Call for Abstracts for the 25th Occasional Temperament Conference (OTC25)

Overview

The programming committee is pleased to announce its call for the submission of abstracts for symposium and poster presentations to be considered for presentation at the 25th Occasional Temperament Conference to be held at Texas A&M University November 6th – 8th 2025. This year's program features keynote addresses from Dr. Martha Ann Bell (Virginia Tech) and Xinyin Chen (University of Pennsylvania).

Submissions should be made through the portal on the OTC website. Registration and other conference information is also available at this site.

Deadline: The deadline to submit symposium abstracts is **August 1, 2025**.

Symposium Talks

General Information: Symposia will be constructed by theme chairs from individually submitted talks and are designed for the presentation of several talks related to a common theme. Submissions can be from an individual or group of individuals and should outline a single presentation suited for a 15-to-20-minute block. Each set of symposium talks will be followed by a period of questions and discussion from the audience and facilitated by the chair.

Proposals must be identified and submitted as fitting within one primary theme that has been designated by the programming committee. Themes for the 2025 conference include

- *Temperament in sociocultural, school, and family contexts* (Chair: Dr. Nicole Perry),
- *Genetic and neurobiological aspects of temperament* (Chair: Dr. Kathryn Lemery-Chalfant),
- *Temperament applications in childcare, education, and clinical practice* (Chair: Dr. Sean McDevitt),
- *Temperament during prenatal, infant, and early childhood development* (Chair: Dr. Cynthia Smith),
- *Temperament and personality across the lifespan* (Chair: Dr. Katherine Lawson),
- *Temperament in health, adjustment, and psychopathology* (Chair; Dr. Liliana Lengua),
- *Early contextual influences on temperament* (Chair: Dr. Daniel Choe).

Submissions will be reviewed by theme chairs who will make final decisions about presentations. Reviews will be based on the quality of the proposal and appropriateness for the OTC community.

Poster Submissions

Posters do not need to fit under a program theme but should clearly include temperament as a primary construct. Submissions from students and trainees are especially encouraged. Submissions will be evaluated for quality by the program committee. Note that it is not necessary to submit a symposium in order to submit a poster abstract.

Format

Both symposium and poster submissions should be prepared and submitted as .pdf documents. Abstracts that are not submitted through submission portal will not be considered. Each submission document must include the following:
- Name and affiliation/institution for all authors.
- Name and email address for contact author.
- A descriptive title (max 250-characters, including spaces)
- General abstract that does not exceed 500 words and outlines
  o Background/Significance
  o Primary research aim
  o Sample and methods used
  o An explanation of how the talk fits into a session theme
  o Main findings

Symposium and poster abstracts may be submitted at the same time but must be submitted as separate documents. The theme selected for submission will be applied to the symposium abstract.

Submitters of symposium abstracts are encouraged to consider allowing their submission to be accepted as a poster presentation if it is not selected for inclusion in a symposium. A separate poster submission is not necessary, but submitters should explicitly note their willingness to shift to a poster format using the dialogue box that is included on the submission form.