Twenty-Sixth Annual
OPS Spring Research Conference
Sponsored by:
Oklahoma Psychological Society

Schedule of Events

8:00  Registration………………………………………………………………Garvey Center
      Continental Breakfast                           McIntosh Conservatory

8:00-8:30  Poster Set up………………………………………………McIntosh Conservatory

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9:45-10:30  Panel Discussion  Garvey Center
            Positive Psychology: Theory or Hype?  Judd Theatre
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9:45-10:30  Conversation Hour  Garvey Center
            Successful Strategies for Getting into Grad School  Recital Hall
            Walker, C.E., University of Oklahoma

10:30-12:00  Concurrent Paper Presentations................................Garvey Center
              Rooms 103,106, 130, & 134

12:15-1:15  Faculty lunch with Dr. Roberson................................University Center
            Bartlesville Room

1:30-2:30  Keynote Address: Dr. Shawn Roberson  DAH Auditorium
            Interrogations and False Confessions: Psychology’s
            Contribution in Addressing a Social Problem

2:30-3:00  Acknowledgements/Awards..............................................DAH Auditorium

3:00-3:15  Refreshments available in DAH Lobby

3:15-4:00  Student conversation time..............................................DAH Auditorium
            with Dr. Shawn Roberson

3:15-3:45  OPS Business Meeting....................................................DAH, Room 202

4:00-5:00  College Bowl.................................................................DAH Auditorium
Welcome to the
Twenty-Sixth Annual OPS
Spring Research Conference

April 11, 2008
Oklahoma Christian University
Edmond, Oklahoma

Location: Oklahoma Christian University is located at 2501 E. Memorial Rd. in Edmond, OK. The two principal buildings that will be used on campus are the Garvey Center and Davisson American Heritage Building (DAH). Please see the map for further details.

Parking: Parking is available in the DAH and Enterprise Square parking lots. There is no charge for parking.

Registration: Registration will begin at 8:00 am in the Garvey Center. A continental breakfast will be available.

Program: If you pre-registered, you may pick up a copy of the program at the registration tables when you acquire your identification label and receipt. If you are registering at the conference, you will receive a program when you pay your registration fees.

Refreshments: Morning refreshments are available at 8am in the McIntosh Conservatory and afternoon refreshments are available at 3:00 in the lobby of DAH, prior to the student question and answer session with Dr. Roberson.

Lunch: Conference attendees will be on your own for lunch. You are welcome to purchase lunch from our school dining hall in the University Center, and there are several restaurants within a mile of campus. Faculty members wishing to have lunch with Dr. Robeson should r.s.v.p. to Dr. Ryan Newell (425-5458) by Wednesday. The cost is $10.00 and can be paid at the conference.
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A  Assessing the Effect of Play on Adult Affective Function. Bland, J., Matthews, M., Morgan, C., East Central University.**

B  Having Felony Conviction and Taking Action to Change Violent Behavior. Reyes, B., Bravo, M., Muilengurg-Trevino, E., Johnson, C., University of Oklahoma.**

C  Sexual Expression and Intimacy among Older Adults: A Review of the Literature. Leeker, O., Peabody, K., Oklahoma State University.**


E  Implicit Associations and Outgroup Biases. Luttrell, N., Youll, L., Vanhoy, M., University of Central Oklahoma.++


H  The Relationship between Sexual Attitudes and Date Rape Accountability. Laverghetta, A., Claunch, K., Cameron University.

I  Beliefs in and Experiences with Sasquatch and Corresponding Coping Strategies. Banta, M., University of Central Oklahoma.

J  Perception of Status Value Markers: Gender Differences among High Self-Esteem Men and Women. Reaves, M., Knight, M., University of Central Oklahoma.
K  Gender Differences in the Perception of Status Value Markers among Low Self-Esteem Men and Women. Reaves, M., Thomas, H., Knight, M., University of Central Oklahoma.

L  Overlapping Strategies: Correlations between Styles of Evaluative Organization of Father and Mother Knowledge. Lark-Woodbury, S., Limke, A., Southern Nazarene University.

M  College Student’s Attitude Towards Mental Disorders: Differences in Desired Social Distance and Beliefs about Government Responsibility. Lim, L., Reynolds, S., McNulty, J., Harkness, A., University of Tulsa.


P  Eye Movement Reveal the Fractal Nature of Visual Search. Likens, A., Preddy, D., Mosmon, S., Digiovanni, R., University of Central Oklahoma.*

Q  Methodological Considerations Regarding Memory and Visual Search. Preddy, D., Likens, A., Mosmon, S., Digiovanni, R., University of Central Oklahoma.*

R  The Relationship between Achievement Goals and Routes to Happiness. Lutjens, R., University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*

S  Belief in a Just World and Need for Cognition as Predictors of Attitudes toward Middle Easterners. Huddleston, C., University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*

T  Examining the Role of Identification with Academics among College Students. Arnold, B., James, R., University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*


W  Self Efficacy, Locus of Control and Explanatory Styles as Predictors of Successful Weight Loss. Ogle, T., Oral Roberts University.*


The Effects of Gender and Music on Attraction. Robbins, A., Hilliard, S., Sabolich, L., Oklahoma City University.*

Sexual Attraction: Cultural or Genetic. Kubier, P., University of Central Oklahoma.*

Personality Psychopathology Five (PSY-5): The Relationship between Negative Emotionality/Neuroticism and Maladaptive Coping Behaviors. Parker, K., Overstreet, S., McNulty, J., Harkness, A., University of Tulsa.*


The Relationship between English Proficiency, Acculturative Stress, and Belonging among International Students. Chen, L., University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*

How Parenting Styles Predict Self-Esteem, Locus of Control and Hope. Roberts, K., University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*

The Relationship between Mentoring and Self-Determination. Richards, N., University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*

Stigma of Mental Illness. Bryant, R., East Central University.*

Nonverbal Behavior as a Personal Narrative Assessment. Likens, A., Preddy, D., University of Central Oklahoma.

Self-Concept Clarity and Personal Need for Structure as Predictors of Depression. Gaetan, V., Limke, A., University of Central Oklahoma.

Shame as a Mediator between Perfectionism and Procrastination. Hall, S., Oral Roberts University.*

Relationship Abuse Tolerance among Female College Students. Wallander, A., Kennison, S., Oklahoma State University.

The Effects of Culture and Target on Moral Judgment. Gering, D., Oklahoma City University.


Positive and Negative Coping Strategies for Stress and it’s Affect on GPA among College Students. Napolitano, K., Graves, L., Tarrant, K., Tuck, T., East Central University.

Socioeconomic Status Compared to Perceived Happiness. Vass, R., Brenholtz, J., Schramm, C., Vaughn, B., East Central University.
QQ  Testing the Generalizability of the Interpersonal Expectancy Scale and the Motivation to Avoid Negative Interpersonal Biases Scale. Gill, J., Mather, R., University of Central Oklahoma.


SS  Differences in Fear of Death: Gender or Family Responsibility? Palos, J., Hamlin, M., University of Central Oklahoma.

TT  Gaze Aversion as an Index of Familiarity. Digiovanni, R., Liken, A., Preddy, D., Mosmon, S., University of Central Oklahoma.

UU  College Student Arithmetic Ability as a Function of Remediation. Weinstein, L., Laverghetta, A., Cameron University.

VV  Teacher Greetings Increase University Students’ Test Scores. Weinstein, L., Laverghetta, T., Alexander, R., Cameron University.


XX  Paternal Attachment and Authority as Predictors of Disturbed Eating Behaviors. Grant, S., Jacobs, N., Southern Nazarene University.

YY  The Correlation between Relationship Duration, Sexual Satisfaction and Academic Performance among College Students. Montgomery, Y., O’Guin, D., Sauceda, E., Colbert, G., Darby, J., Reed, Q., Thomas, K., Parker, A., Scott, E., Langston University and Oklahoma State University.

ZZ  Assessing College Students’ Knowledge of Social Rejection. Hackett, J., Dzindolet, M., Thompson, S., Cameron University.

A special thanks to those who volunteered as poster judges:

Dr. Holly Osburn, OC & Dr. Scott Harper, OC, Dr. Lorry Youll, UCO,
Dr. Janelle Grellner, UCO

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Undergraduate papers (for Award) - 15 min.

10:30  Political Bias Regarding Party Affiliation. James, R., Arnold, B., The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.*


11:00  Retrieval Induced Forgetting and First Language Attrition: English Recall Ability of Spanish Learners. Almanza, R. & Murillo, J., Oklahoma Christian University.*

11:15  The Effects of Stress on Learning and Self-Esteem. Hamm, C., Oklahoma Christian University.*

11:30  The Effects of Interracial and Intraracial Violence on Perception. Mobley, R., Oklahoma Christian University.*


Session B..................................................................................................................... Room LA 130
Undergraduate papers (for Award) - 15 min.


11:00  The Effects of Emotion on False Memory for Colored and Black-and-White Pictures. Lukkason, Sara., Oklahoma Christian University.*

11:15  Effects of Credibility on Self-fulfilling Prophecy. Imura, Mikiko., Oklahoma Christian University.*

11:30  The Impact of Significant Life Events, Mood States, and Substance Use on Body Modification Practices Among College Students. McKeever, C., Hicks, J., Southeastern Oklahoma State University. *

11:45  Perceptions of Abuse among College Students. Phillips, N., Hicks, J., Southeastern Oklahoma State University.*
Session C ................................................................. Room LA 103
Undergraduate Papers (not Judged) - 15 min.

10:45 Effects of Conscientiousness and Openness to Experience on Academic Performance.
Abdullah, B., University of Central Oklahoma

11:00 Automation Reliance Decisions among Groups and Individuals. Ramirez, T., Cameron University.


Session D ................................................................. Room LA 106
Undergraduate papers (not Judged) & Graduate Papers (for Award & not judged) - 15 min.

10:45 Validation of an Ethiopian Version of the Laboratory Assessment Battery. Grant, S., Oklahoma State University.

11:00 Measuring Caregiver Burden and Stress: A Psychometric Evaluation of the Zarit Burden Interview. Mullenburg-Trevino, E., Oklahoma University – Tulsa**

11:15 Locus of Control, Hope, and Anxiety in College Undergraduates throughout a Semester. French, C., Southern Nazarene University.**


A special thanks to those who volunteered as Undergraduate & Graduate paper judges:
Dr. Eugenia Cox-Fuenzalida, OU; Dr. Jill Devenport, UCO; Dr. Bill Frederickson, UCO; Dr. Yvonne Montgomery, LU; & Dr. Scott Harper, OC

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