

# A Call for Papers



39<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting of  
The Society for Descriptive Psychology  
Golden, Colorado  
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## **Bridging Worlds Through A Conceptually Foundational Psychology**

The Society for Descriptive Psychology is a professional association that focuses on the intellectual discipline of Descriptive Psychology, which was initially developed by Peter G. Ossorio at the University of Colorado and subsequently expanded upon and applied by Dr. Ossorio's colleagues and many students. As a formal system, Descriptive Psychology entails systematic elaborations of the fundamental concepts of Person, Behavior, Language, and Reality and the complex relationships that exist between them. Applied to diverse aspects of the human experience, these core concepts yield richly elaborated formulations that help people "make sense" of whatever phenomenon or issue is at hand. It is not that others have not "made sense" of the world before. What Descriptive Psychology offers is a systematic set of

“lenses” to view and understand across disciplines and phenomena. Over the past 50 years, these formulations have proven to be extremely valuable, not just to psychologists but to a full range of disciplines in the behavioral sciences, social sciences and humanities.

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Each year, the Society meets for the presentation of papers often conceptualized from a Descriptive Psychology perspective. However, equally valuable are opportunities for the presentation and discussion of complex social and behavioral science ideas and practice where re-conceptualizations using Descriptive Psychology may be valuable. Information about the Society and past conferences and presentations can be found on the Society’s website: [www.SDP.org](http://www.SDP.org).

The Society for Descriptive Psychology invites papers and presentations that address some subset of the following issues.

1. Topics of that illustrate the diverse contributions of the late Tony Putman to Descriptive Psychology.
2. Development, refinement, and application of the tools and concepts of Descriptive Psychology itself.
3. Applications of Descriptive Psychology to contemporary social issues, such as prejudice and xenophobia.
4. Using concepts from Descriptive Psychology to formulate various contemporary psychotherapies, such as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, EMD-R, or mindfulness approaches.
5. Descriptive Psychology formulations of psychopathology, including those related to social media (e.g., Twitter).
6. The conceptual clarification of health care delivery models.
7. Practical applications of Descriptive Psychology to general audiences.

***If you have an idea or even a seed of an idea and wish to discuss whether it could be developed to the point of a presentation, please do***

***not hesitate to contact Ralph C. Wechsler, Ph.D., President-elect of the Society for Descriptive Psychology and Program Planning Chair for the 2017 Conference.***

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Limited funds are available to help cover a **portion** of the expenses of some students and early career academics and professionals who received their degrees within the last three years. Please indicate if you want to be considered for funding.

**To Submit:**

By May 1, 2017, please submit a proposal for review (500-700 words in length, Microsoft Word format). Send the file as an attachment in an email with a body containing the title and the author's name, contact information, institutional affiliation and status (graduate student, faculty member, independent researcher, etc.) You will be notified whether or not your paper has been accepted for presentation. We currently anticipate that each accepted paper will be presented as part of a 60 minute conference session, including Q&A.

Inquiries and submissions should be sent to:

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