

# The Society for Descriptive Psychology

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

October 23-26, 2014

The American Mountaineering Center, Golden, CO

The Annual Meeting of the Society for Descriptive Psychology is an opportunity for professionals from many disciplines to gather and exchange ideas about a wide range of topics related to understanding persons and their behavior. Traditionally the scope of applications for Descriptive Psychology has included the practice of healthcare and psychotherapy; education and human development; societies, communities, and cultures; organizational leadership and effectiveness; forensic, legal, and law enforcement; computer science; and spirituality. The common ground shared by participants is the exciting and expansive conceptual framework of Descriptive Psychology.

The 2014 Meeting features presentations, panels, and participant discussions in the areas shown on the “Program at a Glance” pages and described in more detail on the following pages. In addition, Pre-conference Workshops are offered the first day of the conference. Instructions for conference registration and making hotel reservations in beautiful Golden, Colorado appear at the end of this program announcement.

For further information on the Conference, the Society, or Descriptive Psychology, please contact either:

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**36th Annual Meeting  
The Society for Descriptive Psychology  
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

**THURSDAY EVENING, OCT 23**

Board meeting and old timers club at the Golden.

All talks and discussions 50 minutes unless otherwise noted with 10 minute breaks between presentation.

**THURSDAY EVENING, OCT 23**

*Board meeting (TBA) and*

Old Timers Club at the The Golden Hotel. A reunion and new union. Come join us!

**FRIDAY OCT 24**

9:00 *Welcome and Description of the Conference.*

*Introduction to the themes of the morning (Wynn Schwartz, PhD) and the presenters (Laurie Bergner, PhD).*

9:30 A Revolution in the Conception of Empirical Research in the Behavioral Sciences: Ossorio's Contribution.

Keith Davis, PhD

10:30 Notes on Community Description.

Anthony Putman, PhD

11:30 What is Social Justice? Steps toward the clarification of concepts and practice.

Matthew Cohen, MSW

***Lunch***

Discussion of CJ Stone's President's video address.

C. J. Stone

1:20 *Introduction to the themes of the afternoon (Wynn Schwartz, PhD) and the presenters (Carolyn Zeiger, PhD).*

1:30 Are Descriptive Psychologists Pragmatists About Concepts? A Pragmatist's Case for the Concept of "Alief".

Ryan Scherbart, PhD with commentary by Ray Bergner, PhD

2:30 How to See the Forest for the Trees: Using Descriptive Psychology Elements to Understand Environmental Aesthetics.

Tim Doyle, PhD

3:30 Functions of Unwanted Persistent Romantic Pursuit.  
Christopher Allen, PhD with commentary by Keith Davis, PhD

4:30-7:30 *Free time for dinner and enjoying Golden.*

7:30-9:30 Making Descriptive Psychology Real: A Master Class in Being a Descriptive Psychologist.  
Anthony Putman, PhD

## **SATURDAY OCT 25**

### **DESCRIPTIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND CLINICAL ISSUES**

9:00 *Welcome and introduction to the themes of the morning (Wynn Schwartz, PhD) and the presenters (Laurie Bergner, PhD).*

9:20 Problems with “Empirically Supported Therapy” Ideology.  
Ray Bergner, PhD

10:20 A Conceptual Foundation for Motivational Interviewing.  
Jordan Backstrom, Matthew Kobs, and Zachary Delcambre  
(A presentation of The Boston Study Group)

11:20 Dementia.  
Al Ossorio with commentary by Ned Kirsch, PhD

### **12:30 Society Business Meeting and Lunch**

#### **Jim Holmes Workshops (2 hours each)**

1:45 Understanding and Treating Severe Humiliation in Life Contexts—Workplace Bullying, Professional and Personal Disgrace, and other Circumstances.  
Walter Torres, PhD

3:45 If You’re So Smart: Using Descriptive Psychology to Manage Problems in Executive Functioning.  
Aimee Yermish, PsyD

7:30 *Society Banquet and Announcements*

## **SUNDAY MORNING OCT 26**

*Board Meeting in the morning.*

9:15 *Introduction to the themes of the morning (Wynn Schwartz, PhD) and the presenters (Carolyn Zeiger, PhD).*

9:30 I-Thou and Parenting.  
Heather Holmes-Lonergan, PhD

10:30 How to apply Descriptive Psychology at work: A retrospective view (Archetypal situations in which DP is likely very useful).  
CJ Peek, PhD with commentary by Julia Peek

11:30 Love Across Differences.  
Anna Berin, PsyD with commentary by Keith Davis, PhD

**12:30 Lunch**

## REGISTRATION

Please register at <http://panhandlelearning.com/id5.html>

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

[The Panhandle Learning Institute](#), a division of The Pelican Enterprise, LLC, will provide up to 12.5 hours of CE Credits for the conference (and up to 7 hours for the pre-conference). Please contact Linda Wasserman at 850-206-4608 or at [pelicanpost@cox.net](mailto:pelicanpost@cox.net) with questions.

**The Panhandle Learning Institute is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Panhandle Learning Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its contents.**

## CONFERENCE HOTELS

### *THE GOLDEN HOTEL*

**The Golden Hotel** is located at 800 11th St. in Golden, Colorado.

**Conference reservations must be made by phone at (800) 233-7214 or (303) 279-0100.**

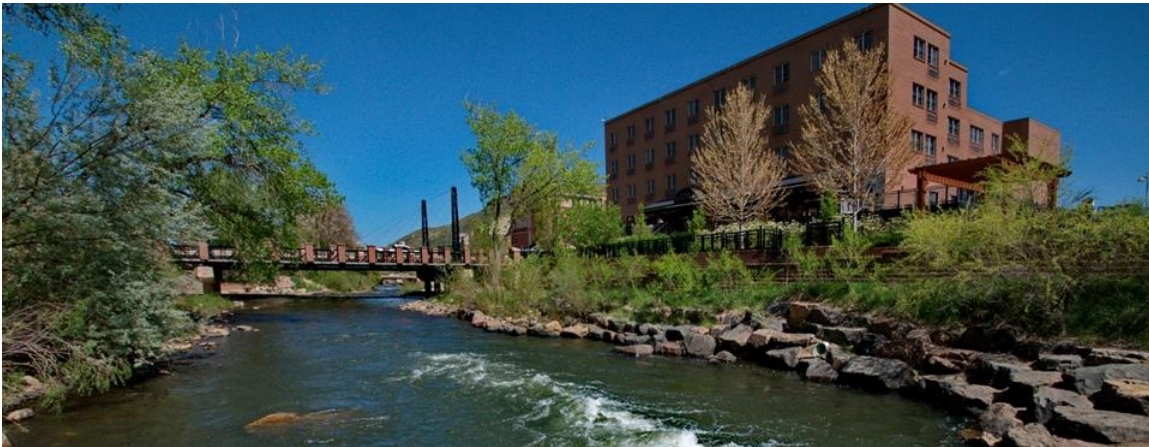
Please specify Society for Descriptive Psychology when making reservations.

**The room reservation deadline is Friday, September 12, 2014.**

#### **Room rates:**

Single King, Double Queen: \$149 per room, per night, plus local sales tax

The Golden Hotel is 45 miles from Denver International Airport, 12 miles from downtown Denver, and 1000 feet from the American Mountaineering Center (a four-minute walk). It is just off I-70, with complimentary guest parking on-site. The Hotel is adjacent to Clear Creek and the Clear Creek walking path in the heart of Golden's downtown historic district.



**The Golden Hotel on Clear Creek**

## ***THE HAMPTON INN DENVER-WEST/GOLDEN***

**The Hampton Inn** is located at 17150 W. Colfax Avenue in Golden, Colorado.

**Conference reservations may be made by phone at 1-303-278-6600 or online at <http://www.denverwestgolden.hamptoninn.com>.**

*Please specify the group code SDP when making reservations.*

**The room reservation deadline is Tuesday, September 23, 2014.**

### **Room rates:**

Standard Double/Double Room: \$109 per room, per night, plus local sales tax

The Hampton Inn is 35.2 miles from Denver International Airport, 12.5 miles from downtown Denver, and 3.5 miles from the American Mountaineering Center. It is just off I-70, with complimentary guest parking on-site.



**The Hampton Inn Denver-West/Golden**