



PSM News

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Message from NPSMA President

It's summer, and we have all recently enjoyed seeing our respective PSM students walk in commencement ceremonies across the country. As you celebrate your graduates on LinkedIn and social media, be sure to "tag" National Professional Science Master's Association, so we can share and amplify your message. On a personal note, we have had additional joyful news within the organization, our Manager of Operations Derek Payne just announced the birth of his twin daughters Natalie and Nora. Their big sister, Ellie, and parents are delighted and exhausted.

Stem Master's initiative: If you have been following our mailing, you are aware that we are pursuing a "broadening our NPSMA umbrella" initiative to include all STEM master's programs. A diligent ad hoc committee, co-chaired by Gerald Grunwald (Dean, Thomas Jefferson University), Linda Strausbaugh (Professor Emerita, University of Connecticut), are hard at work to bring formal articulation to that vision and a plan to implement through a workshop and our upcoming conference. Look for more details in this space!

NPSMA Annual National Conference in Tampa is from Nov 1 – Nov 4. Please Save the Date! A complete itinerary will be shared shortly on our [website](#). [Registration](#) is now open!

Affiliation and Reaffiliation: Our co-chairs have steered their committee for the Affiliation and Reaffiliation so effectively that we have completed an unprecedented number of affiliations

/ reaffiliations in 2023! Many thanks to Suzanne Hicks (Middle Tennessee State University) and Dan Watts (Indiana University Bloomington) for their leadership!

We would love to hear from you and how NPSMA can help serve your program. Please reach us by [email](#) and we will direct your inquiry to the appropriate Executive Committee or Board Member.

Hope you have a healthy and active summer! (Sadly, you won't beat our Past-President, Kristin Kuter, in the "most active summer" category, as she is currently on a thru-hike of the 2,650 miles Pacific Crest Trail.)

Best regards,



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President, NPSMA
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Become a Beta Tester for msIDP©

You can help the NPSMA by participating in the evaluation and improvement of its Individual Development Plan for STEM Master's students, a student-directed advising tool. If you haven't downloaded msIDP, would like to do so, and have your program invited to beta-test msIDP, please send a request to Linda Strausbaugh (linda.strausbaugh@uconn.edu).

***** REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! *****

NPSMA Annual Conference and Workshop:

Link to Conference and Registration Information

November 1-4, 2023 in Tampa, FL

[Reserve your hotel room](#) by September 30 to receive the discounted rate



We are planning to meet in Tampa, Florida on **November 1-4, 2023** for the [NPSMA's Annual Conference and Workshop](#) at the [Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore](#). Additional details regarding the conference program will be forthcoming. The conference planning committee would like to welcome your presentation proposals and ideas for sponsorship. Send proposals and ideas to [Max Houck](#), NPSMA Conference Planning Committee Chair.

Publication Deadline Reminder:

_____Make sure to send us your article about a successful alumni with photo so we can get it into the upcoming **PSM ALUMNI and GRADUATION CHRONICLE** 2023 edition! This publication highlights successful PSM Alumni and PSM program graduates. **Deadline is August 1, 2023-** send articles to NPSMA VP for Publications [Dagmar Beck \(dkbeck@rice.edu\)](mailto:dkbeck@rice.edu)

NPSMA Annual Membership Renewal Invoices

Invoices for annual NPSMA membership renewal dues have been sent out and are due this Thursday, June 15. The annual dues are for \$525 (one affiliated program), \$1,050 (two affiliated programs), \$1,575 (three affiliated programs), and \$2,100 (four or more affiliated programs). If you have any issues or questions, please contact Operations Manager Derek Payne at manager@npsma.org.

Ask NPSMA Webinar June 26 at 4:00 p.m. EDT

The "Ask NPSMA" webinars are a great way to connect with the PSM community and to share ideas and resources about the wide variety of STEM M.S. programs that are members of our NPSMA community. Whether you already have a PSM program or are thinking of starting one, please join us for the next discussion.

The next "Ask NPSMA" session will be presented by Tim Born and Holli Reyes from Grand Valley State University and offered on **June 26th, 2023 at 4:00pm EDT** to discuss: **"Teaching Scientific Ethics using the video 'The Lab: Avoiding Research Misconduct.'"**

Many scientific ethics topics can be taught using an interactive video created by the Office of Research Integrity. This video presents four perspectives on research misconduct with many decision points along the way. We will describe how we use this resource in our Scientific Ethics course to address topics such as scientific fraud, authorship, mentoring, and conflicts of interest. Our intent is to provide ideas and materials that instructors can use in their courses.

Use <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84125285147> at the date/time listed above to join this discussion.

In case you missed it...

- **Fall 2022 curated issue of the [PSM Alumni and Graduation CHRONICLE](#).** This yearly NPSMA publication features alumni and student profiles to demonstrate the full-range competitive advantage of a PSM degree, and highlights why PSM programs are attracting students from across the globe. Click [HERE](#) to read the latest issue.
- **"Ask NPSMA" Presentations.** View many of these previously engaging sessions anytime, along with other PSM videos on the [PSM YouTube Channel](#). Additional videos are being continually added so check back often.

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