

IARR 2024 Boston, MA

Schedule

Friday, 5 July, 2024

9:00am-4:30pm

International Singles Studies Association Mini Conference

The International Singles Studies Association (ISSA) is holding its third conference on singlehood, featuring speakers from multiple disciplines, including psychology, sociology, law, and English. If you are interested in attending, please contact Geoff MacDonald at geoff.macdonald@utoronto.ca or Elyakim Kislev at elyakim.kislev@mail.huji.ac.il.

5:00-7:00pm

Welcome, Presentation of Early Career, Mid-Career, and Distinguished Career Awards, and Boon Keynote ("Adventures in Relationship Science or, What Drew Me to Relationship Science and What My Experiences Suggest About Developments IARR Might Want to Pursue in its Next 40 Years").

Please join us for a drink and light appetizers as part of the conference's opening session.

Presidential Panel Description: What draws people to relationship science? And what challenges do some relationship scientists face due to their geography, language, background, or other aspects of their social position? What can we, as an organization, do to broaden our membership base, extend our scholarship in ways that align with our Diversity and Internationalization Statements, and support those whose journeys are different than our own? Join us for a panel discussion in which we explore these questions and consider paths forward for IARR as we reflect on our organization's past and present to build and enrich its future.

Susan Boon is proud to call IARR her academic family. She attended her first relationships conference in Oxford, England in 1990 and has been actively involved in IARR and its predecessor organizations ever since. Her term as Past President is rapidly drawing to a close, but she considers it a great privilege to have had the honour to serve in the various Presidential capacities and to have worked with many of IARR's other past presidents. She was Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1996 conference in Banff and is excited to reprise that role for the upcoming 2026 conference in Glasgow. Her research investigates the dark side of relationships, with a special focus on forgiveness, unforgiveness, and revenge.

Audrey Brassard earned her PhD in clinical psychology in 2006. She is a full professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec, Canada. A French-Canadian researcher specializing in romantic relationships, sexuality, and intimate partner violence, she has been a member of IARR since 2008. Using attachment theory as a guiding framework, she explores how and why individuals engage in sexual behaviors, experience conflict, and exhibit violent behaviors within their intimate relationships. With over 120 scientific articles published in peer-reviewed journals, Brassard's work contributes to informing prevention strategies and interventions beyond academia, thereby enhancing societal well-being.

Barani Kanth is an Associate Professor at the Department of Applied Psychology, Pondicherry University, India. His research focuses on couple and family relationships, premarital romantic relationships and development and validation of measurement instruments in family psychology. He emphasizes cross-cultural perspectives in most of his research and campaigns for growth of psychology and relationship research in the non-Western cultural contexts. He has been a member of IARR since 2017 and also serves the scientific committee for cross-cultural research at the Division 52 of APA. He is an editorial board member of *Personal Relationships*, *Interpersona* and *Marriage and Family Review*.

Dan Perlman went to Madison for the 1982 Personal Relationships Conference and even the less well-known 1977 Swansea Conference on Love and Attraction before that. ISSPR and IARR have been his academic home and a central part of his identity from the start. 2023-24 marked 51 years of his teaching close relationships. He's loved a career filled with teaching, administering, researching, editing, serving the profession, and having wonderful collaborators, with the goal of fostering the science of relationships as a foundation for enhancing the well-being of people's relationships. For him, it has been a joy to participate in the development of the field and to intermittently chronicle its precocious development.

Matthew Rivas-Koehl is a doctoral student at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and the current Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair of IARR. His research spans the gamut of interpersonal relationship topics across the lifespan, including studying bullying and teen dating violence, sexuality, marriage, and romantic relationship wellbeing. Matthew frequently employs feminist, queer, and intersectionality theories in his work to interrogate how power and oppression systematically shape people's relationships with one another. He is dedicated to contributing work that promotes healthy romantic and social relationships for all individuals, focusing specifically on queer and other marginalized individuals.

Joris Van Ouytsel is an assistant professor at Arizona State University's Hugh Downs School of Human Communication. His research focuses on the impact of digital media on interpersonal relationships. He has conducted research on sexting and digital forms of dating violence. He serves as an associate editor for *Personal Relationships* and is a member of the IARR Internationalization Committee.

7:00-9:00pm

Opening Reception

Please join us for drinks and passed appetizers. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones!

Saturday, 6 July, 2024

8:00-8:45am

Poster Session 1

Poster Presentation

9:00-10:15am

Race, Sex, Relationships, and Well-Being: Centering Race and Critical Perspectives in the Study of Intimacy. (Symposium)

Symposium

9:00-10:15am

Advances in Understanding Stress and Couples' Well-Being: When is Stress Most Harmful? (Symposium)

9:00-10:15am

Friends, Acquaintances, and Co-Workers (Data Blitz)

Data Blitz

9:00-10:15am

Understanding Couples' Communication Dynamics Beyond Western Populations (Symposium)

Symposium

9:00-10:15am

Attachment (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Method and Measures in Relationship Science (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Relationship Education and Intervention (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Divorce (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Setting a Strategic Research Agenda on Adverse Relationship Pressures at the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Close Relationships (Panel Discussion).

Panel Discussion

10:30-11:45am

Social Ties and Loneliness in Later Life (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

The Longitudinal Course of Marriage for Black American and White American Couples: New Findings from the EYM Project (Symposium).

10:30-11:45am

Love and Sexuality (Data Blitz).

Data Blitz

10:30-11:45am

Relationships as a Source of Risk and Resilience across the Lifespan: Implications for Well-Being, Health, and Cognition (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

Relationship Dissolution (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Stigma and Discrimination (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Difficult Conversations, Disappointment, and Hurt (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Relationship Cognition (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

11:45am-12:15pm

Lunch Buffet Begins

12:15-1:45pm

Presentation of Dissertation, Article, and Book Awards and Toomey Keynote ("Nurturing Trans Futures: The Critical Role of Family Relationships for Trans Youth")

In this presentation, Dr. Toomey will describe findings from collaborative research focused on transgender and nonbinary (TNB) youth and their caregivers, highlighting the critical role that family relationships play in nurturing TNB youth thriving and, ultimately, the possibility of trans futures. The presentation will detail the importance of understanding family relationships among TNB youth from multiple reporters, including the unique experiences of both TNB youth and their caregivers, ending with a focus on key, actionable strategies for supporting TNB youths' and their families' health and well-being.

Dr. Russ Toomey (he/they) is Professor of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Arizona. Dr. Toomey conducts research on the processes by which queer, trans, and nonbinary youth thrive and are resilient despite the oppressive barriers and challenges they encounter in society.

2:00-3:15pm

Relationship Processes in Virtual Reality (Symposium)

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Technology: Methodological and Theoretical Implications for Relationship Science (Symposium)

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Romantic Relationship Formation and Dating (Data Blitz)

Data Blitz

2:00-3:15pm

Sexual Satisfaction and Gender (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Early Stages of Relationships (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Attributions and Stereotyping (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Diverse Social Connections (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Building Healthy Relationships (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Engaging Students in Relationship Science (Panel Discussion)

Panel Discussion

3:30-4:45pm

Using Nonlinear Effects and Dynamics to Test Theoretical Assumptions in Close Relationships Research (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Global Perspectives on Relationship Dynamics and Health Behaviors: Advancing Health in Diverse Settings (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Resources and Challenges in Romantic Relationships (Data Blitz)

Data Blitz

3:30-4:45pm

Finances in Romantic Relationships (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Dating Online (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Relationships and Health (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Transitions in College Life (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Intimate Partner Violence (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Social Media and Close Relationships (Panel Discussion)

Panel Discussion

5:00-6:00pm

Business Meeting

Sunday, 7 July, 2024

8:00-8:45am

Poster Session 2

Poster Presentation

9:00-10:15am

Dyadic Confirmatory Factor Analysis and Invariance Testing with the dySEM and lavaan packages for R (Methods Workshop)

9:00-10:15am

New Directions in Research on Accuracy and Bias in Romantic Relationship Perceptions (Symposium)

Symposium

9:00-10:15am

Families and Communities (Data Blitz)

Data Blitz

9:00-10:15am

Sexual Satisfaction (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Emotion Regulation (Oral Presentations)

9:00-10:15am

Ghosting and Relationship Dissolution (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Sexual Orientation (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Narcissism and Conflict (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Dyadic Relationships and Health in Mid and Later Life: For Better and For Worse (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

Mixed and Uncommon Methods of Studying Romantic Disillusionment (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

Singlehood Across Time and Place (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

Bidirectional Associations Between Social Relationship Experiences and Sleep (Symposium).

10:30-11:45am

Parent-Child Relationships (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Emotion (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Finances (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Motherhood and Fatherhood (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Cultivating Resilience with Students in their Transition to College (Panel Discussion).

Panel Discussion

11:45am-12:15pm

Lunch Buffet Begins

12:15-1:45pm

Presentation of IARR Fellows and Steve Duck New Scholar Awards and Multi-Generational Tribute to Dr. Debby Kashy (Keynote).

A multi-generational tribute to *Dr. Debby Kashy* moderated by *Bill Chopik*, Psychology, Michigan State University, and featuring

David Kenny, Psychology, University of Connecticut

Sharon Manne, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Katelin Leahy, Psychology, Michigan State University

Jeffry Simpson, Psychology, University of Minnesota

2:00-3:15pm

Exploring the Depths: Anchoring Relationship Science in Qualitative Research (Symposium).

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Methodological Challenges in Relationship Science (Symposium).

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

A Dynamic Dyadic Systems Perspective on Conversations in Personal Relationships (Symposium).

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Navigating Society and Identity as Single People (Symposium).

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Infidelity (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Stress and Coping (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Social Media and Online Dating (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Love and Falling in Love (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Mid-Career Relationship Scholar Panel Discussion: Lived Experiences from IARR Members (Panel Discussion)

Panel Discussion

3:30-4:45pm

Not All Emotional Support is the Same: New Data and Theory (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Social Relationships and Health: Theoretical and Methodological Innovations (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Automatic Processes in Close Relationships: Novel Perspectives on Relationship Maintenance (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Couples are at the Heart of Families: Advances at the Intersection of Relationship and Family Science (Symposium)

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Sexual Intimacy (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Health, Wellness, and Aging (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Economic Issues in Relationships (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Diverse Family Structures and Patterns (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

7:00-10:00pm

Dance (Avenue 34, Boston Park Plaza)

Please join us for music, dancing, conversation, and fun! *(A spouse/partner is welcome to attend with a registered conference member at no additional cost.)*

Monday, 8 July, 2024

8:00-8:45am

Late-Breaking Research Posters

Poster Presentation

9:00-10:15am

Promoting Satisfying Intercultural and Interracial Relationships (Symposium)

Symposium

9:00-10:15am

Interpersonal Functioning and Mental Well-Being (Symposium)

Symposium

9:00-10:15am

Individual Differences in Experiences of Singlehood (Symposium)

Symposium

9:00-10:15am

Maintenance Processes (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Stress in Context (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Awards and Dialogue (Panel Discussion)

Panel Discussion

9:00-10:15am

Social Support and Health (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Singlehood (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

9:00-10:15am

Challenges and Resources for Publication and Scientific Development of Non-Native English Speaking Scholars (Panel Discussion).

Panel Discussion

10:30-11:45am

Interpersonal Correlates of Emotions and Emotional Processes in Romantic Relationships (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

Mindfulness in Close Relationships: Recent Theoretical and Empirical Developments (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

No Partner? No Worries! Need Fulfillment Outside of Romantic Relationships (Symposium).

Symposium

10:30-11:45am

Go Big! Big Questions, Big Topics, Big Data (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Supportive Processes (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Relationships Over Time (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Family Dynamics (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

10:30-11:45am

Occupations and Careers (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

11:45am-12:15pm

Lunch Buffet Begins

12:15-1:45pm

Presentation of Teaching, Mentoring, and Service Awards and Overall/Girme Keynote ("The Tension between Dependence, Autonomy, and Power: Advancing Understanding of Attachment Security, Singlehood, and Sexism")

Keynote Description: A central tension that arises in close relationships is managing the vulnerability of dependence with the needs for autonomy and power. We first present our early work investigating how couples who can balance this tension experience more secure and satisfying relationships. Using our independent lines of work on singlehood and sexism, we then illustrate how (1) the same tension between dependence, autonomy, and power emerges outside the context of intimate relationships, and (2) societal pressures outside relationships affect the way people experience and manage this tension. We will show how fundamental principles in relationship science help us understand the importance of balancing dependence, autonomy, and power across relational and social contexts.

Nickola Overall is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Nickola investigates the factors that determine whether couples can effectively resolve conflict and support each other, such as attachment insecurities, power, sexist attitudes, biased perceptions, and emotion regulation difficulties. She has served as Associate Editor for *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, and *Personal Relationships*.

Yuthika Girme is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University, Canada. Yuthika's research program focuses on reconciling the complexities inherent in romantic relationships and singlehood. She has been recognized by numerous early career awards, including the Society of Experimental and Social Psychology (SESP) Dissertation Award, Association of Psychological Science (APS) Rising Star Award, and Caryl Rusbult Early Career Award.

2:00-3:15pm

Power in Romantic Relationships: Conceptual and Methodological Advances (Symposium)

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Similarity as a Heuristic for Romantic Compatibility (Symposium)

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Thriving Solo: Understanding the Well-being of Single Adults & Adults Living Alone (Symposium)

Symposium

2:00-3:15pm

Transition to Parenthood (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Social Media (Oral Presentations)

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Sex and Relationships (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Friendships (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

2:00-3:15pm

Disclosure and Social Interaction (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Synchrony Shaping the Interpersonal Relationships of Dyads and their Interactions in Face of Stress (Symposium).

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Singlehood and Sexuality (Symposium).

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Responsiveness, Relationship Quality, and Health (Symposium).

Symposium

3:30-4:45pm

Technology and Relationships (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Workplace Dynamics (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Let's Get Together! Advancing the Field through Common Data Management Practices (Panel Discussion).

Panel Discussion

3:30-4:45pm

Grief, Trauma, and Pain (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations

3:30-4:45pm

Responsiveness and Loneliness (Oral Presentations).

Oral Presentations