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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 Boston Park Plaza, March 12 through 14. More than 300 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, March 12

- **6:30 p.m.** Dr. Steven Pinker (Harvard University) will deliver the opening Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture, “The Elephant, the Emperor, and the Mazto Ball: Common Knowledge as a Ratifier of Human Relationships.” What's common to taboo, hypocrisy, outrage, tact, and embarrassment? Perhaps people’s desire to generate—or to avoid generating—common knowledge. This session is cosponsored by the Cognitive Division at EPA.

Friday, March 13

- **8:30 a.m.** If this is your first rodeo as a student at EPA, Dr. Sandra Campeanu will share tips for making the most out of your time.
- **9:30 a.m.** Studying psychological science is excellent career preparation. Representatives of the American Psychological Association (APA) including Drs. Karen Stamm, Peggy Christidis, Luona Lin, and Jessica Conroy tag-team with former Psi Chi President Dr. Jason Young for a symposium describing career pathways and workforce outcomes for psychology undergraduates as well as the employer-valued skills that psychology undergraduates can leverage in their careers. This session is cosponsored by the Teaching Division at EPA.
- **12:30 p.m.** At midday, we celebrate Psi Chi Faculty Advisors and the 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 outstanding student research in a short time, this is it!
- **2 p.m.** Despite its importance to scientific advancement, replication efforts are generally not rewarded. Dr. John Edlund, Chair of Psi Chi’s Research Advisory Committee and winner of the Eastern Region’s Faculty Advisor Award, explains what we need to do to move replication—and science—forward.
• 3:30 p.m. The Psi Chi Undergraduate Poster Session is chock full of excellent research conducted by Psi Chi students. From the effects of clutter on productivity, to young adults’ changing nicotine habits, to the relationship between political orientation and memory for political events, there is something for everyone during this session.

Saturday, March 14

• 8:00 a.m. Psi Chi teams up with the Clinical Division at EPA to dish up a perennial favorite—graduate school. Drs. Tony Crespi, Natasha Segool, and Mikayla Alicandro describe master’s degree options, including credentialing. Anyone interested in graduate programs for school, forensic, or clinical psychology should attend.

• 11 a.m. Because one session about graduate school is never enough, Drs. Garth Fowler and Caroline Cope from APA team up with former EPA President and Psi Chi Distinguished Member Dr. Susan Krauss Whitbourne to discuss finding the right fit for graduate school and navigating the application process.

Other EPA happenings

• Visit Psi Chi’s booth in the Exhibit Hall on Friday and Saturday. There’s lots of information and great people for you to meet.

Grants, Awards, and Scholarships watch:

Psi Chi offers more than $400,000 in annual awards and grants for undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. The annual Association for Psychological Science convention is in Chicago and APA is in Washington, DC, 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
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