

STPP 2022 Midwinter Meeting Call for Proposals

The Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (STPP-APA Division 24) will hold our annual Midwinter Meeting **March 11-12, 2022**. Given the ongoing limitations and uncertainties related to the pandemic (and beyond), and given the reality that certain virtual opportunities are more accessible to many of those who have been historically barred from spaces of intellectual engagement, this Midwinter Meeting will employ an innovative distance format designed to maximize participation and engagement.

Event Description

The presidential theme for this year is:

Epistemic Access

Broadly stated, this theme calls us to consider: *Who has access to determine warrant, knowledge, or meaning in psychology? How is that access arbitrated? How do we address historical inequities or injustices in how that access has been arbitrated?* Access in this sense is broad and refers to both explicit and implicit disciplinary gatekeeping practices. This theme is an invitation to consider how and why some groups, individuals, and knowledge practices have been excluded, denied, or marginalized from Western Psychology's theory-building, citational practices (and patterns), research teams, and datasets. It is also an invitation to imagine new ways to take up the ethical and epistemic imperative of broad and equitable epistemic access.

Moving into two years of a devastating global pandemic that has exacerbated long-rooted inequities, our conference will mark the occasion by inviting dialogue and engagement and by anchoring access as not only a theme but as a guiding organizational principle. Thus, one of the main goals of this conference is to provide opportunities for attendees to truly engage in shared knowledge-making, particularly around the role of theoretical and philosophical psychology in facilitating greater access to the scientific process. Some of the ways that we are reflecting these themes in the conference structure include inviting attendees to prepare roundtable discussions, rather than talks; holding the conference over a Friday afternoon and a Saturday morning to facilitate international participation; and hosting the conference on a virtual platform, allowing broader access.

We will convene via **Gather**, a digital meeting space that mimics the built environment wherein attendees can move together to conference sessions, sit next to each other during discussions, and socialize in designated spaces/lounges during conference downtime. Additional information about accessing the platform will be sent to conference registrants. We invite you to join us for discussion, reflection, and fun in a stimulating, challenging, but inclusive atmosphere!

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With access and dialogue centered, this conference will not be structured around traditional presentations; rather, we aim to bring together our community to engage in dialogue. Instead of presented papers or symposia, we invite prospective participants to submit ***roundtable proposals*** for participation in the Midwinter Meeting.

Roundtables are hour-long dialogues, shaped and facilitated by submitters. We encourage roundtables broadly related to the theme of epistemic access, but also welcome other dialogues of importance to theoretical and philosophical psychology. All submitted proposals should provide an opportunity for dialogue between presenters and audience members. Presenters will typically open a roundtable with *brief* remarks or background (no more than 5-7 minutes total per roundtable, not per presenter/facilitator) and then facilitate discussions. A roundtable could address a single theme or a set of related themes, at the discretion of submitters. To keep these roundtables focused, we are requesting that each submission include no more than four facilitators (and, likewise, no more than four sub-themes). Roundtable descriptions of 250 words should be submitted for each proposal. These proposals should include information about the themes or subthemes to be discussed, how the discussion(s) will be facilitated (in brief), as well as the names of all contributing presenters.

We encourage collaboration amongst presenters who share interest(s) in subthemes under a broader topic. Presenters can determine how to facilitate the larger and smaller discussion groups as they see fit, but having multiple presenters for each roundtable is preferred in order to ensure facilitation and note-taking across both large and small groups.

We envision these discussions as the seeds of future papers and symposia, which can be finalized through ongoing dialogue following Midwinter (perhaps in preparation for presentation at APA or for publication).

****If you would like to submit an *individual theme proposal* and then be paired with other individual presenters for a roundtable, that option is available to you as well. Please submit a 250 word description of your proposed roundtable conversation.****

Proposals can be submitted here: [Proposal Submission Form](#). Deadline for Submissions: **December 1, 2021**

Registration

In line with the conference format and theme, we also want our registration practices to facilitate access to this shared intellectual space. Those with institutional support or personal financial ability are asked to contribute conference fees, while those who are unable (e.g. experiencing precarity, graduate students) are able to attend for free. Therefore, registration fees will be collected as follows:

- Those receiving full institutional support or who have the ability to cover the fee: **\$25.00**
- Those with partial support or ability to cover the fee: **\$15.00**
- If you are unable to cover the cost of conference attendance, please still plan to **join us for free**

We encourage people to register in advance, but online registration will be available throughout the conference period as well. You can register for the conference here: [Midwinter Registration](#)

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