

PSYCHOLOGY?

The intention of Descriptive Psychology is to do justice to the subject matter of psychology – people – without losing the rigor of scientific methodology. Descriptive Psychology provides a systematic, comprehensive set of interlocking concepts for assessing, understanding, exploring, and articulating human behavior in its entirety.

It is not necessary to have a grasp of Descriptive Psychology to benefit from conference participation. However, the conference provides opportunities to become acquainted with Descriptive concepts and tools. In a break with tradition, the introductory tutorial normally held Thursday afternoon has been transformed this year. Instead, an extended exploration of Descriptive Psychology—aimed at both beginners and experts in Descriptive—is scheduled for Friday morning. Please see the description under Featured Presentations.

BRING YOUR OWN TOPIC— RAP SESSION

Peter G. Ossorio, Ph.D.

Honorary President of the Society

Dr. Ossorio is the founder of Descriptive Psychology, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Executive Vice President of Global Commerce Systems. Together with his colleagues and students, Dr. Ossorio has been developing and using Descriptive Psychology since the early 1960's.

Here is a rare opportunity to benefit from discussing your favorite subject with the founder of Descriptive Psychology, as well as the other participants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Guest Policy: Each Society member registered for the Conference is allowed to bring a guest to the Conference for one-half day at no charge.

Continuing Education Credits: C.E.U.'s for Psychologists, Mental Health Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Counselors have been applied for through the University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida. Approximately 16 hours of C.E.U.'s will be provided for a small processing fee.



The Society For Descriptive Psychology

Twenty-First Annual Conference & Workshops

September 23–26, 1999
Clarion Suites Resort and Convention Center
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Thursday, September 23

- 3:30–5:30 p.m. Check-in and Registration
 3:30–5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
 4:00–5:00 p.m. ***Guardian Angels or Altered Ego States?: Working with the Inner Guides***
 Richard Driscoll, Ph.D.
 Note: *There will be no preconference tutorial this year. Rich's presentation is in the preconference time slot.*
- 5:00–6:00 p.m. **Opening Reception**
The reception will be a place to help us welcome newcomers, rekindle old friendships and begin new ones. There will be a surprise activity that should be fun. Please plan to join us.
- 6:00–7:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:15–7:30 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
 Michael Spayd, M.A., President-Elect
 7:30–9:00 p.m. Presidential Address: ***Persons, Change, and Stress***
 Reginaldo "Reg" G. Garcia, Ph.D.

Friday, September 24

- 7:00–8:30 a.m. Breakfast
 8:00–8:30 Registration
 Morning Moderator: Michael Spayd, M.A.
 8:30–11:15 a.m. ***What is Descriptive Psychology: A Three-Hour Investigation***
 H. Joel Jeffrey, Ph.D. & Tony Putman, Ph.D.
 An extended tour of various topics, tools, concepts, and applications of Descriptive Psychology, with opportunities for novice and experienced participants to increase their competence.
- 11:15–12:00 noon ***Actors in Search of (and in need of) Observers and Critics: Persons in Nursing Homes with Dementia and Depression***
 Richard Heinrich, M.D.
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch
 Afternoon Moderator: Laurie Bergner, Ph.D.
 1:00–2:15 p.m. **Love and Barriers to Love: An Analysis for Therapists and Others**
 Ray Bergner, Ph.D.
- 2:15–2:30 p.m. Break
 2:30–4:00 p.m. ***The Relationship Between the Ability to Appreciate Significance and Proficiency as a Psychotherapist Working with Difficult Cases***
 Katherine Anne Comtois, Ph.D. & Richard J. Comtois, Ph.D.
- 4:00–4:15 p.m. Break
 4:15–5:30 p.m. ***Descriptive Workshop: Is Status Dynamics a School of Psychotherapy or a Commentary Language***
 Wynn Schwartz, Ph.D.
- 5:30–7:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00–8:00 p.m. Society Business Meeting
 8:00 p.m. **"Rap Session"** with Peter G. Ossorio, Ph.D.

Saturday, September 25

- 7:00–8:30 a.m. Breakfast
 Morning Moderator: Carolyn Zeiger, Ph.D.
 8:30–10:30 a.m. ***Making it Real: The Competence Paradox as it Applies to Moral Judgement***
 Sonja B. Holt, Ph.D.
- 10:30–10:45 a.m. Break
 10:45–12:30 p.m. ***Renewing the Mission of the SDP: A Conversation About Possibilities for the Second 20 Years***
 Tony Putman, Ph.D. & C.J. Peek, Ph.D.
Follow-up to conversations begun last year: what is the future of the Society and how can we continue to advance the application of Descriptive Psychology? "Newcomers" are especially welcome to join the discussion.
- 12:30–1:00 p.m. Pick-up Box Lunch
 1:00–6:30 p.m. Schooner Cruise (optional) – Bus leaves 1:00 p.m. (Enjoy your box lunch on the bus)
- 1:00–7:30 p.m. Free Time
 7:30 p.m. Society Luau

Sunday, September 26

- 7:30–9:00 a.m. Breakfast
 (Suggest participants check-out from the Clarion before program starts)
- Morning Moderator: Jan Collier, M.A.
 9:00–10:00 a.m. ***Creating My World: The Challenge of Multiple Communities, Cultures and Religions***
 H. Paul Zeiger, Ph.D.
- 10:00–10:15 a.m. Break
 10:15–11:30 a.m. ***Reflections on Descriptive Psychology: NASA, the Media, and Archaeology***
 Paschal J. Aucoin, Jr., Ph.D.
- 11:30–12:00 noon ***Renewing the Mission of the SDP: Redux***
Report-out by work groups
 facilitated by Tony Putman, Ph.D. & C.J. Peek, Ph.D.
- 12:00–12:15 p.m. Announcements and Adjournment
 12:15–1:30 p.m. Lunch
 1:00–2:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

This program is co-sponsored by the Society for Descriptive Psychology
 and the University of West Florida Counseling Center.

Reginaldo ("Reg") G. Garcia, Ph.D.

President of the Society for Descriptive Psychology

Dr. Garcia will talk about ordinary change and stress. He will use Descriptive Psychology frameworks, concepts, and principles to describe different ways in which people change and what sense it makes to describe certain changes as stressful.

Descriptive Psychology

Joe Jeffrey, Ph.D. and Tony Putman, Ph.D. will take us on a whirlwind tour of various aspects of Descriptive Psychology. In this extended session, each "round" will present an aspect of "What is Descriptive Psychology," followed by informal vignettes presented by one or two practitioners on the topic. The session then breaks into small groups to uncover the personal relevance/use of the concepts, as well as key questions. After questions are answered, another round begins. The goal is to cover substantial portions of the Descriptive Psychology scope in a way that increases both novice and experienced participants' competence in utilizing Descriptive concepts and tools.

Descriptive Psychology and Clinical Topics

Ray Bergner, Ph.D., will present a revised Descriptive formulation of romantic love, which helps articulate the centrality of love in human life. He continues by discussing barriers to love, with implications for therapists and others. Katherine Comtois, Ph.D. and Dick Comtois, Ph.D. will present empirical research designed to explore the connection between a therapist's ability to recognize significance and their effectiveness in treating persons with Borderline Personality Disorder. *Sonja Holt, Ph.D.* will present an extended discussion on her continuing work with moral judgement and education, advancing into the realm of "Making it Real." *Wynn Schwartz, Ph.D.* will lead a discussion on whether the Descriptive concepts and practices referred to as Status Dynamics can be considered a school of psychotherapy, or whether they are more like a commentary language for formulating cases and talking about interventions.

Descriptive Psychology and Organizations

This year, we will use Descriptive Psychology on our own organization, the Society. A recurring set of questions has been: "What is the future of Descriptive Psychology? How can the Society further advance Descriptive? As we enter our second 20 years, do we want the Society to become something different than it is now? Does our community also have a mission?" For two decades, the Society has been a place for members to renew relationships, air and publish new work, and discuss applications of Descriptive Psychology. This has been an important part of many of our lives, and does not require changing *per se*. However, if we assume that the Society is the best vehicle for influencing the future of Descriptive Psychology, are there things we want or need to be or do as a Society that we are not presently doing and being? This "conversation about possibilities" is an opportunity for participants to reach shared views (through facilitated dialog) on what (if anything) we want the Society to become, and to formulate realistic actions for moving in those directions.

Descriptive Psychology and Technical Applications

Paschal J. Aucoin, Jr., Ph.D. will discuss a number of topics relating to the use of Descriptive Psychology in technical areas, including (1) how Descriptive is being applied in NASA's Communication and Tracking Activities, (2) social changes brought about by technology and media, and (3) issues in Observer perspectives, or "Reconstructing the Past on Behalf of Archeology."

Descriptive Psychology and Spirituality

Rich Driscoll, Ph.D. will speak on working with his psychotherapy clients' "inner guides," raising the question of whether their sage advice comes from altered ego states or from an entity of a different, more "spiritual" status. *H. Paul Zeiger, Ph.D.* will discuss the challenges people face in constructing and maintaining a world they want to live in, including "pre-packaged" worlds provided by some communities, and competition between communities of which a given person is a member. Paul will delve into the implications for multiculturalism and religion.

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Transportation

Transportation between Pensacola Regional Airport
and Clarion Suites:

- DreamCatcher shuttle— \$40, total shared by up to 12
people — (850) 934-8747
- Taxi from airport (15-20 minute ride) — approximately \$20

Accommodations

Clarion Suites Resort and Convention Center in Pensacola
Beach, Florida is the site of this year's conference. Clarion
Suites is a Gulfside village on Florida's "Island of Paradise,"
featuring one-bedroom suites. All rooms are ground level with
their own entrance, some facing directly on the Gulf.
Conference room rates are in effect before and after the confer-
ence for those wishing to enjoy Florida.

Nightly Rates (up to 4 people, including tax)

Gulf-front Suite..... \$120
Non-Gulf Suite \$90

*Students wishing to share rooms may contact Dr. Jim Holmes
or Dr. Hap Cox for help in coordinating room sharing.*

Reservations

Please make lodging reservations directly with the Clarion
Suites by **September 1, 1999** to ensure room availabili-
ty and rates.

Clarion Suites Resort and Convention Center
20 Via DeLuna, Pensacola Beach, Florida 32561
1-800-874-5303 or (850) 932-4300

Special Cruise

On Saturday afternoon, we have scheduled a special cruise
aboard The Schooner Daniel Webster Clements. The Daniel
Webster is a 72-foot wooden schooner designed especially for
exploring Florida's Emerald Coast. Cost for the optional 3-hour
cruise is \$50, including refreshments. (Note: In case of
inclement weather, a trip to the famed Naval Air Museum has
been planned.)

REGISTRATION FORM

Conference Fees

The conference fee includes all meals and the Luau

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	Member Status	Pre-Registration (Until September 1)	OR	Regular Registration (After September 1)
#				
_____	SDP Members	@ \$250: _____		@ \$300 _____
_____	Non-SDP Members	@ \$275: _____		@ \$325 _____
_____	Student Members	@ \$150: _____		@ \$175 _____
_____	Student Non-Members	@ \$175: _____		@ \$200 _____
	Registration Total Fees:	\$ _____		

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WITHOUT MEAL PLAN

For those wishing to decline the meal plan,
the following conference fees apply:

(Please note there is no other
food service at the Clarion)

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_____	SDP Members @ \$150: _____
_____	Non-SDP Members @ \$175: _____
_____	Student Members @ \$50: _____
_____	Student Non-Members @ \$75: _____
	Total Registration Fees w/o Meals: \$ _____

MEALS

As noted, conference registration includes all meals. Below are
meal rates for spouses and children not registered for the
conference.

Meal Rates (Thursday dinner to Sunday lunch)

- _____ Spouse/Child over 11 \$195 (\$245 after 9/1/99)
- _____ Children (under 11) \$125 (\$175 after 9/1/99)
- _____ Society Luau, Saturday evening (for those not participating
in any meal plan) \$30 per person

TOTAL Meal Fees: \$ _____

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS

- ☐ Please prepare vegetarian meals
- ☐ Other (Please specify) _____

(Note: Every attempt will be made to handle diet restrictions, how-
ever we can not guarantee all requests can be accommodated.)

please specify _____ adults and _____ children.
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SCHOONER CRUISE (OPTIONAL)

**Three-hour Cruise (w/refreshments), Saturday
afternoon, September 25**

_____ # of shipmates @ \$50 per person

TOTAL Cruise Fees: \$ _____

FEE TOTALS

TOTAL Meal Fees: \$ _____

TOTAL Registration Fees: \$ _____

TOTAL Cruise Fees: \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please return this conference registration form and
fees by **September 1, 1999** to:

SOCIETY FOR DESCRIPTIVE PSYCHOLOGY

c/o J. R. Hap Cox, Ph.D.

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City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

of guests registering at the Clarion Suites: _____

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