

**The Graduate Student Council of the American Philosophical Association invites proposals for
Finding Our Way: Graduate Student Mental Health and Well-Being in Times of Crisis
at the 2022 Central Division Meeting of the APA in Chicago, IL, Feb. 23-26, 2022**

This session aims to facilitate productive and inclusive conversations on a range of topics related to graduate student mental health and well-being, with a focus on graduate student support during times of personal, political, medical, academic, social, global crisis. This workshop will offer a space for honest engagement, reflection, collaboration, brainstorming, community building, and strategizing.

Possible topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Teaching and learning difficult and emotionally heavy subject matters
- Developing, cultivating, receiving, and providing mentorship and support during graduate school
- Coping with personal, professional, and collective crises while in graduate school
- Mental health and the job market (including non-academic career trajectories)
- Intersectional approaches to mental health and well-being during graduate school
- Philosophy's role in times of crisis
- Navigating professional relationships during COVID-19 and other crises
- Trauma informed teaching and learning
- Philosophical scholarship on mental health and wellness
- The relationship between academic cultural norms and mental health (particularly as concerns first-generation, low-income, international, BIPOC, and historically marginalized scholars)
- Writing and researching during times of distress and/or when facing a job market precarity
- Balancing academic work and life
- Graduate student parenting and care work during the pandemic and other crises

Submissions: Anonymized proposals of no more than 500 words should be sent to

APAGSCcentral@gmail.com by August 1st. Please include your name, presentation title, institutional affiliation, and career stage or status, and a brief explanation of what you will share as your plan for the presentation of that material. We encourage submissions from philosophers at various career stages including graduate students, post docs, junior scholars, and faculty and from philosophers working outside academia.

Format: Graduate Student Council sessions encourage interactive presentation styles. Submissions can be for "traditional" presentations of up to 15 minutes followed by Q&A or for participatory presentations of up to 30 minutes. Proposals should indicate how audience members will participate in the session. Proposals that include learning or reflection activities for participants are highly encouraged. Sessions typically consist of three or four presenters.

The Graduate Student Council of the APA

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