

Dear Society Member,

Attached is the Program for the Twenty Third Annual Conference, at the Lake Shore Lodge. My personal apologies it being later than it should be; your Acting President (myself) badly underestimated the time needed.

That being said, the program has a number of things that I believe will be of great interest, including several of applications of Descriptive in new arenas.

Please return the Registration form to Hap Cox by August 31.

And, don't forget to register at the Lake Shore Lodge (1-800-332-6867), by August 17, to obtain the SDP Group Rate – after that, they release our reserved rooms.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any more information of any kind. My cell phone number is: 630/841-3604, and my email is [joej@mcs.com](mailto:joej@mcs.com).

See you there!

Yours,

Joe Jeffrey  
Acting President  
Society for Descriptive Psychology

# Society for Descriptive Psychology

Twenty-third Annual Conference

Lake Shore Lodge

Estes Park, Colorado

Thursday, September 20 through Sunday, September 24, 2001

**3:30 – 5:30** Check in and registration in the Lobby

**4:00 – 5:30** Board of Directors Meeting

**5:30 – 7:00** Dinner in the Dining Room

**7:30 – 9:00 Presidential address: "H5 Technologies"**. The crucial piece of a classification space is a matrix with a judgment for each term with respect to each subject matter field. A 100 field by 1000 term matrix can be done in 100 hours, but a 10,000 field by 100,000 term matrix, the size needed for commercial grade information retrieval, would take 1,000,000 hours, or 114 years. In early 1999, two breakthroughs were made that allow the production of judgment spaces of this size, in an economically viable amount of time. The resulting technology is the basis of a 60-person company in San Francisco, H5 Technologies, with \$20,000,000 of initial funding. The company is now producing commercial products for real clients. This presentation will focus on the company, its operations, products, and plans for taking over the world.

## Friday Morning

**8:30 – 9:30 Richard Heinrich and CJ Peek: "Playing the Person Game in Healthcare"**. A review of our work in interventions with the mind-body split in healthcare, but via the baseball or game metaphor. We delineate the "organism game" (people as protoplasm), then the "mind game" (people as a collection of intrapsychic energy systems), and then integrate these into the "person game". The number of people willing to play the person game with real rules in real ballparks (instead of just pick-up games in the sand lot) has expanded.

**9:45 – 10:45 Richard Heinrich: "Person Medicine at the End of Life"**. In my new role the Medical Director for Hospice of the Lakes, which is part of HealthPartners, I have been pleasantly surprised by finding "persons" as the center of the hospice philosophy. I will review some of the end of life writings, especially Ira Byock's excellent view of "personhood" and how he conceptualizes the "tasks of dying as part of dying well", as the final stage of life. I have been struggling with how descriptive psychology might view this phase of life as something other than a "degradation" process or pathological state, e.g. loss of behavioral potential. I welcome this as an interactive session to develop a better understanding of the "possibilities" at the end of life.

**11:00 – 12:00 Ray Bergner: “Implications of the Descriptive View of Emotions for Science and Psychotherapy”.** This talk reviews the Descriptive view of human emotions, and discusses ways in which, relative to the standard view, it enhances our ability both to study emotions scientifically and to do good psychotherapy.

## **Friday Afternoon**

**1:30 – 2:30 CJ Peek: "Two Worlds of Exploration: An Example and Method for Reconciling disparate Communities".** The example comes from the struggle between the native Hawaiians and the international astronomy community over the use of Mauna Kea (spiritual site) for telescopes (scientific site). The method has to do with creating mutual appreciation and common ground prior to negotiating or bargaining over the mountain. To date the method has been used only in passing in the real conflict, it is based on input from those in that conflict, and demonstrates the approach.

**2:45-3:45 Bob Newbrough et al: “Experience in the St. Robert Consultation Method”.** The audience will be centrally involved in the presentation.

## **Friday Evening**

**7:30 Society Business Meeting**

**8:00 Peter G. Ossorio: Rap Session**

## **Saturday Morning**

**8:30 – 9:30 Catherine Latham: “Cultivating Creativity”.** Using tools from Descriptive Psychology, we will look at the phenomena of creativity. Particular attention will be placed on examining some common restrictions in a person's ability to engage in creative behavior, and ways to lift those restrictions. Dr. Latham will present some of her work on creativity, including "Play Therapy for Adults," a workshop series she has developed. At least half of the presentation will be spent in discussion, so spend some time thinking about your own experiences with creativity, as well as concepts that you find useful in making sense of the creative process.

**9:45 – 10:45 Wynn Schwartz: "Representation and Resolution: Worries, Dreams, and Nightmares: From Passivity to Competence."**

**11:00 – 12:00 Bob Brill: "Implications of Wittgenstein's Tractatus, Philosophical Investigations, and On Certainty for Contemporary Psychology."** I will review each of these works and demonstrate that, when combined, they are suggestive of the possibility of a systematic pre-empirical (pre-experimental) rendering of much information about persons. The goal of the presentation is to learn how to reference aspects of Wittgenstein's work when introducing or discussing descriptive psychology.

## **Saturday Afternoon**

**1:30 – 2:30 David Bender: “Intervention in Nursing”.** Based on recent experience, skilled nursing is articulated via a paradigm case formulation. The formulation is then used to present some interventions.

### **2:45 - ? What’s Next for the Society of Descriptive Psychology?**

The Society is at a turning point. But in what direction shall we turn? We will select someone to actually facilitate this session, and then proceed in the direction and manner that the participants desire. The A parameter: Have an answer to, “What’s next for the Society?”

### **7:00 Society Banquet**

## **Sunday**

**9:00 – 11:00 Vance Peavey:** A workshop on the main concepts in SocioDynamic counseling which would give participants a chance to participate in actually trying it out.

### **11:00 What’s Next – Part II**

Having decided, on Saturday, what we want to do, this will be a planning and make-a-commitment session for acting on that decision.

### **12:00 Conference Concludes**

### **12:30 Board Meeting**

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**Conference Fees:**

**Pre-Registration** (until August 31)

**Regular Registration** (After August 31)

\_\_\_\_\_ SDP members at \$225 \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ SDP members at \$250 \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-DSP members at \$250 \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-DSP members at \$275 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Regular Registration Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Student rate (any time): \_\_\_\_\_ Students at \$125 **Total \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Society Banquet (for people not registered for the conference):**

\_\_\_\_\_ adults at \$ 40      Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ children at \$ 20      Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Banquet fees: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Special dietary requests:** Please prepare vegetarian (or other request) meals for the banquet:

Type of meal: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify)

for \_\_\_\_\_ adults and \_\_\_\_\_ children

**CEUs: 11 hours of CEU credit will be offered**