Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The foundations of Humanistic Psychology were melded together amongst a community of mental health practitioners who had a common goal of transforming the way in which we view the world. Humanistic Psychology proudly embraces the notion of being fully human and creating a more loving place to live within. With the global experience of multiple pandemics, it is vital to reflect upon, name and honor the ways we have embodied Heidegger’s concept of being-in-the-world. Deconstructing old ideals, engaging in platforms and messages that we are drawn to, and creating new paradigms in real time has allowed us to grow and actualize both personally and collectively. Since it’s conception at the first Saybrook Conference in 1964, Humanistic Psychology has consistently provided a passionate and meaningful answer to inspire growth among individuals while reducing overly pathologizing approaches in therapy. The Society of Humanistic Psychology has continued to build upon the wisdom collected in previous conference years and warmly invite this year’s conference participants to explore multifaceted approaches.

Warmly,

Todd DuBose, PhD
Society for Humanistic Psychology President (2021-2022)

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Theme: Toward a Post-Human(e)istic Psychology: Deconstructing, Preparing, and Engaging

This conference theme focuses on the future of Humanistic Psychology by acknowledging it’s past as we prepare to move toward a post human(e)istic psychology. This movement and action pivots on honorable deconstruction to build an alternative to supremacist ideologies in professional practice, including research, assessment, therapeutic care, scholarship, and ‘super’-vision. As we rebuild, we better position HP to prepare for and respond to a post-humanistic world, while addressing the existential crises of sustainability, ecology, global warming, our movement away from speciesism and the rising of the post-human age of machines. With this, we are tasked to engage ourselves as practitioners and public scholars in the world and on the edge of situated values (humanistic, existential, transpersonal, spiritual) of our tradition. Calling upon Cornell West’s “organic intellectual”, we are prepared to dive into interprofessional and interdisciplinary circles and events, such as this Conference honors.
15th Annual Conference of the Society for Humanistic Psychology (Virtual)

The Conference program is open to any topic relevant to Humanistic Psychology; however, proposals that address the conference theme "Toward a Post-Human(e)istic Psychology: Deconstructing, Preparing, and Engaging" are especially encouraged. This includes presentations that deconstruct supremacist ideology in professional practice of psychology, humanistic engagement as a practitioner and as a scholar in the world (especially interprofessionally and in multidisciplinary spaces), and responding to existential crises such as global warming and transformation in the post-human age of the machine. Preference will be given to CE workshops and presentations.

The Conference is accepting proposals for pre-recorded engagements and poster submissions. All proposal formats are invited for submission to the conference, with a special call for experiential sessions, workshops, skill-building forums, research findings, and psychotherapy and dialogic role-playing presentations.

Please consider submitting work that relates to Humanistic Psychology and those which are human(e)istically psychologies, including Humanistic, Existential, Constructivist, Somatic, Emotion-Focused, Transpersonal, Jungian, Gestalt, Hypnosis, Feminist, Black, Indigenous, Multicultural, Social Justice, works related to the oppressed or marginalized, Ecopsychology, and Animal Rights.

We encourage work that has experiential components, that promotes continuing education, that includes graduate students as presenters, that shares current qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods research, and that expounds on philosophical, artistic, or literature-based principles.

Please address questions to Conference Chair, Dr. Gina Belton <gbelton@saybrook.edu>

Thank you for your interest in presenting in Division 32's 2022 Virtual Conference!

Deadline for Submissions: JANUARY 28, 2022
Submission Website: https://forms.gle/XE3YauKbUtaE2hzo8

Continuing Education

The annual SHP conference will provide Continuing Education (CE) credits for several of its sessions. The fee for CE credits is included in all registration packages.

APA Division 32, Society for Humanistic Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. APA Division 32, Society for Humanistic Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Accessibility Accommodations

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