



# SSHHD 2025 Biennial Conference Schedule

**Theme:** *Developmental Science for the Public Good*

**Dates:** October 23–26, 2025

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Lexington, Lexington, KY

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## Thursday, October 23 – Preconference Workshop

**8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Diversity Science Initiative Writing Workshop**

*University of Kentucky Gatton Student Center*

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## 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*

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## **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*

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**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*