

## Welcome to PPA2019!

The definition of a hero is “a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal.” The theme for 2019 celebrates psychologists as heroes – to each other, and to those we serve. “Heroes” use their wisdom (including scientific knowledge and grounding), courage, justice, and compassion to help others. What better example of this is there than psychologists? As a community, we share characteristics of steadiness and strength that have served well as we have grown personally and professionally, both individually and as the organization that is the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. Within the field of psychology, regardless of differing views, there is still mutual respect, support, openness, and a commitment to justice and equity.

The goal of this year’s theme is to continue to share these skills and views with those within, and outside, of our organization. How can we be involved in the world outside of PPA to champion these views and ideals? What ways can we continue to support our members and our clients? Exploring these themes will allow us to grow as a community of heroes together, as we strive to exemplify compassion, wisdom, justice, and courage both internally and externally. We hope you enjoy this special issue of the *Pennsylvania Psychologist*, and that you will join us June 19-22 at the Pittsburgh Sheraton Hotel at Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA!

### Why Should You Attend PPA2019?

- Receive up to 31.5 CE credits, including ethics, Act 31 and Act 74. Everything you need for the 2019 Licensure Renewal, all in one place!
- Access over \$500 worth of CE credits for half the cost
- Interact with noteworthy speakers who are leaders in their fields
- Network with friends and colleagues
- Influence PPA—talk to officers and staff and have your voice heard
- Choose from over 40 CE workshops (in addition to those for students and ECPs)
- Earn Act 48 credits



### #PPA2019: Social Media Savvy

When using social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn), tag us by adding #PPA2019 to all of your posts and pictures. This tool allows us to easily search all social media entries and pictures from the 2019 convention.



## The Perfect Place to Further Your Professional Development

Molly Cowan, PsyD, Program & Education Board Chair



### Proposal Selection Committee

A Special thank-you to the Proposal Selection Committee members, who spent many hours reviewing and selecting proposals for PPA2019!

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PPA's annual convention returns to the Pittsburgh area for 2019. Join us June 19-22 at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square, easily accessible from the Pennsylvania Turnpike and only 12 miles from the Pittsburgh airport. A short drive takes you to Point State Park, Mount Washington, the Duquesne Incline, and numerous museums and restaurants. You can also book a ride on the Gateway Clipper and sail the three rivers.

Most importantly, the convention is the perfect place to connect with colleagues and further your professional development. There will be four days of high-quality workshops on a wide variety of topics including assessment, treatment, teaching, multiculturalism, and ethics. Come hear a two-hour presentation by the State Board of Psychology; get your Act 31 credits on child abuse prevention and Act 74 credits on suicide assessment, treatment and prevention. Additional workshops times have been added, so you can now obtain ALL the credits you need for license renewal in 2019 by attending all four days!

The theme of this year's convention – We Are A Wonder – celebrates psychologists as heroes and reflects the drive to embody compassion, wisdom, justice, and courage personally and professionally. So take advantage of the year's best opportunity to socialize and network with psychologists across the state. In addition to grabbing coffee, hanging out by the pool, or working out in the fitness center, plan to meet up with friends at the Exhibitor Wine & Cheese Reception, the annual Awards Dinner, the Gratitude Luncheon, or one of several lunches with CE presentations. In addition, the convention features a Pirates baseball game and fireworks show. Select the special events that meet your needs or get an All Access Pass that includes most additional activities.

On Friday we continue the tradition of special programming for students and ECPs with a Poster Session, Networking Reception, and student-focused programming. Invite your younger colleagues and graduate students to join us for this unique experience.

Wherever you live, we hope all of you will join us for one, two or all four days. We can't wait to see you there!

