

International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)
New Scholar Workshop
November 5, 2009
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas, USA

Registration Information and Call for Submissions

Submission Deadline: 11:00pm (Central US Time) on September 24, 2009
Individuals have the option (but not the requirement) to submit proposals for poster presentations. Individuals who do not wish to submit proposals can simply provide registration information. Individuals who want to present posters should read the Submission instructions (listed below). Submissions will be reviewed as they are received. Thus, submissions can be made at any time prior to the deadline.

Purpose of the New Scholar Workshop (NSW)

The International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to the study of personal relationships (e.g., romantic/intimate, friend, parent-child, peer) across the lifespan. The organization seeks to promote the professional development of new scholars (students, pre-tenure faculty members, colleagues who completed academic degrees within the last five years). One way in which IARR facilitates professional development is the New Scholar Workshop (NSW). The NSW is designed to be a small conference in which new scholars have an opportunity to meet senior scholars from various disciplines (e.g., psychology, sociology, communication, family studies). The small group environment gives scholars an opportunity for discussion that might not be available at larger conferences.

Senior Scholar Presenters at the 2009 NSW

The format of the NSW varies across years. The format of the 2009 NSW will be five (5) panel discussions on various aspects of professional development: (1) professional responsibilities; (2) job interviews and adjustment to academia; (3) early career development; (4) publication issues; and (5) work/personal life balance. The panels will be an opportunity for senior scholars to offer insights and new scholars to ask questions, but it will not be a lecture format. Therefore, we hope that this will also be an opportunity for dialogue to occur among all participants. The senior scholars who have agreed to participate in the 2009 New Scholar Workshop are:

Dr. Anita Barbee - Professor and Distinguished University Scholar, Kent School of Social Work
at the University of Louisville

Dr. Scott Christopher – Professor, School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State
University

Dr. Michael Cunningham - Professor, Department of Communication at the University of Louisville

Dr. Frank Fincham - Eminent Scholar and Director FSU Family Institute at Florida State University

Dr. Jacki Fitzpatrick – Associate Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies
at Texas Tech University

Dr. Omri Gillath – Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology at the University of Kansas

Dr. Leanne Lamke - Professor and Head of Human Development and Family Studies at Auburn University

Dr. Jim McNulty – Associate Professor, Department of Psychology at the University of Tennessee

Dr. Rowland Miller – Professor, Department of Psychology at Sam Houston State University

Dr. Susan Sprecher – Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Psychology at Illinois State University

Dr. Steve Wilson – Professor, Department of Communication at Purdue University

Planned Schedule for the 2009 NSW

On the evening of November 4, 2009, new scholars are invited to attend a social gathering at a local restaurant (The Free State Brewery) in Lawrence, Kansas. The Free State Brewery offers food and non-alcohol/alcohol beverage options. The social event is not covered in the registration fee.

On the day of November 5, 2009, there will be five panel discussions (8:30am-4:15pm). A light breakfast (e.g., coffee, danish, fruit) will be offered prior to the first panel discussion. A box lunch (e.g., sandwich, drink, fruit, cookie) and coffee break will be offered during the day. After the panel sessions, an open meeting will be held for all participants to discuss the results of the NSW (e.g., what was learned, what resources can be shared). The NSW will conclude prior to the opening of the IARR Mini-Conference at 5:00pm.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$45 (US Dollars) per participant. The fee is the same for new scholars at all levels of professional status (e.g., student, pre-tenure faculty member, professional who completed degrees). Breakfast, lunch and the coffee break are included in the registration fee. The social event at the Free State Brewery is not included in the registration fee.

The workshop will be limited to 30 new scholars.

The registration fee for the IARR Mini-Conference is separate from registration for the NSW. If new scholars wish to attend both events, then they must register for each conference separately. Registration for one conference event (e.g., NSW) does not allow entry into the other conference event (e.g., Mini-Conference). All new scholars are strongly encouraged to attend the Mini-Conference in addition to the NSW. Information about the Mini-Conference can be found at http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/new_directions.

The registration fee does not cover hotel or transportation expenses. Information about hotel rates and transportation are listed below.

Registration and Application for Poster Presentations (Submissions)

This year, there will be two application options. If a new scholar wants to attend the NSW, but does not wish to conduct a poster presentation, then he/she needs only to submit registration information (e.g., name, address, email address, payment information). No additional information would be required.

If a new scholar wishes to conduct a research poster presentation, then she/he will have an opportunity to present the poster during the 2009 IARR Mini-Conference, to be held November 5-7, 2009 at the University of Kansas (http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/new_directions). The focus of this conference is “New Directions in Research on Close Relationships: Integrating Across Disciplines and Theoretical Approaches”. Compared to the NSW, this conference will provide an opportunity for new scholars to share their work with a larger number of colleagues. Thus, we hope that this will be a productive environment for new scholar

presentations. Registration for the IARR Mini-Conference is separate from the NSW and new scholar presenters would be required to register for both conference events (NSW, Mini-Conference). If a new scholar has previously submitted a proposal to the Mini-Conference that was accepted for presentation, then he/she is not required to submit a proposal to the NSW as well.

If a new scholar wishes to conduct a poster presentation, then she/he must submit registration information (e.g., name, address, email address) and a brief proposal. The proposal should include the following information:

- (1) Title page
 - a. Title of poster
 - b. Name, address, university affiliation/employer, email address, phone number, professional status (e.g., student, pre-tenure faculty)
- (2) Abstract (150-250 words), in addition to Title Page
 - a. Research proposals can either address partially completed (“works in progress”) or fully completed research projects. For a partially completed research project, the proposal should address the (1) general purpose of the study, (2) research question/hypotheses, (3) methods (e.g., questionnaire, interview, observation) that will or are being used to collect data and general characteristic of sample (e.g., students, older adults, married partners, adolescent peers), and (4) initial results (if known).
 - b. For a fully completed research project, the proposal should address the (1) general purpose of the study, (2) research question/hypotheses, (3) methods (e.g., questionnaire, interview, observation) that were used to collect data and general characteristic of sample (e.g., students, older adults, married partners, adolescent peers), (4) results and (5) general conclusions.

To Register, Submit Poster Proposals and/or Receive More Information about NSW

For more information about the New Scholar Workshop, registration and/or proposal submission, please contact Dr. Leah E. Bryant at:

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Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Holidome at 200 McDonald Drive in Lawrence, Kansas. In order to make a hotel reservation, contact the hotel directly by calling 785-841-7077 or 888-HOLIDAY (888-465-4329). Be sure to ask for the "University of Kansas CRIG and IARR Conference" room rate. The daily rate for each room is \$89 (US Dollars, plus tax). Reservations must be made by October 6, 2009.

Transportation to/from Lawrence, Kansas

For information about travel to/from Lawrence, Kansas, please refer to the IARR Mini-Conference website (http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/new_directions). IARR is not planning to provide transportation between local hotels and the university campus for the NSW or Mini-Conference.