

Frequently Asked Questions

International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference

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Are Continuing Education (CE) credits available for this conference?

Yes, for many disciplines.

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My research is on interpersonal violence, but not child abuse or spouse abuse. Are other types of violence research welcome?

Yes, over the years this conference has expanded in scope. This year we are expecting research on bullying, cyberbullying, sexting, and other internet victimization, and other peer violence. The topic of family violence has expanded to include same-sex relationships and other family constellations that were once consider “non-traditional.” We are interested in other types of victimization and perpetration too, especially with regard to how other types of violence may relate or co-occur with family and youth violence.

My research is on treatment or prevention. Are topics related to intervention and prevention welcome?

Yes, most definitely. We have always featured many talks on treatment and prevention of violence. This year we expect to have some talks presenting data from randomized controlled

trials of programs as well as other types of program evaluation. We are interested in the scientific study of all aspects of violence and the societal response to it.

What are data blitzes and 20X20 sessions? Where did they come from? Did you invent them?

A variety of short talk formats have emerged in the last 10 to 15 years. They appear to have originated independently in multiple settings. A computer programming conference (Python) did one in 1997. Mark Dominus coined the term “lightning talk” for another computer programming conference in 2000 and “pecha kucha” was coined in 2003 by Astrid Klein and Mark Dytham of Klein Dytham architecture. “Ignite” is a similar format started in the tech community in 2006.

In psychology, “data blitzes” have become popular short oral presentations added on to poster presentations. They were included at the 2007 APA conference (<http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/features/2007/blitz.aspx>) and the 2012 SPSP conference. It proved very popular at APA and is becoming a regular feature there.

All of them are meant to provide a new, faster-paced, idea-sharing forum to help facilitate communication among professionals in the same field. We hope these will prove to be a useful alternative to more traditional paper presentations and encourage you to experiment!