

SRP || Society for Research in Psychopathology

Dear SRP Members,

There are a host of reasons to plan on attending the 39th annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology! For submissions see the meeting page at <https://psychopathology.org/annual-meeting-2/>

Meeting in “Cap City” Columbus, Ohio October 8th to 11th. The 39th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology will be held at the Hyatt Regency Columbus in the heart of downtown Columbus, Ohio. Cap City Columbus – the state capital – is vibrant, energetic, and the 14th largest city in the United States. Though Columbus is known for its athletic spirit spanning from Buckeyes football to Blue Jackets hockey, it offers much more than its prominent sports scene. Visitors can explore a thriving arts scene, an expanding network of parks and riverfront trails, and a nationally recognized culinary landscape that ranges from inventive restaurants, neighborhood bars, locally-grown breweries, and market-style food galleries. The Hyatt Regency Columbus is located adjacent to both the Arena District and Short North Arts Districts. Together they offer multipurpose stadium venues, galleries and museums, award-winning dining, and countless opportunities for a spontaneous evening of adventure. Be prepared to be pleasantly surprised by Columbus – and perhaps even to fall in love with it.

Keynote Addresses by Beatriz Luna and Daniel Pine. In addition to the inviting fall venue of Columbus, the scientific program will feature keynote addresses by Drs. Beatriz Luna and Daniel Pine. **Dr. Luna** (<https://psychiatry.pitt.edu/about-us/our-people/faculty/beatriz-luna-phd>) is the Staunton Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics and Professor of Psychology and BioEngineering at the University of Pittsburgh. She is the founder and Director of the Laboratory of Neurocognitive Development, the founder and first president of the Flux Society for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*. Dr. Luna received her Ph.D. from University of Pittsburgh and completed her postdoctoral training there as well. Her research aims to characterize the neural basis of cognitive development focusing on the transition from adolescence to adulthood. She uses multimodal imaging approaches and neurocognitive tasks to elucidate brain maturational systems that are undergoing specialization in adolescence.



Dr. Beatriz Luna will present "Molding the Future: How Adolescent Brain Plasticity Shapes Adult Trajectories"



Dr. Daniel Pine will present "Improving Mental Illness Treatment by Applying Neuroscience"

Dr. Pine (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/research-conducted-at-nimh/principal-investigators/daniel-pine>) is a NIH Distinguished Investigator and is Chief, Section on Development and Affective Neuroscience in the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Research Program. Dr. Pine has served as the Chair of the Psychopharmacologic Drug Advisory Committee for the Food and Drug Administration and Chair of the Child and Adolescent Diagnosis Group for the DSM-5 Task Force. He attended medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and spent 10 years in training and research on child psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. Currently, he and his research group investigate the degree to which pediatric mood and anxiety disorders are associated with underlying abnormalities in the amygdala, prefrontal cortex, and associated brain regions.

The usual top-notch psychopathology research by SRP members and award winners. Featured presentations of the Early Career Award finalists in the Faces of the Future symposium will be a meeting highlight and provide a look at future directions in psychopathology research. And the Zubin Award address will provide a review of the life work

of an esteemed psychopathologist. We also anticipate a wide variety of groundbreaking symposia, oral and poster presentations, and workshop/panel discussion sessions.

Networking and Mentoring. A defining feature of SRP is the engagement of psychopathology researchers across all stages of the scientific career. Mentoring is central to SRP which is reflected in there being as many Associate Members as Full Members. At SRP 2026 in Columbus, student poster presenters can invite established Full Members to their posters for conversations. Also, lunches with Full Members will provide opportunities for casual conversations about psychopathology research and navigating career and funding landscapes. We also invite new members, including post-docs and junior (and beyond) faculty to participate in inclusivity meals to make SRP your intellectual home. Full Members of SRP serve as editors and reviewers for scientific journals, chair search committees, and are NIH grant recipients and reviewers, and as such, networking at the meeting can help propel careers. The strength of research by Associate Members will also be recognized with the Smadar Levin, President's, and other awards. A networking session will allow those new to SRP make connections.

Advocacy. It feels especially important right now that we come together as a scientific community to respond to threats facing scientific inquiry and the careers of psychopathology researchers. Our annual meetings have always strengthened our work, and in this moment, they matter even more. Current events call on us to stand together and advocate clearly and collectively for research in psychopathology. We need to continue showing up for one another as we pursue new knowledge aimed at alleviating the human suffering associated with psychopathology.

See you in Columbus!

All my best,



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