All About the Pacific Division Meeting
Friday, March 1, 2024 — 10 a.m. Pacific / 1 p.m. Eastern

- Introductions
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Agenda

➤ What to expect at the meeting
➤ How sessions work
➤ Registration, program, and meeting app
➤ Events to look out for
➤ Professional conduct & getting help at the meeting
➤ Q&A

Find Pacific Meeting details here: www.apaonline.org/event/2024pacific
What to expect at the meeting

- Scholarship
- Professional development, including teaching
- Networking

But first… it’s normal to feel overwhelmed or anxious, especially at first! Just about everyone does. We’ll help you know what to expect so you can make the most of the meeting.
How sessions work

Types of Sessions

- Colloquia & Symposia
- Affiliated Group Sessions
- Committee Sessions
- Teaching Hub

Consider going to sessions outside your AOS! The meeting is a great opportunity to find out what’s happening in the field more broadly.
How sessions work

Basics and Important Reminders

► Sessions run for either 1 hour and 50 minutes or 2 hours and 50 minutes

► For ~2-hour sessions, we recommend 50–55 minutes per paper (including author, commentator, and Q&A) with a 10-minute break in between

► For ~3-hour sessions, we recommend 10-minute breaks between papers or one 15-minute break in the middle

► There are 10-minute breaks between sessions, and a 1-hour lunch break at noon each day

► Send your paper/comments to other panelists well in advance: papers should have been circulated already; send around comments this week

► See our Guide for Meeting Participants for additional details: www.apaonline.org/participantsguide
How sessions work

Group, Committee, and Teaching Hub Sessions

- Affiliated group, APA committee, and Teaching Hub sessions can have many different formats and topics
- Organized entirely by their sponsoring committee/group
- Great opportunities to connect with people with common interests and concerns
How sessions work

Tips for a Successful Session

▲ Connect with the rest of the participants in advance and plan how you will use your time

▲ Chairs play a very important role, especially in keeping speakers and Q&A to time—be assertive!

▲ Papers must be presented as they were refereed, without substantial revisions. Again, circulate them well in advance!

▲ If there are changes to your session, let us know so the app can be updated: meetings@apaonline.org

▲ Be prepared to step in if someone drops out at the last minute

▲ Make sure to submit your slides/handouts to the meeting app, especially if you didn’t request A/V for your session: www.apaonline.org/2024p_handouts
How sessions work

Poster Session

- Poster session on Friday in the exhibit hall
- Each poster presenter is provided with
  - one tri-fold poster board (36 x 48 in.)
  - clips or tacks to attach your poster to the board
  - an easel
- More info and advice on posters: www.apaonline.org/PosterSessionInfo
- Note: the Teaching Hub has a separate poster session on Thursday; contact Teaching Hub organizers with any questions
MONDAY is the deadline for early bird registration!

APA members get a discount, so remember to join/renew

Student discount is only available to APA student members

After Monday, registration closes until the meeting begins

Everyone must register—no exceptions!

Still looking for a few registration volunteers: www.apaonline.org/2024P_VolunteerInfo

Download the mobile app: www.apaonline.org/meetingapp (If you register early bird, you’ll get app info by email next week)

Session locations appear in print program and are added to meeting app on the first morning of the meeting

Submit your handouts/slides for the meeting app: www.apaonline.org/2024p_handouts

Deadline for hotel reservations has been extended to March 8
Events to look out for

- Teaching Hub (Wednesday through Friday)
- Exhibit Hall (Thursday through Saturday)
- Coffee Breaks
- Prize Reception (Thursday afternoon) — where grad student stipends are awarded!
- Poster Sessions (Thursday & Friday midday)
- Department Leaders Meetup (Thursday afternoon)
- Special ACLS session & office hours (Thursday & Friday)
  https://calendly.com/jpchristy/acls-program-officer-meeting-at-apa-pacific-2024
- Presidential Address (Friday evening)
- Annual Reception (Thursday evening)
- Prize Lectures
- Business Meeting (Thursday midday)
Professional Conduct

All participants are expected to conduct themselves professionally. Harassment and discrimination are not tolerated.

Any attendee who displays inappropriate behavior or creates a disturbance or safety hazard is prohibited inside any meeting facility and will be asked to leave the meeting.
Getting help at the meeting

- APA Executive Director Amy Ferrer: amyferrer@apaonline.org
- APA Ombudsperson Naomi Scheman: ombuds@apaonline.org
- Visit APA staff at registration desks, or look for our nametags with “STAFF” ribbons
- General APA staff contact: info@apaonline.org
- If you feel threatened or unsafe, contact hotel security immediately.
Final thoughts

- Make the most of the meeting!
- It’s normal to be nervous at first, and you’re far from alone in feeling that way.
- Since meeting events don’t include meals, small groups often form to go out for lunch or dinner. Suggest a meal after a session you enjoyed—or just hang out in the lobby!
- Find us and say hello!
Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
Contact Information

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Don’t forget to register—Early bird ends Monday!

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Find recordings of past events at APA On Demand:

www.apaonline.org/ondemand