APA 2021 Convention Sessions that Advance Advocacy & Public Policy

APA’s Advocacy Office and Advocacy Coordinating Committee have identified the following convention sessions that advance advocacy and public policy. The list is organized by APA, Services Inc.’s advocacy priorities. Given the breadth of convention, some sessions may have been inadvertently omitted.

**General Advocacy**

579—Symposium: The APA Advocacy Coordinating Committee: Turning Advocacy Ideas Into Action  
Division: 31, 18, 27, 41, 55

585—Discussion: Giving Psychology Away: Considering Tensions in Public Interest Policy Advocacy  
Division: 27, 8, 9, 18, 24, 41, 45, 52

992—Invited Address: Keynote, Tania Israel PhD, The Power of Psychology to Heal the Political Divide  
Sponsor: APA

987—Discussion: The APA Congressional and Executive Branch Fellowships Experience: Current and Former APA Fellows Share their Stories and Offer Advice to Future Applicants  
Sponsor: B/D

Division: 52, 7, 34, 48, Psi Chi

641—Skill-Building Session: How to Engage in Advocacy by Publishing White Papers  
Sponsor: EC, 9, 37, 41

229—Symposium: The Psychology and Consequences of Opposing Political Beliefs and Affective Polarization  
Division: 08, Psi Chi
365—Symposium: APA Task Force on Human Rights: Moving Human Rights to the Forefront of Psychology
Division: 09, 13, 17, 27, 41, 45, 48

138—Symposium: January 6 US Capitol Incursion: Political Violence Violates Human Rights
Division: 48, 41, Psi Chi

Sponsor: CPG, 41, 02, 09, 18, 27, 37, 46

780—Symposium: Religion and Social Justice: An Interfaith Dialogue
Division: 36

45—Symposium: Preventing Physical Punishment of Children in Light of APA’s Policy Against Physical Discipline
Sponsor: CPG, 37, 07, 53, 54

Access to health services, including mental and behavioral health services

655—Symposium: Crucial Role of SPTAs in Maintaining Psychology Service Viability During and After COVID-19
Division: 31

Division: 31, 18, 41

656—Symposium: Telehealth and Tele-Advocacy: Zooming Psychological Leadership Development
Division: 31, 41, 55, Psi Chi

158—Symposium: Innovation Amid Crisis: How Psychologists in Healthcare Settings Responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Division: 38
Funding for basic and applied psychological research

36—Symposium: Crafting a Successful Research Career for Our Modern Times: An Interactive Mentoring Workshop
Sponsor: CPG, 40, 12, 20, 45, 54, APA Committee on Early Career

143—Symposium: Calling All Psychologists—The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics
Division: 05, 12, 13, 14, 21, 41, Psi Chi

188—Symposium: International Collaborations in Health Psychology: Research Findings, Insights, and Funding
Division: 38

642—Symposium: Focus on Funding Early Career Psychologists’ Research: From Proposal Prep to Project Management
Sponsor: EC, 6, 8, 41

General applied psychology promotion

835—Skill-Building Session: Spotlight on Applied Psychology Specialties
Division: 02, 13, 34, APAGS, Psi Chi

Psychology education and training financing

955—Symposium: Graduate Students’ Financial Burden: Education and Advocacy

198—Symposium: Making a Difference With Psychology: Perspectives From Educators and Students
Sponsor: CABE, 2, APA Board of Educational Affairs, APA Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools, Psi Beta, Psi Chi

Psychology workforce development

150—Discussion: Evidence-Based Practice in Psychology: How Far We’ve Come and Future Directions
Division: 38
357—Discussion: Developing a Diverse Behavioral Health Workforce: Informed Mentorship for Underrepresented Students
Division: 09, 8, 41, 45, 53

468—Symposium: Advancing Relational Perspectives on Work: Social Justice, Practice, Research, and Advocacy
Division: 17, 14, 32 84

638—Discussion: Building a Social Justice-Focused Private Practice During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Sponsor: EC, 9, 17

Reimbursement and scope of practice

267—Symposium: Insurance: In-Network, Out-of-Network, or Out of Practice
Division: 42

527—Symposium: Developments in Measurement-Based Care: Telehealth, Payment Models, and Practice-Oriented Research
Division: 29, 31, 46

Application of psychological science to Pre-K, K-12, and higher education

125—Workshop: Continuing Education Workshop #305: Strategies for Bringing Public Policy Engagement into Psychology Education and Training
Sponsor: CE

Division: 17, 9, 18, 55

27—Symposium: Teaching Diversity: Using Data to Promote Social Justice
Sponsor: CPG, 02, 01,09, 15, 45

148—Discussion: Pathways to Careers in Health Policy and Program Development
Division: 38
Criminal Justice
127—Workshop: Continuing Education Workshop #208: Police Use of Force: Forming a Partnership Between Professional Psychology and Law Enforcement
Sponsor: CE, Leader Mark Zelig PhD, Independent Practice

624—Skill-Building Session: The Science of Psychological Evaluations and Juveniles Involved in the U.S. Legal System
Division: 41, 37, Psi Chi

313—Symposium: Research Addressing Health Disparities Among Justice-Involved Populations
Division: 50

The Future of Work
246—Symposium: Optimizing Online Work and Career Assessments—Thriving in the New Normal
Division: 13, 12, 14, 19

Division: 14, 8, 13, 32

269—Symposium: Working Remotely, Yet Closely: Telesupervision and Teletherapy During the Pandemic and Beyond
Division: 42, 46, 47

204—Symposium: Role of Psychology in Reimagining a Post-Pandemic World: Voices From APA Psychologists at the United Nations
Sponsor: CIRP

Division: 31, 14, Psi Chi

Health equity for underserved and vulnerable populations
296—Symposium: Mental Health Equity During COVID-19—An Examination of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Division: 45, 9, 14, 17

488—Symposium: How Can Advocacy Lead Neuropsychology Towards Equity and Social Justice?
Division: 40, 9, 22, 44, 45
Sponsor: CPG, 34, 9, 35, 52

Division: 37

**Health promotion and prevention throughout lifespan and settings**

608—Symposium: The Process of Creating and Implementing Caring Communities  
Division: 18, 27

991—Invited Address: Keynote Speaker, Trans Liberation Is for Everybody: Moving Toward a Psychology of Liberation for All Genders;  
Sponsor: APA

593—Poster Session: I: Big Ideas in Health Promotion: Help Seeking Behavior and Attitudes, Barriers, Treatment, and Measurement  
Division: 17

**Science infrastructure and regulatory environment**

317—Symposium: COVID-19 in the Context of Addiction Treatment: The Impact of Regulatory and Funding Flexibilities  
Division: 50

534—Symposium: Creating FDA Qualified Clinical Outcome Assessments to Facilitate Pharmacotherapy Development  
Division: 28, 55

691—Invited Address: Address by William T. Riley, Title: Benefits and Barriers of Integrating Behavioral and Social Sciences in the NIH Biomedical Research Enterprise.  
Division: 01
Substance use disorders and opioid and other drug epidemics
317—Symposium: COVID-19 in the Context of Addiction Treatment: The Impact of Regulatory and Funding Flexibilities
Division: 50

374—Symposium: Mindfulness Oriented Recovery Enhancement (MORE) Improves Opioid and Pain-Related Outcomes
Division: 12, 38, 41

535—Symposium: Understanding Youth E-Cigarette Use and Behaviors
Division: 28

Violence and suicide prevention
Division: 52, 41, 44, 56, Psi Chi

614—Symposium: Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Suicide Prevention: It Will Take All of Us
Division: 18, 17, Psi Chi

110—Workshop: Continuing Education Workshop #408: What Mental Health Clinicians Can Do to Reduce Firearm Violence and Suicide
Sponsor: CE

684—Presidential Address: Address by Elizabeth T. Gershoff
Division: 37

Climate Change
711—Symposium: Eco-Anxiety and Climate Anxiety Across the Globe
Division: 34

841—Symposium: Political and Civic Education as a Model to Address Poverty and Effects of Climate Change
Division: 02, 9, 34
941—Symposium: Beliefs and Perceptions in Environmental Psychology  
Division: 34

Discrimination

607—Discussion: How Do We Turn This Ship Around? Combating Racism and White Supremacy Culture in Institutions  
Division: 18, 17, 27, 41

39—Symposium: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Psychology: How Do We Understand Structural Racism?  
Sponsor: CPG, 9, 1, 17, 18, 24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51, 52, 56  
(Divisions for Social Justice)

472—Symposium: Racial Justice Advocacy and Mentoring for Asian International Students in a Racial Pandemic  
Division: 17, 2, 8, 9, 27, 41, 45

41—Symposium: Environmental Racism: Opportunities for Scholars, Practitioners, and Activists  
Sponsor: CPG, 27, 09, 14, 34

286—Skill-Building Session: Navigating Difficult DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Conversations in the Workplace  
Division: 45, 9, 14, 17, 27, 41

956—Symposium: Reducing Racism in Educational Structures: The Rise of Student Advocacy  
Sponsor: GS

950—Presidential Address: Address by Mary O’Leary Wiley, It Takes a Village: Engaging With Solidarity in Practice, Anti-Black Racism Work, Advocacy, and Education  
Division: 17

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Immigration

54—Symposium: Collaborative Immigration Advocacy—Strategies for Psychologists and Community Activists
Sponsor: CPG, 9, 17, 24, 45, 48, 52, 56

98—Workshop: Continuing Education Workshop #402: Social Justice at the Border: Addressing the Trauma of Undocumented Immigrants
Sponsor: CE

812—Symposium: Relationships Across the Wall—Working With Families Separated by Immigration or Incarceration
Division: 43

Protect and strengthen safety net programs

296—Symposium: Mental Health Equity During COVID-19—An Examination of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Division: 45, 9, 14, 17