

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2018 SRA Biennial Meeting in Minneapolis! We have an outstanding invited and submitted conference program thanks to the leadership of the Program Co-Chairs Jasna Jovanovic (Cal Poly) and Mitch Prinstein (University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill). Thanks to Anne Perdue (SRA's Director of Meetings) and many others in the SRA business office, we will have a well-organized, smoothly run conference. Thanks to the William T. Grant Foundation for their support of the Young Scholars Program that brings under-represented U.S. college students to SRA; thanks also to the chairs and mentors that make this program, and SRA's International Young Scholars Program, a success. Numerous people deserve thanks for their contributions to making this meeting happen; SRA works well because so many of you contribute your time and creative ideas. Thanks!

I am sure you will find many sessions of interest on the program. Some common themes include diversity, international, and interdisciplinary perspectives. We have woven in neuroscience, intervention research, social policy, and leading-edge methodology that can help us to better study development and to pinpoint mechanisms and consequences. Check out the Emerging Scholar events concerning publishing, getting grants, and careers. Make sure you consider the pre- and post-conference sessions such as those on moral development and advanced methodological approaches. As reflected in the program, the study of adolescence is broad and dynamic, and this is your chance to explore topics outside of your typical areas of interest.

We come to conferences for many reasons - to learn, to share our research, to envision future research. We are also here to meet old friends and make new ones. Why not step out of your comfort zone and meet someone new? I have no doubt that if you reach out to someone new, they will reciprocate. In this way, we can help give SRA a small conference feel.

We anticipate that the SRA Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony (Thursday April 12, 5:30-6:30pm) will be packed - this session will be short on business and long on awards. Please join us as part of the SRA community to help honor our colleagues, students, and mentors who exemplify our high standards for excellence in research and service. Right after this session will be the Welcome Reception, where you can catch up with old and new friends, eat and drink (6:30-8pm). And please attend the Presidential Reception (Friday, April 13, 6:30-8pm) to continue seeing friends and eating and drinking. There are other receptions as well, including the Adolescence in the Context of Domestic and Global Diversity Poster Session Reception (Friday, April 13, 11:45am-1:00pm). If you don't go home tired, full, and stimulated, you will not have not fully experienced SRA!

I hope you enjoy the conference. See you soon!



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