

2026 TLC Empathy Preconference

Speaker details

9:00 AM

Opening Remarks

Sara Algoe¹

¹University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

9:15 AM

Keynote

Patty VanCappellen¹

¹Duke University

10:00 AM

Developmental approaches to studying empathy

"Tracing the emergence of empathy in early childhood: A cross-cultural approach" by Zanna Clay¹, Carlo Vreden^{1,2}, Joanna C Buryin-Weitzel³, Georgia Tuohy¹, Elizabeth Renner^{1,4}, Eunice Ndyareeba⁵, and Katie E Slocombe³

¹Durham University, ²DIPF|Leibniz Institute, ³University of York, ⁴Northumbria University, ⁵Kabale University

"Emotion recognition in vocal bursts in early childhood predicts empathy" by Ozge Ugurlu¹, Anna Luerssen², Oliver P John³, and Özlem Ayduk³

¹Georgetown University, ²Lehman College, ³University of California, Berkeley

"Empathy and moral development: A systematic review and meta-analysis" by Anne Van de Vijver¹, Inez Stevelmans², and Natascha de Hoog²

¹University of Antwerp, ²Open University of the Netherlands

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Break

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Empathy as a dyadic process

"Build better relationships: Positive empathy facilitates capitalization" by

Gregory Depow¹, Amie Gordon², Yumeng Gu³, and Chris Oveis¹,

¹University of California, San Diego, ²University of Michigan, ³BetterUp

"The artificial-empathy paradox, or - What we value in human empathy" by Anat Perry^{1,2}

¹Hebrew University of Jerusalem, ²Harvard Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

"Empathically effective perspective taking requires incorporation of new information" by Sarah Hodges¹, and Murat Kezer¹

¹University of Oregon

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Flash Talk Session

"Association between parents' empathic accuracy in dyadic and triadic interactions and family shared time" by Anthony Mauroy¹, Justine Gaugue¹, and Sarah Galdiolo¹

¹University of Mons

"Empathy beyond emotion: Love as an interpersonal psychological orientation in a divided world" by Niluka Udayangani Hettige¹

¹University of Colombo

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Flash Talk Session (continued)

"My partner really gets me: Affective reactivity to partner stress predicts greater relationship quality in new couples" by Emre Selcuk¹, Gul Gunaydin¹, Esra Asicgil², Deniz Bayraktaroglu³, and Anthony D Ong⁴

¹Sabanci University, ²Brandeis University, ³Cankaya University, ⁴Cornell University

"Rethinking the role of motivation in empathic accuracy within romantic relationships: A systematic review" by Cloé Rose Cetko¹, Lesley Verhofstadt², Nikki Taelmans², and Sarah Galdiolo¹

¹University of Mons, ²University of Gent

"Does receiving empathy always feel good? Sharing emotions may be less effective than other forms of empathy" by Leif D Anderson¹, Dariya Ovsyannikova¹, Victoria Oldemburgo¹, Y Andre Wang¹, and Michael Inzlicht¹

¹University of Toronto

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Lunch and Poster Session

"Does belief in unlimited empathy predict extraordinary altruism" by Paige Amormino¹, Penny Li², Jeffrey Gao², Kyle F Law³, Ah Yeong Kim², Megan Kozak-Williams⁴, and Abigail Marsh²

¹Pennsylvania State University, ²Georgetown University, ³Arizona State University, ⁴Linfield College

"Extending empathy to old friends: Friendship resiliency and the endurance of social bonds" by Kristina Castaneto¹, Zhanna Lyubykh¹, and Lara B Aknin¹

¹Simon Fraser University

"Measuring intergroup empathy bias" by Marija V. Čolić¹ and Iris Žeželj²

¹Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research, ²University of Belgrade

"Generalization of dysregulated empathy from significant others to acquaintances links attachment insecurity to social anxiety disorder" by Emrullah Ecer¹, Muazzez Deniz Barut², Safira Matos³, Vera Badillo Sarabia⁴, Ekin Özalp⁵, Samantha Hellenbrand⁶, Karolina Zielińska⁷, and Cemre Naz Tomruk⁸

¹SWPS University, ²University of Osnabrück, ³Universidade de Coimbra, ⁴University of Valencia,

⁵Yeditepe University, ⁶University of Luxembourg, ⁷University of Lodz, ⁸University of Padua

"Facilitating interfaith empathy through transcendent purpose and play" by Johanna Madsen Jensen¹, Emily Taylor¹, Joseph Blanchard¹, John B White¹, and Jenae M Nelson¹

¹Brigham Young University

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Testing the costs of empathy

"Political divisions and the security of empathy" by C Daryl Cameron¹, Qiao Chai¹, Parvathy Viswanath², Abigail Cassario², Fade Eadeh³, James Floman⁴, Emily Kubin⁵, Sean Laurent¹, Michael Pasek⁶, Joseph Phillips⁷, Hannah Read⁸, and Karina Schumann⁹

¹Pennsylvania State University, ²Michigan State University, ³Seattle University, ⁴Yale University,

⁵Oxford University, ⁶University of Illinois, Chicago, ⁷Cardiff University, ⁸Duke University, ⁹University of Pittsburgh

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Testing the costs of empathy (continued)

"Behavioral evidence of reputational benefits and (minimal) costs of empathy"

by Y Andre Wang¹ and Leif D Anderson¹

¹University of Toronto

"Trends in empathy over time and implications for burnout" by Sara Konrath^{1,2},
Alison Jane Martingano³, Morgan Stosic⁴, Mark Davis⁵ and Fritz Breithaupt⁶

¹Indiana University, ²University of Michigan, ³University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, ⁴NASA Johnson
Space Center, ⁵Eckerd College, ⁶University of Pennsylvania

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Future research and funding opportunities

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Closing remarks