



SSHD 2025 Biennial Conference Schedule

Theme: *Developmental Science for the Public Good*

Dates: October 23–26, 2025

Location: Hyatt Regency Lexington, Lexington, KY

Check MeetingHand for the most up-to-date
schedule:



Thursday, October 23 – Preconference Workshop

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Diversity Science Initiative Writing Workshop

University of Kentucky Gatton Student Center

Friday, October 24 – Day 1

7:00 – 8:15 AM

Registration

Foyer

8:30 – 8:45 AM

Welcome Address

Thoroughbred Ballroom

8:45 – 10:00 AM

Keynote: *LGBTQ+ Youth and Schooling: Research for Policy and Practice*

Speaker: Stephen Russell

Thoroughbred Ballroom

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Coffee Break

Foyer

10:15 – 11:30 AM

Invited Panel: *Translating Research for Policymakers*

Speaker: Elizabeth Sheehan

Regency 1

Symposium 1: *Learning, Language, and Identity Development among Chinese Americans: Culturally Attuned, Person-Centered Methodological Approaches*

Presenters: Yoko Yamamoto, Yiyang Guan, Hua Luo

Regency 2

Symposium 2: *Community-Engaged Approaches to Prevention Science for the Public Good*

Presenters: Jakob Hester, Kylee Pipgrass, Mary Macdonald

Regency 3

11:30 – 1:00 PM

Emerging Scholars Networking Lunch with Mentors

Kentucky Ballroom

1:00 – 2:15 PM

Invited Roundtable: *Reclaiming Our Power: Advancing the Diversity Science Initiative Through Collaboration, Solidarity, and Research Continuity*

Regency 1

Symposium 3: *The Power of Relationships for Promoting Positive Development Across Diverse Youth Settings*

Presenters: Edmond Bowers, Luke Rapa, Theresa Melton

Regency 2

Symposium 4: *Contextual Influence on Child Development: Bridging Theory and Practice for Educational and Social Change*

Presenters: Myriam Al Bcherraoui, Blake Glately, Ha Bui

Regency 3

2:30 – 3:45 PM

Career Panel: *Applying for Grants*

Regency 1

Symposium 5: *Harnessing Strengths of Multiple Community Engaged Research Approaches for Public Impact*

Presenters: Dawn Witherspoon, Lori Francis, Kristen Goessling

Discussant: Deborah Ehrenthal

Regency 2

Symposium 6: *Social Relations Across the Life Course*

Presenters: Noah Webster, HwaJung Choi, Jess Francis-Levin, Eliane Wethington

Regency 3

4:00 – 5:15 PM

Keynote: *The Real Midlife Crisis: From Myths to Meaning*

Speaker: Frank Infurna

Thoroughbred Ballroom

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Poster Session 1 & Reception (Cash Bar)

Thoroughbred Suite

Saturday, October 25 – Day 2

7:00 – 8:10 AM

Diversity Science Initiative Breakfast

Kentucky Ballroom

8:15 – 9:30 AM

Keynote: *The Global Role of Community Engaged Scholarship for Social Transformation*

Speaker: Kwesi Brookins

Thoroughbred Ballroom

9:30 – 9:45 AM

Coffee Break

Foyer

9:45 – 11:00 AM

Symposium 7: *Relational Pathways to Good Cognitive Health in Diverse Populations*

Presenters: Jay Kayser, JM Cooper, Darlingtina Esiaka, Kristine Ajrouch

Regency 1

Symposium 8: *Examining the Diversity of Recreation across Life Stages and Contexts*

Presenters: Jennifer Agans, Nazli Özkocaa, Sara King
Regency 2

Symposium 9: *Applying Strengths-Based Approaches Across Clinical Contexts and Across the Lifespan*

Presenters: Melody Altschuler, Olujolagbe Layinka, Edelyn Verona
Regency 3

11:15 – 12:15 PM

Career Panel: *Advice from the RHD Editors*

Presenters: Miriam Linver, Jennifer Urban
Regency 1

Symposium 10: *Belonging in Young Adulthood*

Presenters: Olivia Root, Jackie Novak, Blake Glatley
Regency 2

Symposium 11: *LGBTQIA Youth and Families*

Presenters: Rachel Farr, YueYao Wang, Ruby van Vliet
Regency 3

12:15 – 1:15 PM

Steering Committee Lunch

Kentucky Ballroom

12:30 – 1:45 PM

Career Panel: *Teaching Human Development*

Regency 1

Symposium 12: *Teaching, Mapping, and Modeling Resilience: The Role of Wisdom and Self-Transcendence*

Presenters: Crystal Park, Carolyn Aldwin, Monika Ardelt
Regency 2

Symposium 13: *Beyond the Urban Lens: Understanding Human Development in Rural Spaces*

Presenters: Cory Roberts, Yvette Harris, Olivia Goldstein, Caroline Homan
Regency 3

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Mini-Symposium: *Developmental Impacts of COVID*

Presenters: Eliane Les, Hui Zhang, Kristen Davis
Regency 1

Data Blitz 1: Social Development

Presenters: Carlos Freitas Almeida, Morgan Munoz, Ilyssa Salomon, Wang Ivy Wong
Regency 2

Data Blitz 2: Health and Stress in Adulthood

Presenters: Kobe Hanson, Gu Li, Kaili Zhang
Regency 3

3:30 – 4:45 PM

Presidential Address

Speaker: Peter Marshall
Thoroughbred Ballroom

4:45 – 5:15 PM

Awards & SSHD Business Meeting

Thoroughbred Ballroom

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Poster Session 2 & Reception (Cash Bar)

Thoroughbred Suite

Sunday, October 26 – Day 3

8:00 – 10:30 AM

“Workshop Your Paper” Breakfast & Roundtable

Kentucky Ballroom

8:00 – 9:15 AM

Symposium 14: Social-Emotional Learning and Development

Presenters: Rebecca Bailey, Hannah Broderick, Ying Zhang, Laura Ferrer-Wreder
Location to be determined

Symposium 15: Poverty Across Contexts: Diverse Lived Experiences and Developmental Impacts

Presenters: Bruno Ache Akua, Jin Yao Kwan, Daniel Sintim
Location to be determined

9:30 – 10:45 AM

Symposium 16: Improving Developmental Science

Presenters: Richard Lerner, Michaels Rohs, Margaret Signorella
Location to be determined

Symposium 17: *Success in College for Diverse Students*

Presenters: Yue Ni, Ines de Pierola, Anglin Thevaraja, Matthew Kim

Location to be determined

10:45 – 11:30 AM

Conclusion & Discussion

Thoroughbred Ballroom