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We are excited to see many of you in Minneapolis in August for what will be a fabulous APA convention! The theme for Division 54 programming is *Shining the Spotlight on Pediatric Psychology Trainees and Early Career Investigators*. This year, we actively encouraged sessions that showcase cutting edge advances in Pediatric Psychology science and practice being spearheaded by the next generation. This exciting theme envisioned by Thomaseo Burton was developed to give an important platform for trainees and early career investigators that can be challenging to attain at other conferences. We also encouraged inclusion of moderators and discussants who are from more senior stages of the career spectrum. We made the call, and our society enthusiastically responded!

In addition to a virtual and in person poster session to showcase cutting edge research and clinical advances of our members, our division program includes a diverse array of symposia, skill building sessions, and critical conversations. These cover a variety of topics across a wide range of pediatric populations to include research and professional development issues addressing equity, diversity and inclusion, inpatient and primary care, breaking down barriers for early career women attaining NIH K-Awards, virtual care, grief, chronic pain, developmental disabilities, perinatal care, children with medical complexity, and family treatment for eating disorders.

A few exciting Division 54 highlights include:
(<https://convention.apa.org/agenda/division-highlights>)

Critical Conversations

The Path to Pediatric Psychology: Three Diverse Perspectives

Melissa Santos, PhD (Chair), Idia B Thurston, PhD, E. Thomaseo Burton, PhD

Session Description: Solutions to increasing the number of minorities, minority women, first generation scholars and those with disability, are needed. This session will discuss how to empower and support, those not being traditionally seen in psychology.

Skill Building

Breaking Down Barriers: Applying for NIH K-Awards as Early Career Women in Pediatric Psychology

Carolyn R Bates, PhD (Chair), Dana M Bakula, PhD, Amy H Egbert, PhD, Alexandra M Psihogios, PhD, Cynthia A Gerhardt, PhD

Session Description: This skill-building session will provide guidance for early career women in the field of pediatric psychology on how to feasibly write a K-series application in the context of common barriers, with a focus on practical solutions.

Symposium

Taking the Pediatric Psychologist Out of the Hospital: Challenges and Opportunities to Stay Relevant

Kavita Desai Dakoji, PhD (Chair), Abby Hughes-Scalise, PhD, Ashley Junghans-Rutelonis, PhD

Session Description: We are finally here: a time when mental health is getting attention. How can we help pediatric psychology pave the way? Join our diverse panel to learn how to make pediatric psychology relevant during this pandemic-forced health-tech boom.

Also, for the first time, we are combining forces with several other divisions related to child and family health and well-being to co-host a “Mega-Social Hour”. Come join us while we meet and network with colleagues inside and outside of SPP!

Big thanks to our SPP President, Laura Simons and the SPP Board for encouraging and supporting this exciting new theme and to our members for enthusiastically responding to our call and submitting their work. We also send an enormous thank you to all of the reviewers who generously volunteered their time to review. We truly have an incredible community who stepped up to help and we are very grateful.

See you in August!

Co-Chairs: Melanie Noel, PhD & Thomaseo Burton, PhD