

**IARR MAY 2023 E-BLAST:**  
**LOOKING FORWARD TO ASU MINI-CONFERENCE(!)**  
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As I type this message, I have not left the nation where I live and work (i.e., the United Kingdom) since the COVID-19 pandemic upended lives around the world. Not surprisingly, I look forward to attending the first IARR conference to be held in-person since 2019 – namely, the 2023 IARR mini-conference on Resilience in Interpersonal and Social Environments (RISE) to be held May 18-21 in Phoenix, Arizona. Hosted by Arizona State University (ASU), this mini-conference will feature three keynote speakers (Silvia Donato, Amie Gordon, and Alycia de Mesa). In addition, the mini-conference will include a New Scholar Workshop during the first day (May 18), along with a variety of symposia, data blitzes, collaborative group meetings, and a poster session during the first through third days (and optional day tours to Sedona on the final day, May 21). Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention Happy Hour and closing dinner/dancing along the way; our social events historically have contributed to setting IARR apart from other professional organizations in terms of making new members and seasoned veterans alike feel welcome. Thanks in advance to our organisers (Ashley Randall, Kristin Mickelson, and Masumi Iida) for their superb efforts in putting this mini-conference together. I hope to see you there!