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WELCOME

Welcome to the International Meeting of the Psychometric Society (IMPS) 2016 in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. Asheville, a city nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, has a warm, welcoming personality and friendly culture. It is a truly distinctive venue blessed with buskers and chefs, artists and brewers, and countless museums, micro-breweries, shops, and restaurants. Attendees are strongly encouraged to explore Asheville and the surrounding area!

IMPS 2016 will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Downtown Asheville. The conference program will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, in the main ballroom of the Renaissance. It will end with a banquet on Friday, July 15, at the historic Omni Grove Park Inn. All sessions of the conference will be held in the Renaissance. Here is the conference week:

- On Monday, July 11, there will be three full-day, pre-conference short courses: Computerized Adaptive Testing and Multistage Testing with R; flexMIRT®: Flexible Multilevel Multidimensional Item Analysis and Test Scoring; and Bayesian Modeling Using Stan.
- Tuesday will be a full day of sessions followed by a Welcome Reception on the Grand Ballroom Patio, a poster session, and a champagne toast with birthday cake celebrating the 80th Anniversary of our journal, Psychometrika.
- After morning sessions, Wednesday’s feature will be an excursion to the Vanderbilt mansion: The Biltmore Estates. Attendees can tour the largest privately-owned house in America, the gardens, the shops, and a complimentary wine tasting.
- Thursday will be a full day of sessions, highlighted by a challenging Psychometric Trivial Pursuit lunch in the main ballroom.
- Friday will be a busy day of sessions. The conference will formally end with the Presidential Address, an Award Ceremony, a preview to IMPS 2017, and a closing banquet at the historic, five-star hotel and resort, the Omni Grove Park Inn.

The Society is truly blessed to have a great agenda featuring incredible keynote and invited speakers, career award and dissertation prize speakers, a debate, a virtual session, a job fair, and anniversary sessions celebrating our journal, all in a spectacular, warm, and vibrant mountain venue.

Enjoy and Celebrate!

Terry Ackerman
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, USA
IMPS 2016 Chair
**MONDAY, July 11**

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<td>Simplifying the Use of Latent Class Analysis by Means of Stepwise Modeling Approaches</td>
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| 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Business Meeting, All are welcome!  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B  
Chair: Terry Ackerman |
| 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.   | Group Photo  
Off Site: Pack Square Park Amphitheater |
| 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.   | Lunch on the town  
(on your own) |
| 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.    | Parallel Sessions, Tuesday PM 1  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A  
Symposium 2: Virtual International Collaboration  
Chair: Luz Bay  
Önder Sünbül (Turkey)  
Remo Ostini (Australia)  
Anil Kanjee (S. Africa)  
Ruben Klein (Brazil)  
Grand Ballroom: Salon B  
Validity and Reliability  
Chair: Jacob Westfall  
Anne Traynor  
Eva A.O. Zijlmans  
Joe Grochowalski  
Youngjun Lee  
Swannanoa  
Computer-Based Testing  
Chair: Sam Ye  
Eren Halil Ozberk  
Qi Diao  
Xiao Luo  
Victoria  
Symposium 3: Recent Advances in Social Network Methodology  
Chair: Tracy Sweet  
Alina von Davier  
Bonne Zijlstra  
Smrachana Adhikari  
Tracy Sweet  
Beau Dabbs |
| 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.    | Refreshment Break  
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor |
| 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.    | Invited Speakers:  
Ric Luecht, Carolin Strobl  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A  
Ric Luecht: Engineering Design in the Assessment World: A New Paradigm for Test Design and Development with Psychometric Implications  
Chair: Luz Bay  
Grand Ballroom: Salon B  
Carolin Strobl: Model-Based Recursive Partitioning of Psychometric Models: A Data-Driven Approach for Detecting Heterogeneity in Model Parameters  
Chair: Anders Skrondal |
| 4:15 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.    | Break |

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| 4:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. | Parallel Sessions, Tuesday PM 2  
Cherokee  
Item Response Theory  
Chair: Marie Wiberg  
Ji Seung Yang  
Andries van der Ark  
William Muntane  
Xiaying Zheng  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A  
Psychometrika Anniversary Session 1  
Chair: Larry Hubert  
Willem Heiser  
Klaas Sijtsma  
Hans-Friedrich Kohn  
Larry Hubert  
Grand Ballroom: Salon B  
Measurement Invariance and Differential Item Functioning  
Chair: Dave Thissen  
Levent Ertuna  
Sakine Gocer Sahin  
Xinya Liang  
Swannanoa  
Diagnostic Classification Model  
Chair: Francis Tuerlinckx  
Kevin Carl Santos  
Lihong Song  
Ömür Kaya Kalkan  
Victoria  
Multilevel/Hierarchical/Mixed Methods  
Chair: Oksana Naumenko  
Kevin Duisters  
Liu Yue  
Nathaniel E. Helwig  
Patricia Martinkova  
Satoshi Usami  
Poster Session Welcome Reception  
Grand Ballroom: Salon C  
Windsor Ballroom: Salon A & B  
Windsor Hallway  
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor & Patio Area  
Celebration of Psychometrika’s 80th Anniversary (Join us for a champagne toast & cake at 6:10 p.m. located in the Pre-Function Corridor.) |
| 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |  
18:00 - 20:00 |

**WEDNESDAY, July 13**

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Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor |
| 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.    | Continental Breakfast  
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor |
| 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.    | Parallel Sessions, Wednesday AM 1  
Swannanoa  
Item Response Theory  
Chair: Brian Habing  
Jeong Sep Sihm  
Haruhiko Ogasawara  
Meng-I Chang  
Grand Ballroom: Salon C  
Factor Analysis  
Chair: Hao Wu  
Francisco Abad  
Hongli Li  
Shaobo Jin  
Youn-Jeng Choi |
| 4:15 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.    | Break |
Parallel Sessions, Wednesday AM 1 (continued)
Victoria
Bayesian Statistical Inference
Chair: Elizabeth Patton
Fei Zhan
Katerina Marcoulides
Merijn Mestdagh
Michael Zweifel

Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B
Debate: Is The Concept of Equal Interval Scales in Educational Testing Attainable or Just a Myth?
Wim van der Linden vs. Derek Briggs
Chair: Terry Ackerman

Windsor Ballroom: Salon B
Structural Equation Modeling
Chair: Sara Finney
Holmes Finch
Fan Wallentinn
Holger Brandt
Ross Jacobucci

Windsor Ballroom: Salon A
Diagnostic Classification Model
Chair: Jimmy de la Torre
Yan Sun
Youn Seon Lim
Yinghan Chen
Shuliang Ding
Charles Iaconangelo

Alexander
Multivariate Analysis
Chair: Wenchao Ma
Daniel McArtor
Ken Kelley
Seock-Ho Kim
Zhenggu Lu
Joe Whitehurst

Cherokee
Computer-Based Testing
Chair: Xiao Liu
Dongmei Li
Sam Ye
Tianli Li

Refreshment Break
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor

Keynote Speaker: Roderick Little
Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B
Some Recent Developments in the Analysis of Data with Missing Values
Chair: Carolyn Anderson

Break

Parallel Sessions, Wednesday AM 2
Alexander
Bayesian Item Response Theory Using Stata
Chuck Huber

Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B
Item Response Theory
Chair: Cherie Avent
Giulio Flore
Joseph Olsen
Larissa Smith
Wei Xu
James S. Roberts

Windsor Ballroom: Salon A
Causal Inference and Mediation
Chair: Fan Wallentin
Jee-Seon Kim
Johnson Li
Monica Morell
Oscar Gonzalez, Jr.
Patrick E. Shroot

Grand Ballroom: Salon C
Diagnostic Classification Model
Chair: Charles Iaconangelo
Aaron Hudson
Hans Friedrich Koehn
Michel Philipp
Youn Seon Lim

Swannanoa
Classification, Clustering, and Latent Class Analysis
Chair: Saed Qunbar
Yanyan Fu
Jimmy de la Torre
Seohyun Kim
Wenchao Ma
Oksana Naumenko

Victoria
Multidimensional Item Response Theory
Chair: Eren Halil Ozberk
Brian Habling
Eddie Ip
Ken A. Fujimoto
Steven A. Culpepper
Carolyn J. Anderson

Windsor Ballroom: Salon B
Model Fit, Comparison, and Diagnostics
Chair: Holmes Finch
Irini Moustaki
Jeremy Kyle Jennings
Michele Gallo
Doyoung Kim
Christine DiStefano

Excursion: Biltmore House and Winery
Boxed lunches provided in the Hotel Lobby between 12:00 noon-12:45 p.m. Bus loading will line up in the Hotel Lobby starting at 12:15 p.m. Final bus departs at 1:00 p.m. sharp!
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| 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.     | Continental Breakfast  
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor |
| 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.     | Keynote Speaker: Xiao-Li Meng  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B  
Bayesian, Fiducial, and Frequentist (BFF): Best Friends Forever?  
Chair: Wim van der Linden |
| 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.     | Early Career Award Winner: David Magis  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B  
Open Source Programming: A New Hope for Psychometric Research  
Chair: Andries van der Ark |
| 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.    | Refreshment Break  
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   | Parallel Sessions, Thursday AM  
Swannanoa  
Item Response Theory  
Chair: Kathy Baker  
Yong Luo  
Barth Riley  
Xue Zhang  
Grand Ballroom: Salon C  
Symposium 4: Noncognitive Assessment in Education and Workforce Selection  
Chair: Patrick Kyllonen  
Steve Stark  
David Klieger  
Jacob Seybert  
Patrick Kyllonen  
Victoria  
Estimation and Computational Methods  
Chair: Patrick Shrout  
Alexander Schoemann  
Alice M. Brawley  
Mohan Dev Pant  
Xiang Liu  
Cherokee  
Applications  
Chair: Marijke Timmerman  
Jiyoon Park  
Austin Cavanaugh  
Ben Domingue  
Yunxiao Chen  
Alexander  
Measurement Invariance and Differential Item Functioning  
Chair: Oksana Naumenko  
Levent Ertuna  
JP Kim  
Mo Zhang  
Weimei Cui  
Windsor Ballroom: Salon A  
Network Analysis  
Chair: Bonne J.H. Zijlstra  
Akinori Okada  
Hudson F. Golino  
Michaela Hoffman  
Patrick Miller  
Frank Busing  
Windsor Ballroom: Salon B  
Validity and Reliability  
Chair: Dan Bolt  
Dingjing Shi  
Jacob Westfall  
Katherine Jonas  
Kurt F. Geisinger |
| 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.   | Break  
Psychometric Society Trivial Pursuit Luncheon  
Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B |
| 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.    | Parallel Sessions, Thursday PM 1  
Victoria  
Computer-Based Testing  
Chair: Klaas Sijtsma  
Halil Ibrahim Sari  
Nathan Minchen  
Yu Bao  
Windsor Ballroom: Salon B  
Item Response Theory  
Chair: Eddie Ip  
Jiaqi Zhang  
Dandan Liao  
Lale Khorramdel  
Wilco H. M. Emons  
Grand Ballroom: Salon C  
Structural Equation Modeling  
Chair: Julianne Zemaitis  
Zachary Fisher  
Zijun Ke  
Robyn Pitts  
Alexander  
Estimation and Computational Methods  
Chair: Alice Brawley  
David R. King  
Matthias von Davier  
Sung-Hyuck Lee  
Youngshil Paek  
Windsor Ballroom: Salon A  
Symposium 5: Statistical Consulting  
Chair: Terry Ackerman  
Carolin Strobl  
Ric Luecht  
Wim van der Linden  
Andries van der Ark  
Dan Bolt  
Swannanoa  
Measurement Invariance and Differential Item Functioning  
Chair: Stephen Stark  
David Magis  
Graham G. Rifenbark  
Yu Bai  
Yuxi Qiu  
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Equating  
Chair: Lauren Harrell  
Keyin Wang  
Gabriel Wallin  
Valentina Sansivieri  
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. |
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**Swannanoa**

**Networking Session on Analysis of Intensive Behavioral Data from Device-Enabled Studies**

**Chair**: Ted Walls

**Swannanoa**

**Item Response Theory**

**Chair**: Jessica Jacobidis

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**Break**

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**Steve Reise, Mike Cheung**

**Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B**
*Steve Reise: Is the Bifactor Model a Better Model or Is It Just Better at Modeling Implausible Responses? Application of Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares to the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale*  
Chair: David Thissen

**Grand Ballroom: Salon C**
*Mike Cheung: Integrating Meta-Analysis Within Structural Equation Modeling: Theories and Applications*  
Chair: Cees Glas

**Lunch on the town (on your own)**

**Parallel Sessions, Friday PM**
**Grand Ballroom: Salon A & B**
*Item Response Theory*  
Chair: Frederik Coomans
Gunter Maris
Jinwang Zou
Rudolf Debelak
Scott Monroe
Xin Xin

**Windsor Ballroom: Salon A**
*Longitudinal Data Analysis*  
Chair: Steve Stark
Casper Albers
Holmes Finch
Kimberly Ward
Marieke E. Timmerman
Sarfaraz Serang

**Alexander**
*Equating*  
Chair: Robyn Pitts
Hyung Jin Kim
Jorge González
Lauren Harrell
Marie Wiberg

**Windsor Ballroom: Salon B**
*Multilevel/Hierarchical/Mixed Methods*  
Chair: Yanyan Fu
Brooke E. Magnus
Eric F. Lock
Yasuho Miyazaki
Yi Lu

**Grand Ballroom: Salon C**
*Classical Test Theory*  
Chair: Andries Van der Ark
Ernest C. Davenport, Jr.
Klaas Sijtsma
Kyung Yong Kim
Won-Chan Lee
Floor Plans

LOBBY LEVEL

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- SALON A
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- PATIO
**SHORT COURSES**

The following full-day, pre-conference short courses will be offered on Monday, July 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (09:00-16:00):

**Workshop 1: Computerized Adaptive Testing and Multistage Testing with R**
Presenters:
David Magis, University of Liège, Brussels, Belgium
Alina A. von Davier, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ, USA
Duanli Yan, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ, USA

**Workshop 2: flexMIRT®: Flexible Multilevel Multidimensional Item Analysis and Test Scoring**
Presenters:
Carrie R. Houts, Vector Psychometric Group, LLC
RJ Wirth, Vector Psychometric Group, LLC
Jeroen Vermunt
Tilburg University, The Netherlands
SIMPLIFYING THE USE OF LATENT CLASS ANALYSIS BY MEANS OF STEPWISE MODELING APPROACHES
July 12, 2016, 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. (08:15 - 09:15)

Yang Liu
University of California, Merced, CA, USA
2016 Psychometric Society Dissertation Prize Co-Winner
GENERALIZED FIDUCIAL INFERENCE FOR GRADED RESPONSE MODELS
July 12, 2016, 11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. (11:10 - 11:40)

Stijn Verdonck
KU Leuven, Brussels, Belgium
2016 Psychometric Society Dissertation Prize Co-Winner
ADVANCES IN CHOICE RESPONSE TIME MODELING: NON-LINEARITY, EFFICIENT COMPUTATION, AND NON-DECISION TIME
July 12, 2016, 11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. (11:10 - 11:40)

Roderick Little
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ANALYSIS OF DATA WITH MISSING VALUES
July 13, 2016, 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (09:45 - 10:45)

**Workshop 3: Bayesian Modeling Using Stan**
Presenters:
Daniel Furr, University of California at Berkeley, CA, USA
Ben Goodrich, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA

**KEYNOTES**

Jeroen Vermunt
Tilburg University, The Netherlands
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Xiao-Li Meng
Harvard University, MA, USA
BAYESIAN, FIDUCIAL, AND FREQUENTIST (BFF): BEST FRIENDS FOREVER?
July 14, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (08:00 - 09:00)

David Magis
University of Liège, Belgium
2016 Psychometric Society Early Career Award
OPEN SOURCE PROGRAMMING: A NEW HOPE FOR PSYCHOMETRIC RESEARCH
July 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (09:00 - 09:45)

Wim J. van der Linden
Pacific Metrics Corporation, Monterey, CA, USA
2016 Psychometric Society Career Award
BIG DATA, SMALL STEPS
July 15, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (08:30 - 09:30)

Terry Ackerman
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, USA
Presidential Address
DIFFERENTIAL ITEM FUNCTIONING FROM A MULTIDIMENSIONAL ITEM RESPONSE THEORY PERSPECTIVE
July 15, 2016, 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. (15:15 - 16:15)
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Ric Luecht  
The University of North Carolina, Greensboro, USA  
ENGINEERING DESIGN IN THE ASSESSMENT WORLD: A NEW PARADIGM FOR TEST DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT WITH PSYCHOMETRIC IMPLICATIONS  
July 12, 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. (15:30-16:15)

Ellen Hamaker  
Utrecht University, The Netherlands  
AT THE FRONTIERS OF DYNAMIC MULTI-LEVEL MODELING  
July 14, 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (15:15-16:00)

Carolin Strobl  
University of Zurich, Switzerland  
MODEL-BASED RECURSIVE PARTITIONING OF PSYCHOMETRIC MODELS: A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH FOR DETECTING HETEROGENEITY IN MODEL PARAMETERS  
July 12, 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. (15:30-16:15)

Mike Cheung  
National University of Singapore  
INTEGRATING META-ANALYSIS WITHIN STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING: THEORIES AND APPLICATIONS  
July 15, 11:25 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. (11:25-12:10)

Edgar Merkle  
University of Missouri, Columbia, USA  
BAYESIAN SEM: SOME COMPUTATIONAL ADVANCES AND POTENTIAL PITFALLS  
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Steven P. Reise  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA  
IS THE BIFACTOR MODEL A BETTER MODEL OR IS IT JUST BETTER AT MODELING IMPLAUSIBLE RESPONSES? APPLICATION OF ITERATIVELY REWEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES TO THE ROSENBERG SELF-ESTEEM SCALE  
July 15, 11:25 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. (11:25-12:10)

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Psychometrika Anniversary Session 1
Chair: Larry Hubert
Presenters:
William Heiser
Klaas Sijtsma
Hans-Friedrich Kohn
Larry Hubert
July 12, 2016, 4:25 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. (16:25 - 17:40)

DEBATE: IS THE CONCEPT OF EQUAL INTERVAL SCALES IN EDUCATIONAL TESTING ATTAINABLE OR JUST A MYTH?
Chair: Terry Ackerman
Co-Presenter:
Wim J. van der Linden
Pacific Metrics Corporation, Monterey, CA, USA
THE MYTH OF EQUAL UNITS OF MEASUREMENT
Co-Presenter:
Derek C. Briggs
University of Colorado, Boulder, USA
PSYCHOMETRICS, MEASUREMENT, AND OBTAINABLE GOALS
July 13, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (8:00 - 09:30)

Psychometrika Anniversary Session 2
Chair: Willem Heiser
Presenters:
Larry Hubert
Jacqueline Meulman
Charles Lewis
Willem Heiser
July 14, 2016, 4:10 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. (16:10 - 17:40)

Psychometrika Anniversary Session 3: Past Editors
Chair: Irini Moustaki
Presenters:
Irini Moustaki
Larry Hubert
Willem Heiser
Ulf Bockenolt
Brian Junker
Shizuhiko Nishisato
July 15, 2016, 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (09:45 - 11:15)
**Group Photo**

Tuesday, July 12: 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. (12:15-12:45)
Pack Square Park Amphitheater

Please meet promptly following the Business Meeting, in the Grand Ballroom Pre-Function Corridor and the Patio Area at the Renaissance Hotel.

Promptly at 12:20 p.m., the group will walk together to the Pack Square Park Amphitheater located across the street from the Renaissance Hotel. At 12:30 p.m., a conference-sponsored group photo will be taken. After the group photo, attendees are on their own for lunch from 12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

The group photo will be posted on the Society website for attendees to download after the conference.

**Welcome to Asheville Poster Reception and Psychometrika 80th Anniversary Toast**

Tuesday, July 12: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (18:00-20:00), 6:10 p.m. (18:10): 80th Anniversary of Psychometrika Champagne Toast
Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor and Patio
Grand Ballroom: Salon C
Windsor Ballroom: Salon A & B
Windsor Hallway

Join the Society at the Renaissance Hotel for a wonderful evening to welcome meeting attendees, explore a diverse collection of research at the conference poster session, and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Psychometrika. Discuss topics with your peers that are sure to pique your interest in a casual, fun, and informal setting. The event includes an hors d'oeuvres reception and cash bar. Authors will be standing by their posters between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (18:00-20:00). This event is also open to meeting attendee guests at no additional charge.
IMPS Excursion Trip
Wednesday, July 13: 12:00 noon-6:30 p.m. (12:00-18:30)
Visit the Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC

Join the Society and fellow conference-goers on a half-day excursion to one of Asheville’s best tourist attractions. Transportation will depart from the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. Boxed lunches will be available starting at 12:00 noon, and transportation will begin at 12:15 p.m. (Buses will depart as they fill on a first-come, first-served basis.)

The Biltmore Estate was built over a period of six years in the late 1800s and opened to the public in 1930. The sprawling 8,000-acre estate features 250 rooms built in the French Renaissance style and houses its own vineyard and The Biltmore Estate Wine Company. In addition to tours of the estate and grounds, the property also features two inns, a cottage, and Antler Hill Village, which feature an exhibition of the estate’s history, a farm, and an outdoor adventure center.

A detailed event timeline for transportation and tour schedules will be given to each guest as they board their coach shuttle bus. Please pay close attention to the bus tour guide for specific tour schedules, Biltmore details, and your specific bus departure information to and from the excursion site.

Meet in the Renaissance Asheville Hotel Lobby between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to pick up your boxed lunch and depart for the excursion. The last bus will depart at 1:00 p.m. sharp! All attendees should line up in the Renaissance Hotel Lobby with the group they would like to sit with on the bus. Once the attendee and their guests board the bus, they will ride the same bus all day and will be scheduled the same tour times. Each bus will be numbered. Attendees will receive a ticket with their bus assignment as they enter their coach bus. If questions arise on site, refer to your tour bus guide.

Excursion Schedule:
12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. (12:00-13:00)
Pick up boxed lunch
(Attendees may choose to eat their lunch on the way to the Biltmore Estates, or wait to have a picnic lunch on the Estate grounds.)
12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. (12:15-13:00)
Load buses – Final bus departs at 1:00 p.m. sharp!
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. (12:15-13:15)
Transfer to Biltmore Estates
(The guide on each coach will instruct guests where to go and give him or her an agenda for a specific house entry tour time.)
1:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (13:15-16:30)
Visit Biltmore Estates: Biltmore House Tour, Biltmore Gardens, and Shopping.
(Attendees, please pay close attention to your specific house entry time noted.)
Optional: Attendees can buy (on their own) The Audio Guided House Tour upon admission for an additional $10.70.
3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (15:45-16:30)
Transfer to Antler Hill Village and Winery
(Attendees, please pay close attention to your specific bus departure timeline.)
3:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (15:45-18:15)
Visit Antler Hill Village and Winery
(Guests are encouraged also to visit the Farm area, the Legacy Area, enjoy the shopping, as well as the Winery. All guests must be 21 or older to participate in the wine tasting.)
5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (17:45-18:15)
Load buses at the Antler Hill Village and Winery
(Attendees, please pay close attention to your specific bus departure timeline to load and depart for the Renaissance Hotel.)
Closing Banquet Reception
Friday, July 15: 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (18:30-21:00)
Omni Grove Park Inn
Sammons Wing: Skyline and Mountainview Terrace

Join us at the historic Omni Grove Park Inn for a final banquet reception, cash bar, and networking with fellow attendees. The Society has arranged two beautiful locations in the Skyline banquet room connected to the Mountainview Terrace for the closing banquet reception. No formal closing remarks will take place; therefore, attendees can choose to mingle, enjoy delicious food and beverage, and take in the views of this spectacular event location.

Transportation will be provided to and from the Omni Grove Park Inn. A detailed schedule is noted on page 17.

Guests also can choose to arrive early and/or partake during the banquet reception in a self-guided “Historic Walk” throughout the resort. Detailed information at the following: https://www.psychometricsociety.org/IMPS-2016-Historic-Walking-Tour

Your guest is also welcome to attend the banquet reception for an additional fee. Stop by the Society registration desk located in the Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor of the Renaissance Hotel to inquire at least 24-hours prior to the banquet event.
COACH SHUTTLE TO OMNI GROVE PARK INN FROM THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL

Buses will be loaded in the lobby area. A coordinator will be available on site to assist at both locations. The times noted below are approximate. Depending on traffic, road construction, weather and/or other related issues, shuttles will attempt to stay as close to this schedule as possible, but we please ask for your patience if there are unexpected delays. The Closing Banquet Reception is located in the Skyline and Mountainview Terrace. The banquet is from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shuttle transportation is available between 5:00 p.m.-10:15 p.m.

COACH #1
5:00 p.m. Coach #1 – Arrives at the Renaissance Hotel
5:30 p.m. Coach #1 – Departs for the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
5:45 p.m. Coach #1 – Arrives at the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:05 p.m. Coach #1 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
6:15 p.m. Coach #1 – Departs for the Omni Grove Park Inn (or when loaded)
6:30 p.m. Coach #1 – Arrives Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:50 p.m. Coach #1 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
7:10 p.m. Coach #1 – Departs with final shuttle before return shuttles begin
8:00 p.m. Coach #1 – Sammons Wing pick-up area.
Shuttle will be available to return to the Renaissance Hotel. (Departure shuttles will run every 15 minutes for return per itineraries of each coach. Final shuttle run will leave at 10:15 p.m. sharp. Guests are on their own after this time.)

COACH #2
5:00 p.m. Coach #2 – Arrives at the Renaissance Hotel
5:45 p.m. Coach #2 – Departs for the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:00 p.m. Coach #2 – Arrives at the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:20 p.m. Coach #2 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
6:40 p.m. Coach #2 – Departs for Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
7:00 p.m. Coach #2 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
7:30 p.m. Coach #2 – Loads & departs for Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
8:15 p.m. Coach #2 – Sammons Wing pick-up area.
Shuttle will be available to return to the Renaissance Hotel. (Departure shuttles will run every 15 minutes for return per itineraries of each coach. Final shuttle run will leave at 10:15 p.m. sharp. Guests are on their own after this time.)

COACH #3
5:30 p.m. Coach #3 – Arrives at the Renaissance Hotel
6:00 p.m. Coach #3 – Departs for the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:15 p.m. Coach #3 – Arrives at the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:35 p.m. Coach #3 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
6:45 p.m. Coach #3 – Departs for the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
7:00 p.m. Coach #3 – Arrives at the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
7:20 p.m. Coach #3 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel for final pick up
7:30 p.m. Coach #3 – Departs with final shuttle before return shuttles begin
8:30 p.m. Coach #3 – Sammons Wing pick-up area.
Shuttle will be available to return to the Renaissance Hotel. (Departure shuttles will run every 15 minutes for return per itineraries of each coach. Final shuttle run will leave at 10:15 p.m. sharp. Guests are on their own after this time.)

COACH #4
5:30 p.m. Coach #4 – Arrives at the Renaissance Hotel
6:10 p.m. Coach #4 – Departs for the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:25 p.m. Coach #4 – Arrives at the Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
6:45 p.m. Coach #4 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
6:50 p.m. Coach #4 – Departs for Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
7:05 p.m. Coach #4 – Arrives Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
7:20 p.m. Coach #4 – Returns to the Renaissance Hotel
7:40 p.m. Coach #4 – Departs for Omni Grove Park Inn: Sammons Wing
8:45 p.m. Coach #4 – Sammons Wing pick-up area.
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**IMPS 2016 Job Fair**

New this year: IMPS 2016 is holding a Job Fair at which graduate students can talk with employers about advertised positions. The Job Fair is open throughout the conference when the Registration Desk is open.

Graduate students who want to participate should send via email a two-page pdf of their vita, including contact information where they can be reached while at IMPS 2016. Or, they can drop off their vita at the IMPS Registration Desk on site. The information will be stored on file for only employers or their representatives to access.

IMPS 2016 sponsors may submit descriptions of employment opportunities at their respective companies, along with contact information. This information will be stored on file for graduate students to access.

To participate in the Job Fair, please email Ashley Alba: aalba@reesgroupinc.com.

Job Fair information also will be available at the IMPS 2016 Registration Desk located in the Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor at the Renaissance Hotel.

**Name Badge Policy**

Conference name badges are required for entrance to all conference events.

**Registration & Information Desk**

Conference Registration and information desk will be available in the Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor of the Renaissance Hotel throughout the Annual Meeting, July 12 to July 15. A representative from the National Office is available to offer assistance during the conference to answer questions, renew memberships, or assist those interested in joining the Psychometric Society. To join online go to: https://psychometricsociety.org/user/register.

**Hours of Operation:**

- **Monday, July 11**
  - 7:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. (07:45-09:45)
  - Short Course Workshops

- **Tuesday, July 12**
  - 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (07:00-17:00)

- **Wednesday, July 13**
  - 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (07:00-12:00)

- **Thursday, July 14**
  - 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (07:30-15:30)

- **Friday, July 15**
  - 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (07:30-15:30)

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**Information for Presenters**

**Copies**

If you plan to hand out paper copies during your presentation, you are responsible for copying and providing them at the conference. There are NO conference-sponsored copy machines for your use. Presenters are welcome to copy/print on site at the Renaissance Hotel. The first 20 copies are complimentary; each additional page (one-sided copies) is 20 cents per page. The front desk staff can assist with this request.

**Session Rooms**

All session rooms will be equipped with an LCD video projector, PC computer with DVD drive, USB hub, Internet connection, audio for the computer, a projection screen, wireless lavaliere microphone, mouse and slide advancer, laser pointer, and a podium with a microphone. A MAC computer is available on request at least 24 hours prior to a presenter’s scheduled lecture time. Please arrange this on site through the Society Registration Desk, as they will connect speakers with an audiovisual technician. Presenters are also welcome to bring their own laptop (and own connection cords) to connect with the session room LCD video projector. Each meeting room will provide one PC computer (with English keyboard) with the following software:

- **Windows 7:** Office 2010, IE 10, Firefox, Chrome, Acrobat Reader XI, iTunes11, QuickTime 7.7.5, VLC 2.0.6
- **Mac OS X 10.84:** Office 2011, Firefox, Chrome, Safari 6.0.5, iTunes 11, VLC 2.0.5

If you need assistance prior, during, and/or after a presentation, you may request assistance from the Society audiovisual technician team, who is on call to assist you. Contact an IMPS Session Room Volunteer and/or the Society Registration Desk will be able to connect you with a technician.

**Speaker and Presenter Testing and Practice Room**

Speakers may practice and/or test their presentations using the Speaker Practice Room and computer from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily on the 12th Floor of the Renaissance Hotel in the **Oakland Heights Room**. A PC will be available for speaker use to test and practice on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Poster Session**

Poster presenters may put up their posters on Tuesday, July 12, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and authors must stand with their poster from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Authors should remove their posters following the session by 8:30 p.m. Any posters not removed after the session will be kept at the conference Registration Desk until Friday, July 15, at 3:30 p.m., and then will be recycled by the Renaissance Hotel.
Complimentary Conference Meals & Receptions
Continental Breakfast will be offered daily at the Renaissance Hotel from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. The conference will also provide morning and afternoon beverage service during the session breaks. The local area has several downtown lunch location options to pick from and walk to; therefore, lunch will be on your own daily, except on Thursday, July 14, from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, join fellow attendees for a buffet luncheon during the Psychometric Society Trivial Pursuit event over the lunch hour. A list of Downtown Restaurants, Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. will feature hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar during the Welcome Poster Reception. Lastly, Friday evening is the Closing Banquet Reception, which will be located at the Omni Park Garden Inn and will feature an array of reception food, and a cash bar to enjoy with fellow attendees. See your conference schedule for specific times and locations.

Society Conference Message Board
The Conference Message Board is located near the Registration Desk at the Renaissance Hotel. Feel free to post job vacancies, messages for colleagues, announcements, and/or other items of interest.

Small Group Meeting Space
Meeting space with a small board table has been reserved for unexpected meetings of conference attendees. We encourage you to take advantage of having your colleagues in one place and the opportunity to meet face-to-face. The Society has reserved space at the Renaissance Hotel on the 12th Floor, Top of the Plaza meeting room. It will be available on Tuesday through Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up and use this space, stop by the Society Registration Desk to check availability.

Special Accommodations
If you require special accommodations and/or have special dietary needs during the conference, please visit the National Office staff located at the Registration Desk in the Grand Ballroom: Pre-Function Corridor of the Renaissance Hotel.

Conference Attire
Business casual attire is suggested for the conference but is not mandatory. We recommend bringing a sweater or jacket to the conference, which is kept quite cool inside the hotel. All sessions will be located in the Renaissance Hotel, but attendees may choose to leave during the lunch hour. It is recommended to bring comfortable walking shoes, an umbrella, and dress in layers.

Photography Disclosure
Portions of this event may be videotaped and photographed by the conference and/or the media. By attending this conference, you accept the possibility that you may be videotaped or photographed.

Internet Kiosk Computer Desk
One (1) complimentary Internet Kiosk computer desk will be located near the IMPS Registration Desk at the Renaissance Hotel. Attendees and/or their guests of the IMPS 2016 conference are welcome to use this computer for items such as checking email and flight information. (The use of this computer is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please limit your use to 10-15-minutes if other attendees are waiting.)

Thumb Drives containing the IMPS 2016 Program and Abstract Book
The Society has placed the IMPS 2016 program book and abstract book on several thumb drives for temporary use on site. Thumb drives for attendee use will be located at the Internet Kiosk Computer Desk and/or at the IMPS Registration Desk to download to your personal computer. (If you need additional assistance, please contact the Registration team located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer area of the Renaissance Hotel.)

IMPS 2016 Mobile APP
New this year, the Psychometric Society has a conference mobile app for IMPS 2016 Annual Meeting. Download the IMPS mobile app from the iTunes Store or Google Play—search for IMPS 2016. Plan to download the app before you travel to the meeting site. Please be aware of any additional data charges. Access the program, abstracts, and more! Don’t forget to register under the Activity Stream, and share your conference pictures during the week.

We sincerely hope you have a wonderful visit to Asheville, North Carolina. Thank you for joining us at IMPS 2016!
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