

**Forty-Fourth Annual  
OPS  
Spring Research Conference**

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**Sponsored by:**  
**Oklahoma Psychological Society**



**April 24, 2026**  
**Macintosh Conservatory**  
**Davisson American Heritage**  
**Oklahoma Christian University**  
**Edmond, Oklahoma**

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**Chapter of PSI CHI at**



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## **Schedule of Events**

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Registration .....Garvey Center</b>
	<b>Poster Set-Up .....Macintosh</b>
	<b>Continental Breakfast .....Macintosh</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome/Introductions .....Macintosh</b>
<b>8:30-10:00 am</b>	<b>Poster Presentations .....Macintosh</b>
<b>10:15-11:30</b>	<b>Paper Presentations .....DAH (Rooms 104, 210, 217, 218, 221)</b>
<b>11:30-12:00 pm</b>	<b>QUIZ BOWL .....DAH – Cail Auditorium</b>
<b>12:00-1:30 pm</b>	<b>Students and Faculty – Lunch on your own</b>
<b>1:45-2:45 pm</b>	<b>Keynote Address: Dr. Nick Wisdom.....DAH – Cail Auditorium</b>
<b>2:45-3:00 pm</b>	<b>Break/Refreshments .....DAH lobby</b>
<b>3:00-3:15 pm</b>	<b>Awards Presentation .....DAH – Cail Auditorium</b>
<b>3:15-3:30 pm</b>	<b>OPS Business Meeting .....DAH conference room</b>

# **Welcome to the Forty-Fourth Annual OPS Spring Research Conference**

**April 24, 2026**

**Oklahoma Christian University  
Edmond, Oklahoma**

**Location:** Oklahoma Christian University is located at 2501 E. Memorial Rd. in Edmond, OK. The principal buildings that will be used on campus are The Garvey Center where the Macintosh Conservatory is located, and Davisson American Heritage (DAH). Please see the map for further details.

**Parking:** Parking is available just west of the conference center and in the Enterprise Square and Garvey Center parking lots. There is no charge for parking.

**Registration:** Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Garvey Center lobby. A continental breakfast will be provided.

**Program:** If you are pre-registered, you may pick up a copy of the program at the registration tables when you obtain your identification label and receipt. If you are registering at the conference, you will receive a program when you pay your registration fees.

**Refreshments:** Morning refreshments are available from 8:00 to 10:00 am in the Garvey Center lobby and in the DAH lobby at 2:45 p.m.

**Lunch:** Conference attendees will be on your own for lunch. You are welcome to purchase lunch from our school dining hall in the University Center at a cost of \$10.75. There is also an on-campus Chik-Fil-A and there are numerous restaurants within a mile or two of campus.

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**8:00 Registration & Poster Set-up.....Garvey Center**  
Breakfast Available.....Garvey Center

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\* Designates Undergraduate Award Competition

\*\* Designates Graduate Award Competition

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**9:00 OPS Welcome – Macintosh**

**8:30-10:00 Poster Presentations.....Macintosh Conservatory**

- A\*** Do maternal traumatic experiences moderate relations between prenatal depression and anxiety and infant regulation? Ranson, K.J., Kurien, J., Bissa, M., & Kurien, J. Univ. of Tulsa
- B\*** Differences in dark triad traits under non-anonymous response conditions. Hogue, L. & Rerick, P. Univ. of Central Oklahoma
- C\*** Why is nobody talking about breeding kinks? Descriptive coding of sexual fantasies. Van Nest, G., Sweiss, S., Hogue, L., & Rerick, P. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- D\*** Ego-resiliency: A meditation analysis on minority stress and mental health outcomes. Rainbolt, B., Schmidt, S., Thackerson, E.K. & Grice, J. Oklahoma State University
- E\*** The sex discrepancies in perceptions of sexual behavior and health. Blalock, V., Chase, M., Harms, K., Johnston, R., Thornhill, A., & Rerick, P. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- F\*** Using AI to explore new possibilities and exploit current strengths: Development and validation of a AI-enabled job crafting scale. Fong-Yan, A., Dominguez, I., Rhynes, A., Li, V., Choi, B., & Day, E.A. Univ. of Oklahoma.
- G\*** Development and initial validation of “Deeper Paths:” A lab-based computer game for studying student active learning (exploration-exploitation behaviors). Dominguez, I., Adesuyi, T., Povec, H., Novelli, R., Rice, J., Day, E., Hauck, K., & Hardy III, J. Univ. of Oklahoma, Arizona State university, & Oregon State University.
- H\*** What comes to mind? How we think and feel about AI vs. human leaders. Dominguez, I., Russo, A., Powell, M., Gordon, C., Detherage, R., & Mellor, G. Univ. of Oklahoma.
- I\*** Examination of rumination in the prediction of different maladaptive behaviors. Marrero, S., Shawareb, M., Peterson, M., Chatham, K., Wang, D., Folger, L., Dennis, S., DeShong, H., & Mullins-Sweat, S. Oklahoma State University and West Virginia University.

- J\*** **How workers leverage robotic and digital process automation tools to craft their jobs in meaningful ways: A longitudinal qualitative study.** Povec, H., Novelli, R., Geffre, J., Adesuyi, T., Ngiria, M., Winsett, P., Choi, B., Fischer, S., & Day, E. Univ. of Oklahoma
- K\*** **Perception of Sleep and Cognition.** Casey, R., Sanders, S., Fugate, N., & Hunter, C. East Central University.
- L\*** **The relationship between age, gender, and viewing sexually explicit material in school-aged youth with problematic sexual behaviors.** Yaffe, S., Shelton, C., Bautista, R., Smith, E., Nelson, K., Taylor, E., & Silovsky, J. Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center.
- M\*** **Exploring predictors of college dropout using conditional inference trees.** Edwards, O., Fong-Yan, A., Poleksic, A., Manapat, P., & Manapat, D. Univ. of Oklahoma.
- N\*** **For exploration or exploitation: Employee perceptions of AI use and well-being at work.** Geffre, J., Fong-Yan, A., Li, V., Adesuyi, T., Ngiria, M., Rhynes, A., Fischer, S., Choi, B., Winsett, P., & Day, E. Univ. of Oklahoma.
- O\*\*** **ACEs and PACEs: Protective factors in Adulthood.** Osborn, N. Oklahoma State Univ.
- P\*\*** **Mapping Daily Family Dynamics: A Person-Specific Network Approach to Parental Experiences, Parenting, and Child Self-Regulation.** Deleon, J., Osborn, N., Dobson, M., & Yu, D. Oklahoma State Univ.
- Q** **Your poker face under pressure: The role of autonomic nervous system arousal on the relationship between expressive suppression and facial affect sensitivity.** Anderson, K. Univ. of Central Oklahoma
- R** **Boredom and impulsive behavior: The hidden role of adverse childhood experiences.** Swanlek, D., Schoonover, J., Wright, L., & Rerick, P. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- S** **From stigma to support: Understanding provider views of justice-involved patients.** Eason, D. & Hakman, M. Oklahoma City Univ.
- T** **Racial discrimination as a predictor of cultural socialization.** Washington, D., Travis, M., Deleon, J., & Yu, D. Oklahoma State Univ.
- U** **How early life stressors influence the pursuit of self-discrepancies.** Ahsan, I., Randell, J.A., & Seger, J. Univ. of Central Oklahoma and Cameron Univ.
- V** **Empathic concern to altruistic judgment: Evaluating capital juror leniency in response to trauma-informed testimony.** Harzman, K. & McLean, A. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- W** **Genetic-conflict theory explains the relationship between severe anemia in pregnant mothers and fetal mortality.** Caturegli, G., Hurwitz, J., & Byrd-Craven, J. Oklahoma State Univ.
- X** **Breaking the bond that binds: Recovering from intimate partner violence.** Jean, V., Wagner, G., Murray, M., Alvarado, L., & Villafane, V. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.

- Y Who needs help? An investigation of helping behavior.** Elias, S. & Hurst, A. Northeastern State Univ.
- Z Enneagram and academics.** Winters, A. East Central Univ.
- AA Uptalk and interview contamination.** Lott, K. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- BB The restorative effect of nature on stress.** Armstrong, M. & Fry, J. Northeastern State Univ.
- CC Links between Christian nationalism, stress, and authority.** Poindexter, E. & Drabenstot, S. Southern Nazarene Univ.
- DD I feel you, but can I remember? The impact of courtroom environments on mirror-touch synthesis.** Zimmerman, L. & Maass, J. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- EE The effects of attentional focus on the relationship between social anxiety and rumination: Brooding and reflection.** Baptiste, A., Banks, L., Gelnar, D., Stuckey, L., Lewins, G., Walker, E., Mann, E., Walker, J., Montgomery, T., & Grant, D. Oklahoma State Univ.
- FF Wired for reward: ADHD symptomology as a risk factor for addiction.** Jean, V., Bolton, S., Emerson, A., & Sigler, W. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- GG The impacts of adverse childhood experiences on the stress response during co-rumination in romantic relationships.** Richardson, L., Hurwitz, J., & Byrd-Craven, J. Oklahoma State Univ.
- HH Impact of adverse childhood experiences on trauma symptoms and dissociative experiences.** McMahan, R., Ballard, D., & Watkins, N.
- II Waking dreams, scary scenes: What impacts the frequency of sleep paralysis.** Chen, I., Warren, A., Garces, D., & Pagonis, K. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- JJ Visual foraging and complex scene navigation.** Thompson, H. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- KK Beyond defense: Religion, fear, and the limits Freud's theory.** Ramos, J., Escobar, B., & Drabenstot, S. Southern Nazarene Univ.
- LL Qualitative re-examination of relations between mental health and diet in collegiate women athletes.** Hanson, A., Christensen, N., Gordon, B., McCully, L., Avelar, M., Blanton, C., & Aubuchon-Endsley, N. Univ. of Tulsa.
- MM Bias motivated by political motivation.** Willson, V., Fry, B., Garces, D., Mai, A., & Schroeder, C. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- NN The mediating effect of anticipatory behaviors on the relationship between social anxiety and late processing.** Buyondo, M., Gower, M., Little, S., Shepherd, A., Mann, E., Walker, E., Montgomery, T., Walker, J., & DeMond, G. Oklahoma State Univ.
- OO Do life history strategists' status-pursuit orientation predict self-esteem differences.** Sweiss, S., Randell, J., & Seger, J. Univ. of Central Oklahoma & Cameron University.

- PP Can't get you out of my head: Limerence, daydreaming, and life history theory.** Welch, L., Randell, J., Seger, J. Univ. of Central Oklahoma & Cameron Univ.
- QQ From the top: Examining how changes in coaching instruction affect perceived task difficulty.** Berry, L. & Mather, R. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- RR Perception versus reality of sexual frequency in women with different sexual orientations.** Brooks, M., Hurwitz, J., Baker, G., Krems, J., & Byrd-Craven, J. Oklahoma State University, Penn State Univ. & UCLA.
- SS The impact of animal interaction on a person's quality of life.** Herman, M., Delaware, M., Brown, A., Welch, J., & Truett, J. East Central Univ.
- TT Dating in 2026: Online vs. in-person dating.** Norton, P., Johnson, J., Maldonado, K., & McAlister, G. East Central Univ.
- UU From appearance to assumption: Influential factors measuring women's sexual intention.** Alexander, C., (UCO), Kiim, K., Schulte, T., & Rerick, P. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- VV Academic dishonesty and cheating behaviors.** Pandya, H. & Horner H. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- WW Scripture reading, prayer, and church attendance on compassionate behaviors.** Looby, A. & Drabenstot, S. Southern Nazarene Univ.
- XX Restorative effect of nature on stress.** Armstrong, M. & Fry, J. Northeastern State University.
- YY Harassed by the past.** George, C., Hackler, C., & Drabenstot, S. Southern Nazarene University.

**10:15 - 11:30 am**

**Concurrent Paper Sessions**

**Session A .....DAH 210**

**\*\*Graduate papers for award. 15 Mins.**

- \*\*10:15 Nature exposure as an intervention for emergency physicians and first responders: A review.** Kilpatrick, C., Taren, A., & Keyes, L. Laureate Institute for Barin Research & The University of Colorado Health
- \*\*10:30 Trauma and trust: Assessing the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder on public perception of police brutality.** Vander Putten, I. & McLean, A. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- \*\*10:45 The cost of caring.** Zimmerman, L. & Wallace, L. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- \*\*11:00 The effect of hormonal contraceptive usage on couples' cortisol synchrony during co-rumination.** Hurwitz, J. & Byrd-Craven, J. Oklahoma State Univ.
- \*\*11:15 Impact of adverse childhood experiences on trauma symptoms and dissociative experiences.** McMahan, R., Ballard, D., & Watkins, N.

**Session B .....DAH 104**

**\*Undergraduate papers for award. 15 Mins.**

- \*10:15 The effect of smartphone presence and environmental noise on attention and learning.** Coleman, G. Oklahoma Christian Univ.
- \*10:30 Instructional method and self-evaluation: The effects of active learning and time pressure on perceived success.** McCurley, H. & Araujo, J. Oklahoma Christian University
- \*10:45 Betting big: The effects of game type and bonus bets on player bet sizes.** Kerns, C. Oklahoma Christian Univ.
- \*11:00 Why so serious: Is there a gender and smiling double standard?** Sweiss, S., Rerick, P. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- \*11:15 Reexamining the deficit narrative: Psychological profiles of traditional and nontraditional college students.** McDermid, I. & Mather, R. University of Central Oklahoma.

**Session C .....DAH 221**

***\*Undergraduate papers for award. 15 Mins.***

- \*10:15 Strack vs. Larsen: Evaluating how the facial feedback hypothesis affects both positive and negative emotional responses.** Pham, A., Oklahoma Christian University
- \*10:30 Missed opportunities: Do older workers take advantage of AI to change their jobs differently than younger workers.** Fong-Yan, A., Day, E., & Choi, B. Univ. of Oklahoma.
- \*10:45 How emotional state and level of connection to emotional stimuli affect cognitive task performance.** Richardson, A. Oklahoma Christian Univ.
- \*11:00 Study smarter: Examining the effects of note-taking method and lecture style on college students' academic success.** Hennesy, J. Oklahoma Christian Univ.
- \*11:15 Performance anxiety and task stakes: The role of audience presence and task stakes.** Drummond, M. Oklahoma Christian Univ.

**Session D .....DAH 217**

***\*Undergraduate Papers for award - 15 Mins.***

- \*10:15 The impact of note-taking mediums and digital distraction on learning outcomes.** Dixon, D. Oklahoma Christian Univ.
- \*10:30 Attitudes toward sexual assault.** Piper, R., Murphy, S., Smith, K., & Reynolds, A. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.
- \*10:45 The effect of background noise and instructional manipulation on task performance.** Latham, B. Oklahoma Christian Univ.
- \*11:00 Presentation format: A professor's preparedness and how they affect student learning.** Scott, C. Oklahoma Christian Univ.

**Session E .....DAH 218**

***Undergraduate/Graduate Papers not for award - 15 Mins.***

- 10:30 Smart watches in the classroom and beyond.** Burgess, A., Gabriel, R., & Abramson, C. Oklahoma State Univ.
- 10:45 Behavioral responses of crickets to an aversive stimulus.** Garner, A., Frost, A., Abramson, C., & Reichert, M. Oklahoma State Univ.
- 11:00 Looking for fractals: A dynamic systems approach to vigilance.** Yost, J. Univ. of Central Oklahoma.

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**11:30 – 12:00 pm Quiz Bowl** **DAH – Cail Auditorium**

**12:00 – 1:30 pm LUNCH – Students and Faculty are on your own**  
**Check Map on Back of Program**

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**A Special Thank You to those who volunteered to be judges!**

**PAPER:**

Jaclyn Maass, University of Central Oklahoma  
John Geiger, Cameron University  
Allyson DePasse, Oklahoma Christian University

**POSTER:**

Nora Gayzur, University of Central Oklahoma  
Peter Rerick, University of Central Oklahoma

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<b>1:45– 2:45</b>	<b>Keynote Address: Dr. Nick Wisdom</b>	<b>DAH – Cail Auditorium</b>
<b>2:45– 3:00</b>	<b>Break – Refreshments</b>	<b>DAH lobby</b>
<b>3:00– 3:15</b>	<b>Awards Presentation</b>	<b>DAH – Cail Auditorium</b>
<b>3:30</b>	<b>OPS Business Meeting</b>	<b>DAH – 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room</b>

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**What is Psi Chi?**

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests, and who meet the minimum qualifications. Psi Chi is a member of The Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS). Psi Chi's sister honor society is Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges.

**Purpose Statement**

Psi Chi is a national honor society whose purpose shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of Psi Chi is a well-educated, ethical and socially responsible member committed to contributing to the science and profession of psychology and to society in general.

*Subtends for accomplishing above mission:*

- A. Advance science and the profession of psychology
- B. Promote an educational experience consistent with the mission
- C. Promote ethical and socially responsible members and leaders
- D. Define and establish an organizational structure that promotes our mission.



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