



**Macrosystem Challenges to Lifespan Human Development:
Advancing Conceptualizations, Methodologies, and Strategic Responses**

Highlights

Society for the Study of Human Development 2021-22 Conference Series

Snapshot of Keynote Topics and Speakers

(Speakers listed in presentation order; more detail: sshdonline.org/keynote-details)

Conceptualizing Macrosystems (November 1, 2021)

What are macrosystems? How can macrosystems and contexts be measured? Why do they matter? How have they been used, and how can they be used in future scholarship, policy, and action?

Lynn Liben
Lawrence Aber
Cynthia Garcia Coll
Dana Townsend
Mark Cummings
Kim Bard

Community Macrosystems (February 7, 2022)

Dawn Witherspoon
Rebecca White
Erin Winkler
Stephen Matthews
Mayra Bámaca-Colbert
Amanda Roy

How can human development be understood in the context of places (e.g., neighborhoods) in which people live and act? How do individuals and families create their own activity spaces in relation to their diverse backgrounds and identities?

Attitudinal Macrosystems (April 4, 2022)

How do cultural and individual attitudes co-evolve across time and space? How are social attitudes and categories transmitted across generations? How do different disciplines illuminate the interplay of individual and macrosystem processes?

Joe Henrich
Rebecca Bigler
Diane Hughes
V. Paul Poteat

Existential Challenges to the Macrosystem (June 13, 2022)

Roger Downs
Carolyn Aldwin
Janet Swim
Victoria Carr

What existential challenges confront people & Earth? Can movies like Contagion increase vaccination rates? Can work by Earth, environmental, developmental, social, and learning scientists identify strategies for reducing or adapting to existential threats?



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Additional Information about the Conference Series

Conference Theme

Developmental trajectories and outcomes can be understood only within the context of the macrosystems in which individuals develop (Bronfenbrenner, 1994). Our contemporary macrosystem is replete with challenges. Some (like COVID) are newly emerging; others (like racism and environmental injustice) are long-standing, but increasingly visible to greater swaths of humankind. The SSHD 2021-22 Conference Series is designed to support scholarship that advances conceptualizations of macrosystem challenges, methodologies for studying them, and strategies for reducing or navigating them.

General Schedule, Additional Events, Call for Submissions, and Links to Online Resources

- All conference events are **online, distributed across Monday-Tuesday pairs during 2021-22.**
- **Keynote events** are Mondays (Nov 1, Feb 7, Apr 4, June 13), each with a particular focus:
 - Fall:** Conceptualizing Macrosystems
 - Winter:** Community Macrosystems
 - Spring:** Attitudinal Macrosystems
 - Summer:** Existential Challenges to the Macrosystem
- **Additional events** are Tuesdays (Nov 2, Feb 8, Apr 5, June 14). Included will be submitted posters & symposia, the business meeting, Awards, and Diversity Science and Emerging Scholars programs.
- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 15, 2021.** Submissions (posters, papers, symposia) are **not** limited to the conference theme, but may address **any topic** relevant to the SSHD mission. Please submit here: sshdonline.org/abstract-submission
- **Conference access: members—FREE;** conference access for **non-members—**please visit sshdonline.org/series-overview
- **Additional SSHD Information** (e.g., membership, journal) is found at sshdonline.org
- This document is archived as **Highlights: SSHD 2021-22 Conference Series**, sshdonline.org/highlights. For details about Monday keynote events (e.g., session descriptions, speaker information, abstracts) see **Details: Keynote Topics and Speakers** at sshdonline.org/keynote-details
- After submitted posters, papers, and symposia have been reviewed and scheduled, information about the entire Series (e.g., specific schedules, procedures for accessing live sessions and recorded materials) will be posted on sshdonline.org/series-overview

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