



2021 SPA Call for Papers and Presentations

Deadline October 25, 11:59 (ET)

The SPA Annual Convention, the preeminent place for personality scholars, researchers, and clinicians to learn, network, and advance the fields of personality science and personality assessment, invites presentations, posters, and discussions for our 2021 Virtual Annual Convention

SPA has been approved to offer Continuing Education credits through the American Psychological Association for symposia, case study presentations, and roundtable presentations. We encourage you to consider these program types in your submission. Lead presenters/chairs will receive more information about this process at a later date if accepted to present.

SYMPOSIA

Symposia are professional talks on theory, research, or practice given by presenters individually in authoritative expert style to the audience. These sessions entail the presentation of a series of papers in which presenters make an effort to integrate the content of the papers with one another. Integration can be achieved in a number of ways (for example, presenters may comment on one another's papers, or a discussant may provide a commentary integrating the material in the papers). Presenters may range from students to seasoned professionals. Symposia require joint submission of papers, typically by the session organizer, who chairs the session. Generally, papers are allowed 15 minutes for presentation and questions, but the session organizer may prepare a program with fewer, but longer, presentations at their discretion.

CASE DISCUSSIONS

Case discussions offer the opportunity to share specific details with attendees around uses and experiences with assessment, whether it is in individual, couple, family, group, or organizational contexts. Although we are interested in learning about the case context, method, and description, we encourage case discussions to also discuss the substantive clinical and/or theoretical contributions to the literature.

ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables are an opportunity for attendees to gather around a specific topic or issue. Although we encourage some theoretical foundation to these discussions, roundtables offer an opportunity for all those in attendance to share their expertise and perspective around the various nuances related to the overarching topic or issue. Roundtables are also an opportunity for a group of content experts to share ideas in a panel presentation.

A Note about CE credit-bearing proposals:

Symposia, Case Discussions, and Roundtables are typically continuing education bearing. Although they are open to all attendees, they are approved by SPA for their appropriateness in satisfying the continuing education needs of doctoral-level psychologists in the U.S. According to American Psychological Association (APA) Continuing Education guidelines, symposium, case discussion, and roundtable presenters must either 1) hold the doctoral degree in psychology, or its equivalent; or 2) “have expertise in the areas in which they present” (for example, an attorney with expertise in forensic assessment issues). Note that authors and/or co-authors of presentations may be students, but the organizer of the event must fulfill either Criterion 1 or Criterion 2 and vouch for the expertise of all other presenters. Events that are not accepted as symposia because one or more presenters do not fulfill the APA CE presenter criteria will automatically be considered for integrated paper sessions by the Program Chair. Case Discussions and Roundtables that do not satisfy APA CE guidelines will still be labeled as such in the Convention Program, minus any indication that CE credits will be given to attendees.

INDIVIDUAL PAPERS

If you have a compelling individual paper topic focusing either on research or clinical material but do not or cannot submit it as a symposia, please submit it as an individual paper in Abstract Form A. If accepted, the Convention Program Chair will group individual papers into a topic area and assign a session title. Presenters may range from students to seasoned professionals. Papers are allowed 15 minutes for presentation and questions.

POSTERS

Poster presenters will prepare a visual depiction of a research study, case analysis, or other type of material relevant to personality assessment, typically including descriptive text along with tables and/or figures; some posters also include other illustrative material such as photographs or drawings. The specific requirements of a poster presentation will be shared once your proposal has been accepted, but we have provided the following subheadings for the different poster presentation types:

For Research Type Poster Submissions, Please Include the Following Subheadings and information:

- **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** What were the major reasons for doing this study? Provide a clear statement of your purpose, and your hypotheses
- **SUBJECT(S):** Describe the number and relevant characteristics of subjects.
- **METHODS AND MATERIALS:** What was your research design? What key measurement methods were used in this project?
- **ANALYSES:** Describe the type(s) of statistical analyses used to assist you in interpreting your data.
- **RESULTS:** Briefly summarize the main findings derived from your analyses.
- **CONCLUSIONS:** What can you logically conclude through the analysis of your data? What are the limitations of your work and your suggestions for future work in this area?

For Case Report Poster Submissions, Please Include the Following Subheadings and Information:

- **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** Please provide relevant rationale for presenting this case report, along with a clear statement of your purpose.
- **CASE DESCRIPTION:** Include key history and test findings, and salient background and clinical information regarding the patient.
- **EVALUATION OUTCOMES:** What were the key findings for your case?
- **CONCLUSIONS:** Describe the clinical implications of your case. What key issues or conclusions does this case study illustrate?

Poster Policy

By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to abide by SPA policy regarding poster presentations. You agree that you are willing to present your poster virtually during the SPA convention. A minimum of one author must attend the poster during the presentation time(s). Authors are responsible for the development of their own posters, and poster guidelines will be provided to authors of submissions accepted for presentation.