



International Society
for Traumatic Stress Studies
34th Annual Meeting

**Promoting Societal Change:
Integrating Traumatic Stress Research,
Practice and Policy for Vulnerable Populations**

Call for Presentations

November 8-10, 2018
Pre-Meeting Institutes, November 7
Washington Marriott Wardman Park,
Washington, DC, USA
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Abstract Submission
February 7 - March 22



**We invite you to submit to the
International Society for Traumatic
Stress Studies 34th Annual Meeting.**

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The field of traumatic stress studies developed to address multiple facets of societal need and inequality, and quickly expanded to generate a vast amount of knowledge, with thousands of peer-reviewed publications spanning psychobiology and biomarkers, developmental manifestations, diverse psychiatric impacts, risk factors, health disparities, types of trauma, various treatments, and diverse populations. Increasing dissemination and knowledge transfer in the field of traumatic stress is helping to reduce the burden of trauma globally. However, more

work remains ahead to fully integrate science, practice, and policy to improve societal outcomes, especially among at-risk and marginalized groups. The goal of this conference is to examine how we use our knowledge to promote physical and mental health, to understand barriers to building trauma-informed systems, and to devise strategies for creating sustainable societal change.

The meeting will explore how we best capitalize on methodological pluralism to represent the needs and experiences of individuals and communities whose voices may less frequently come to the fore. Specific attention will be given to bidirectional knowledge transfer between the field and its constituents, with an eye towards improving equitable access to traumatic stress resources.

We invite submissions which not only examine exposure to trauma and its multiple outcomes (including but beyond PTSD), but which situate trauma exposure and responses within the backdrop of societal structures such as discrimination, poverty, and family and community environment. Submissions should further consider how we apply the field's knowledge outside of individual clinical practice to broader settings such as policy, child welfare, public health, education, and law.

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Learning Objectives

1. Using patient- and community-centered approaches, tabulate and summarize needs and challenges facing diverse groups of trauma-impacted communities.
2. Connect ways in which exposure and response to traumatic stress unfold across societal contexts and structures.
3. Strategize for bidirectional knowledge transfer between professionals in the traumatic stress field, trauma-impacted communities, and milieus such as policy and law.

Compelling Topics Related to This Year's Theme Include:

- Proposals which translate findings from the traumatic stress studies field to the world at large, including settings like health care, child welfare, law, and public policy, with the goal of generating societal change.
- Proposals which use community-engaged strategies, such as participatory action research, to emphasize learning from trauma-impacted communities.
- Proposals which draw from multiple methodological approaches, spanning both quantitative and qualitative techniques.
- Proposals which draw from a diverse or underrepresented group in traumatic stress studies.
- Proposals which actively consider societal context and social determinants of health, such as race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, education, and socioeconomic factors, in their examination of topics relevant to traumatic stress exposure, response, and intervention.

On behalf of the scientific committee/organizing committee,
Wendy D'Andrea, PhD, Chair, Scientific Committee
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About ISTSS

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ISTSS is an international, interdisciplinary professional organization dedicated to promoting the advancement and exchange of knowledge about traumatic stress.

The ISTSS Annual Meeting is:

- A place where professionals from all over the world connect to strengthen collaborative relationships that advance the trauma field
- A forum for sharing new research, clinical strategies, public policy concerns and theoretical formulations of trauma and its consequences
- A cross-discipline and global assembly of professionals and students who are committed to understanding and treating trauma and its impact

Who Should Attend?

- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Researchers
- Administrators
- Victim advocates
- Journalists
- Clergy
- Public Health Professionals
- Policy Makers
- Epidemiologists
- Economists

Submissions Accepted for:

- Symposia
- Panels
- Workshops
- Case Studies
- Multi-Media
- Papers
- Posters
- Pre-Meeting Institutes

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Full Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Amedco and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Amedco is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*.

The meeting will also offer CE credits in psychology, counseling, social work, marriage/family therapy, alcohol and drug counseling and nursing.

Registration – Join ISTSS and Save

Participation in the ISTSS 34th Annual Meeting is limited to registered attendees. Online registration will be available in June 2018.

Join ISTSS today – members receive discounted registration.

Travel Grants

The ISTSS International Travel Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible speakers from developing countries. The ISTSS Student Travel Grant Program provides financial assistance to presenting students with limited financial resources.

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About the Artist

Ricardo Levins Morales is an activist visual artist who uses his art to help build community resilience, clarity and capacity in social movements. He has worked with hundreds of organizations and unions over the years (thirty of which he was a member of the Northland Poster Collective). He is a writer and labor and social movement activist with skills in group facilitation and tactical and strategic consulting.