



PSI CHI THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear Eastern Region Psi Chi students and advisors,

The **Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Convention** is nearly here! I hope to see you at the **Marriott Marquis in Times Square, February 28 through March 2**. Over 250 Psi Chi members submitted abstracts to this convention, and I can't wait to meet you and learn more about your research.

We have **Psi Chi Programming** designed especially for you:

Thursday, February 28

- **6:30 p.m.** Dr. Jennifer Richeson (Yale University) will deliver the opening Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture, "The Paradox of Diversity: Promise, Pitfalls, and Implications for Racial Progress." You've seen her [Eye on Psi Chi](#) interview about embracing multiculturalism—see her share her research in person!

Friday, March 1

- **8:30 a.m.** If this is your first rodeo as a student at EPA, Dr. Sandra Campneau will share **tips for making the most out of your time**.
- **9:30 a.m.** Everyone should feel welcome and valued in a learning space. Dr. Megan Carpenter will facilitate a workshop designed to engage both teachers and students about the importance of **designing inclusive classroom spaces**. This Psi Chi Diversity programming is cosponsored by the Teaching Division at EPA.
- **11 a.m.** Psi Chi teams up with the Clinical Division at EPA to dish up a perennial favorite: graduate school. Drs. Tony Crespi, Margaret Generali, and Mackenzie McNamara describe master's degree options, including credentialing. Anyone interested in **graduate programs for school, forensic, or clinical psychology** should attend.
- **2 p.m.** Psi Chi's Merchandise Coordinator, Ayana Woodard, wants to learn what you like and what you want to see for **Psi Chi merchandise**. Focus groups are limited to 10 people at a time and will start on the "20s" (e.g., 2 p.m., 2:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.). Maybe you'll walk away with some special swag!
- **3:30 p.m.** There were so many Psi Chi submissions this year that we needed not one, but TWO poster sessions. The first **Psi Chi Poster Session** features Developmental, Perceptual/Cognitive, Learning, Forensic Psychology, Neuroscience, Sport Psychology, the Scholarship of Teaching, and Tests/Measurement.



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- **5 p.m.** Join members from the Psi Chi Board of Directors and the Eastern Regional Steering Committee at a **Psi Chi Social sponsored by The New School for Social Research**. Nosh on some food, meet members from different chapters, and play some psychology-inspired trivia games. Yes, there will be Psi Chi prizes!

Saturday, March 2

- **8:00 a.m.** We start the day celebrating the **21 Regional Research Award recipients**. Award recipients will share a brief 2-minute “elevator pitch” of their outstanding research. If ever there were an opportunity to experience a bevy of great student research in a short time, this is it!
- **9:30 a.m.** Because one session about graduate school is never enough, Drs. Garth Fowler and Daniel Michalski from the American Psychological Association team up with EPA President Dr. Susan Krauss Whitbourne to discuss finding the **right fit for graduate school** and navigating the application process.
- **11 a.m.** You learn a lot of skills as a psychology major—skills that employers want. Learn how to translate your skill building into **workplace success** with Psi Chi Past-President Dr. R. Eric Landrum and Psi Chi President-Elect Dr. Regan A. R. Gurung.
- **2 p.m.** The second **Psi Chi Poster Session** features student research in Clinical, Social, Personality, Applied, and Community Psychology.
- **3:30 p.m.** It is our ethical obligation as scientists to ensure that we engage in responsible practice and produce the most reliable and valid findings possible. Dr. John Edlund, Psi Chi Research Director, will help us all become more **responsible scientists**.

Other EPA happenings

- Like last year, if you follow us on [Twitter](#) or Instagram [@PsiChiEast](#) or like and follow the [Eastern Regional Facebook](#) page between now and the beginning of the Opening Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture, you will be entered to **win a Psi Chi hat**. The more platforms you follow us on, the better your chances of winning. And you must be present at EPA to claim your prize.
- Visit **Psi Chi’s booth in the Exhibit Hall** on Friday and Saturday. There’s lots of information, great people, and even better swag.
- Speaking of swag, **Ayana Woodard** will be selling a limited assortment of **Psi Chi merchandise** at EPA. Even better, she is accepting **presales** for distribution at EPA. Order your merch online, select “EPA Pick Up” as shipping, and have for merch waiting for you at EPA. If you want your merch in time for EPA, **order no later than February 26**.
- **Looking to room share at EPA?** You can now communicate with other advisors to pair students trying to save on convention hotel costs via our



new webpage. **Only chapter advisors can enter student requests** for a roommate, view the requests, and contact another student's advisor. Log in as chapter administrator and under Advisor Resources, click on the **Convention Roommate Finder** icon.

Grants, Awards, and Scholarships watch:

Psi Chi offers more than \$400,000 in annual [awards and grants](#) for undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. [APS](#) is in Washington, DC and [APA](#) is in Chicago this year. Be sure to check out the Travel Grants below...

- [Kay Wilson Officer Team Leadership Award](#) due March 1
- [Division 52/Psi Chi International Travel Grant](#) due April 15
- [APA Convention Society Research Awards](#) due April 15
- [Regional Chapter Awards](#) due April 15
- [Ruth Hubbard Cousins Chapter Award](#) due April 15
- [Graduate Research Grants–Summer](#) due May 1
- [Undergraduate Research Grants–Summer](#) due May 1
- [Unrestricted Travel Grants–Summer](#) due May 5
- [Model Chapter Awards](#) due May 15
- [Psi Beta/Psi Chi Collaboration Grants](#) due June 1
- [APAGS Junior Scientist Fellowship](#) due June 27
- [Psi Chi Undergraduate Scholarships](#) due July 5
- [Psi Chi Graduate Scholarships](#) due July 15

Changes for Transfer Student Membership in Psi Chi

In January, the [Psi Chi Board of Directors](#) voted to update Membership Requirements in order to make it simpler for Transfer Students to join Psi Chi. These changes are effective March 5, 2019, but chapters may implement them immediately. Here's what you should know.

- **(NEW) If your Institution transfers both credits and grades:**
Transfer Students who are enrolled at your Institution and meet the other minimum undergraduate requirements may now count all transferred courses and grades toward eligibility to join Psi Chi.
- **If your Institution transfers credits, but not grades:**
Because Transfer Students enrolled at your Institution begin with a 0.0 GPA, they must establish both cumulative and psychology GPAs at your Institution and meet the other minimum undergraduate requirements before joining Psi Chi.



Get Ready, Get Set, Go for the Chapter Challenge

It's time to select a student team captain for the [Chapter Challenge](#). Once your team captain creates a [chapter fundraiser page](#), we will email that person with additional guidance. This year's Challenge takes place from now until March 31.

Vote, Vote, Vote!

Each year your chapter has the [opportunity to vote](#) for the next **President-Elect of Psi Chi**. This year, you also get to vote for the **Eastern Regional VP**. Please register your vote by March 15, at 11:59 EST! Remember, voting makes your chapter eligible for a Model Chapter Award.

Stay Connected and Keep Informed!

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and Instagram [@PsiChiEast!](#) Like and follow the [Eastern Regional Facebook](#) page to keep up to date about happenings in the our region. We would love to include pictures from your chapter's induction ceremonies or other activities! Hosting an undergraduate conference? Send information to me via e-mail, and I will post it!

Please feel free to e-mail me (fallonmar@ccsu.edu) or call me 860.832.3181 with any questions. Let's hope Punxsutawney Phil was right and we are done with polar vortexes for 2019. Bring on spring!

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