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2023 International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection Election Results



Incoming officers will take office at the end of the 10th Biennial International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection (ICIAR) in Sofia, Bulgaria. See page 3 for more information.

President-Elect



Farah Malik, PhD

Professor, Institute of Applied Psychology,

University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan.

Farah did her PhD in Psychology from Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan. She completed two postdoctoral research trainings, one of which was at the Rohner Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, US. She has been affiliated with the Rohner Center since 1996. Farah served as ISIPAR's Regional Representative for South Asia from 2014 through 2018. She organized an International Conference of Applied Psychology (ICAP-2019) where IPARTheory researchers delivered keynote addresses. Her research interests include clinical psychology, family violence, child abuse and neglect, cognitive and forensic psychology, and parental and teachers' acceptance rejection. Farah has worked on many internationally collaborative projects on IPARTheory and has over 100 publications.

Regional Representative for North Africa and the Middle East



Nour Zaki, PhD

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology,
American University in Cairo.**

Nour's research focuses on lifespan human development, specifically the effects of childhood attachment on adult development. She is particularly interested in perinatal psychology, maternal mental health, and how mother's childhood memories of interpersonal acceptance and rejection may affect her transition to motherhood.

Nour is a registered facilitator of the Circle of Security Parenting program (COSP) from Circle of Security International and Bringing Baby Home Program (BBH) from the Gottman Institute. She is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH). She is also a participating research member of the Rohner Center at the University of Connecticut.

Regional Representative for South America



Tatiana Melendez-Rhodes, PhD

Associate Professor, Counselor Education and Family Therapy

Central Connecticut State University, CT, USA.

American University in Cairo.

Tatiana is a tenured Associate Professor and the Program Coordinator of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

She is also a licensed marriage and family therapist in Connecticut, a Clinical Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, and a former Fulbright Scholar.

She received her masters and doctoral degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Connecticut. She has collaborated in projects related to issues of acceptance-rejection and has presented in international conferences on interpersonal acceptance and rejection (ICIAR).



SAVE THE DATE!



10th International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection



Sofia, Bulgaria, June, 26-29, 2024



Welcome in 2024 to Sofia, Bulgaria for the 10th ICIAR!



Congress website:

<https://www.iciar2024.com/>

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Credits: Andrey Andreev,
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Congress venue:

New Bulgarian University,
Sofia, Bulgaria



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We hope to see you at ICIAR 2024! Submit your abstracts for posters, presentations, roundtables, and symposia on the ICIAR website. Also see the website for guidelines about abstracts and presentations.



www.iciar2024.com



NATIONAL HUGGING DAY – January 21st

Falling

Lena Hellblom Sjogren, PhD



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The shadows in me
The dawn frightens me
You are gone

I don't know where
Only that I — they say —
had chosen not to see you

I fall
No one fetches me

Why shall

I who has been protected from you
fall
fall
fall

Credit: Google image

Falling

Lena Hellblom Sjogren, PhD

**Is that
aching in me
Loss**

**without words
memories I know I had
are also gone**

who took them

**Suddenly I see
a light
get hope
when the question
asked was:**

do you not remember

**anything that was good with
the parent you did not meet**

**I dare release
the memory of your sausage hat
sandwiches
and of your goodnight hug
now I decide myself
that I am
allowed to remember**

**the roads on land and water
begin to have contours
maybe also I once can be whole**

Credit: Lena Hellblom Sjogren, PhD
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Lena is a licensed psychologist in Sweden who specializes in investigative forensic psychology, especially in complicated custody and sexual abuse cases and parental alienation. She works a great deal with the courts in Sweden, but also in Norway and occasionally in other countries. In her spare time she enjoys writing poems, especially about disturbed parent-child relationships.

