We keep a significant savings fund in order to protect the organization from being unable to handle extreme costs of a conference where the conference expenses significantly exceed conference income.

Teaching Take-Out

Call-for-Proposals

This is a formal invitation to participate in the 2015 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.

Each presenter should be ready to walk through his or her demonstration with participants and to distribute materials that will enable session attendees to take the demonstration back to their own classrooms. We ask contributors to include in their abstract the number of minutes their talk and demonstration will require, and we hope to have as many short demonstrations as possible in our allotted hour of presentation time. We hope this format will continue to facilitate questions and the exchange of ideas. Presentation times could range from 5 to 12 minutes.

Please submit materials on the RMPA website (<http://psych.colorado.edu/~dmartich/rmpa/convinfo.htm>). For your topic, please choose "teaching demonstration." Describe your demonstration, the ideas it is intended to convey, the classes in which it would be most applicable, and the amount of time you need for your presentation.

We hope to have a wide variety of demonstrations that participants and attendees can take into their own classrooms, and we hope to have fun in the process. Please invite your colleagues and students to submit materials as well. Please contact Doug Woody (william.woody@unco.edu) with any questions. Thank

you very much, and we look forward to seeing you at RMPA 2015.



Psi Chi News

Rocky Mountain Region

Regional Psi Chi Award Winners

Congratulations to the Regional Student Research Award winners for 2014:

Scott Schmaltz, Daniel Vigil, Alisha Wolfrum and Amanda Hayes, University of Northern Colorado

Katherine Miller, Kristina Sanders, Pejmon Pourriahi, Cheryl Sanders and Chrislyn Randell, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Breanna Carman, Stacey Johnson and Brandy Hill, University of Nebraska@ Kearney

Eric Klein, Anastasia Bacca, Heather Jones, Kelly McCarty and Chantal Gould, Metropolitan State University of Denver

April Guthrie, University of Nebraska, Kearney

Zachary Lomuto, Cheryl Sanders, and Chrislyn Randell, Metropolitan State University of Denver

New From Psi Chi: Scholarships!

Psi Chi will be awarding four \$3000 scholarships for the 2015/2016 Academic Year. Application information and spring deadline will be posted on the website soon.

Psi Chi Student Regional Travel Grants

If you are a student, a member of Psi Chi, and presenting a paper at the 2015 RMPA Convention, you may be eligible to receive a Psi Chi Regional Conventional Travel Grant for up to \$300. Check the Psi Chi website for detail:

<http://www.psichi.org/regions/rockymtn/TravelGrantInfo.aspx>

The application deadline March 13, 2015.

Web link for more information:

http://www.psichi.org/?page=regtravel_info

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Please feel free to contact your steering committee with comments and suggestions for regional Psi Chi programming at RMPA!

Check out the Rocky Mountain Region Psi Chi page on Facebook!

Here is the Facebook link:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/149411341813850/>

Also in the Psi Chi Program for Spring 2015 – Eddy Ameen from APAGS will be presenting several graduate school seminars!

Robert Rycek of the University of Nebraska at Kearney receives the 2014 RMPA Distinguished Service

The 2014 Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Robert Rycek at the April Business Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Rycek is Professor of Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He received his BA from the University of Illinois – Chicago and his MA and Ph.D from Northern Illinois University. He has received several teaching awards including the UNK Faculty Mentoring Award and the University of Nebraska award for Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity. Bob's research and publications have addressed adolescent egocentrism, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. For many years, Bob served as a CUR (Council of Undergraduate Research) Councilor and currently holds the office of Chair of the Psychology Division of CUR.



Bob can date his involvement with RMPA to the early 1980s. Since that time he has been a presenter, moderator, organizer, mentor of undergraduate student presenters, and a member of the

Executive Committee. Beginning in 1994, he has served on the program committee. From 2001 until 2006 he served as a RMPA regional co-coordinator of the Council of Teachers of Undergraduate Psychology and from 2006, he has served as the RMPA Secretary, now into his third term. For his many contributions to RMPA over the years the Association was pleased to present him with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award.

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A limited number of RMPA 2015 Posters are available to Psychology Departments for display. Contact Bob Rycek, RMPA Secretary, at rycekr@unk.edu.

If you are not planning to attend this year's convention, be sure to renew your membership to continue receiving the benefits of membership.

RMPA Mentor Award Call for Nominations

RMPA is seeking nominations for the 2015 Mentor Award. The award will be presented at the 2015 RMPA convention. According to legend, Mentor is the name of the person to whom Odysseus entrusted the care of his son, Telemachus, when Odysseus set out on those famous wanderings of his that we now call an "odyssey." Mentor was Odysseus' wise and trusted counselor as well as tutor to Telemachus. Mentoring is a structured and trusting relation that brings younger professionals or students in contact with experienced faculty members or other professional psychologists who offer guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the knowledge, professional skills, competencies, and character of the younger person. 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 Mentor Award Committee is comprised of the RMPA President, Past-President and the President-Elect. Recommendations of the awards committee are ratified by the RMPA Executive Committee. A nominee who does not win the award will automatically have his or her materials considered for a second year.

Criteria for the Award

Please nominate a RMPA member who has demonstrated exceptional mentoring through some or all of the following activities:

- Involving large numbers of students in the annual RMPA meeting.
- Shepherding the early career development of various members of the RMPA
- Supervising and encouraging the scholarly activities of various members of the RMPA
- Contributing to the professional development of members of the RMPA

To Nominate a Candidate for the Award

All that is required for a nomination is

- a brief nomination letter summarizing the person's mentoring by addressing the criteria above.

Self-nominations are acceptable.

Send nominations via e-mail to:

Steve Barney, Ph.D.
Psychology Department
Southern Utah University
barney@suu.edu

Deadline for Nominations: February 1, 2015

Previous Mentor Award Recipients

2011 – Paul Bell, Colorado State University
2012 – Steve Barney, Southern Utah University
2013 – Roxanne Sullivan, Bellevue University
2014 – Lynn White, Southern Utah University

2014 RMPA Mentor Award Dr. Lynn H White Southern Utah University

At the 2014 RMPA convention, RMPA honored Dr. Lynn H. White of Southern Utah University with the 2014 RMPA Mentor Award. Dr. White has a long and commendable history of mentoring hundreds of SUU students in their research. Her colleagues note that "as the instructor of our Statistics course every year since 1999 and the Senior Thesis Independent Research I and II capstone seminar every year for over a decade, she has had a positive influence on almost every SUU psychology major who has conducted research in this century." Dr. White also played a leading role in developing the Undergraduate Research Symposium at SUU. Many of her students attend RMPA each year and a substantial number of them give presentations at the conference. Since 2000, she has co-authored over 30 papers with students that were accepted for the RMPA conference. At SUU, Dr. White's name has become synonymous with "undergraduate research."

Dr. White's mentoring activities have even extended to her colleagues. She has contributed to the career development of numerous faculty members. Along the way, she has encouraged faculty members to become active in RMPA, including several (Britt Mace, Jeff Elison, and Grant Corser) who have won RMPA's Early Career Award. She has also co-authored many RMPA papers with colleagues. In sum, Dr. White has an exemplary record of mentoring and supporting both students and colleagues. She



leads and inspires by example and has been a dedicated promoter of RMPA. Thus, RMPA is pleased to recognize Dr. Lynn H. White with its 2014 Mentor Award

RMPA Early Career Award Call for Nominations

RMPA is soliciting nominations for the 2015 *Early Career Award*. The award will be presented at the 2015 RMPA convention to recognize a member of RMPA who is early in his or her career and has already made significant contributions to the Association and to psychology. The awards committee consists of the past-president, the current president, and the president-elect. Recommendations of the awards committee are ratified by the RMPA Executive Committee. A nominee who does not win the award will automatically have his or her materials considered for a second year.

Criteria for the Award

Candidates for the award must:

- have a doctorate in psychology, or a related field,
- have been granted a degree five to ten years prior to their nomination,
- have been visibly active in RMPA for no less than 5 years, and, ideally, should have mentored students who have participated in RMPA, and
- show promise of achieving national visibility.

To Nominate a Candidate for the Award

All that is required for a nomination is

- a current curriculum vitae, and
- two letters of recommendation that speak to the criteria listed above.

Self-nominations are acceptable.

Send nominations via e-mail to:

Steve Barney, Ph.D.
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Deadline for Nominations: February 1, 2015

Previous Early Career Award Recipients

2003 – William Douglas Woody, University of Northern Colorado
2004 – Britton Mace, Southern Utah University
2005 – Michelle Butler, US Air Force Academy
2006 – Carla Reyes, University of Utah
2007 – Krista Forrest, University of Nebraska at Kearney
2008 – Cheryl Sanders, Metropolitan State College of Denver
2009 – Jeff Elison, Southern Utah University
2010 – Aaron Richmond, Metropolitan State University of Denver
2011 – Layton Curl, Metropolitan State University of Denver
2012 – No award given
2013 – Grant Corser, Southern Utah University
2014 – Bethany Fleck, Metropolitan State University of Denver

2014 RMPA Early Career Award Dr. Bethany Fleck Metropolitan State University of Denver

At the 2014 RMPA convention, RMPA honored Dr. Bethany K. B. Fleck of Metropolitan State University of Denver with the 2014 Early Career Award. Dr. Fleck has been actively and visibly involved in RMPA since she arrived at Metropolitan State University in 2010. She has made extensive contributions to RMPA's Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference. In 2013 she served as co-convention manager of the RMPA conference and she has contributed an article to the RMPA newsletter. She has brought over a dozen students to RMPA meetings in the brief time that she has been at Metropolitan State. Dr. Fleck is an outstanding, skilled teacher who has developed innovative, new versions of courses at her institution and is described as "deeply passionate about the improvement of teaching of psychology." She has also engaged many students as teaching and research assistants providing opportunities for independent studies and student research projects. She has served on a host of departmental and university committees and has compiled an admirable record of service to her institution. She has also been lauded by her colleagues for her work in advising and mentoring students.

Beyond RMPA, Dr. Fleck has gained national visibility with her scholarship and service to the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP). She has served on STP's Membership Committee, its Early Career Council, and its Graduate Student Teaching Association. Dr. Fleck has published research in journals such as *Teaching of Psychology*, *College Teaching*, the *Journal of Excellence in College Teaching*, and the *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*. She has contributed chapters to edited volumes and authored textbook ancillary materials for Pearson Publishing. Dr. Fleck has presented numerous papers



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and posters at professional meetings, including over 15 papers at RMPA conferences. Small wonder then that her colleagues characterize her as “a well-rounded, active scholar who has promise on the national stage.” Hence, RMPA is pleased to recognize Dr. Bethany K. B. Fleck with its 2014 Early Career Award.

STUDENT AWARDS AT RMPA 2014

RMPA Student Paper Awards went to:

What Makes Multicultural Teams Effective? A Study of Trust, Goals, Language, and Values B. A. BLAIR, BRET LEVINE, MAREN DOLLWET AND LIINA EDUN Claremont Graduate University
Faculty Sponsor: Jason Siegel

Group-based Predictor Variables of Empathy and Social Dominance Orientation HEATHER JONES, SARAH LIEBERENZ, MORGAN MELTON, TARA HEGG, ANASTACIA ZAVILLA, LAURA ASH AND KELLY MCCARTY Metropolitan State University of Denver
Faculty Sponsor: Lisa Badanes

How Do I Love Me? Body Image Dissatisfaction and Self-Compassion in College Students KATHERINE M. MILLER Metropolitan State University of Denver Faculty Sponsor: Linda Lockwood

He Confessed but Did He Do It? Mediators of the Influence of a Confession SKYE A. WOESTHOFF University of Texas at El Paso
Faculty Sponsor: Christian Meissner

Language Effects on Anti-Transgender Prejudice ANDREA J. WUCHERPFENNIG Metropolitan State University of Denver
Faculty Sponsor: Robert Schatz

The CUR-RMPA Undergraduate Research Award went to:

Does Technology Contribute to Rising IQ Scores MATTHEW R. ANDERSON & MCKENZIE PINCKNEY Utah Valley University
Faculty Sponsor: Russell Warne

The Environmental Psychology Paper Award went to:

Self-Efficacy and Depression as Predictors of resiliency in Fire Survivors, Austin Seeley & Nancy Karlin, University of Northern Colorado

RMPA Teaching Poster Award

The 2014 RMPA Teaching Poster Award went to:

Melisa Russell, Blisse Voigt, and Eric Amsel (Weber State University) Challenging Undergraduates' Psychological Misconceptions: The Role of Representing Scientific Ideas.

PSYCH BOWL 2014



Five teams participated in the 2nd Annual Psych Bowl Competition at RMPA: The University of Nebraska at Kearney tried to defend their title against teams from the University of Colorado at Denver, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, and Metropolitan State University of Denver. In a close battle that went through several tie-breakers, Weber State University was victorious and took home the trophy. They will try to defend their title next year in Boise.



The Winning Team from Weber State University

RMPA FUTURE CONVENTION SITES

2015

Boise, Idaho
The Grove Hotel
April 9-11



2016

Denver, Colorado
Renaissance Denver Hotel
April 14-16



2017



Salt Lake City, Utah
Radisson Hotel Downtown
April 6-8

RMPA's Network of Institutional Representatives

RMPA local institutional representatives serve as liaisons between RMPA and their Department. Local representatives receive information about association activities and the annual conference. Local representatives are invited to moderate sessions, propose program events, publicize the conference at their institution, and encourage their colleagues and students to attend.

If your institution does not have a local rep, and if you would like to volunteer to serve in that role, please contact Rick Miller, RMPA's Local Representatives Coordinator at Richard.Miller@tamuk.edu.

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