

IARR JUNE 2023 E-BLAST:
LOOKING FORWARD TO UA MINI-CONFERENCE(!)
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We are currently counting down the days to our second and final IARR mini-conference for 2023 – namely, the Dark Side of Relationships mini-conference that will be held at the University of Alabama (UA) during June 8-10! Following an Innovative Methods pre-conference workshop and an Opening Reception on June 8, events during June 9 and 10 will include keynote addresses by Susan Boon and Brian Spitzberg; several sessions during each of those days; campus and community tours; and a Closing Reception (possibly involving songbirds?!?). Special thanks in advance to Leah LeFebvre, Josh Pederson, Heather Carmack, Casey Totenhagen, and Robert Laird for their wonderful efforts in organising this mini-conference. I look forward to seeing you there!

As I have done for the just-concluded RISE mini-conference in Tempe, I wish to share a set of expected behaviors at IARR main conferences and mini-conferences, drawing upon language from our Ad Hoc Committee on Misconduct. Given that we are still looking into legal issues concerning the potential implementation of a Code of Conduct (kindly supplied by the DEI Committee, and reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Misconduct), the following guidelines should help ensure safe conference experiences for our attendees at the upcoming Dark Side mini-conference in Tuscaloosa and the upcoming main conference in Boston, in 2024.

Expected behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- *Communicate professionally and constructively, both in-person and online, using language that is welcoming and inclusive. Remain courteous and civil when handling dissent or disagreement, show respect when giving feedback, and be open to alternate points of view.*
- *Use social media and other online platforms responsibly. Do not share or disseminate any confidential, sensitive, or proprietary information without prior consent.*
- *Take proactive steps to help prevent or mitigate harassment or harm to other participants, such as informing event staff if you witness a situation where someone may be in danger or being harassed.*
- *Demonstrate respect for any presentations, panelists, or other speakers by complying with the instructions of the moderator and any other event staff.*
- *Report any incidents of misconduct as soon as possible.*

As I mentioned in previous e-blasts, the organizers of the 2023 mini-conference on Dark Side of Relationships during June 8-10 in Tuscaloosa have posted a link to UA's anti-harassment policy (<https://uact.ua.edu/information/harassment>) to their conference Web site (<https://iarr2023.ua.edu/>). Please consult if you wish to report incidents of misconduct during or after the mini-conference.