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Jean Piaget Society's 50th Annual Meeting: June 1-5, 2021

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The 50th Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, June 1-5



The 50th meeting of Jean Piaget Society (JPS) will be a virtual event! June 1st will commence with a historical exploration of the people and ideas that shaped the society over the past 50 years, in particular highlighting the contributions of Jeannette Gallagher to the field and JPS. The first day will also highlight the recipients of two new awards offered by JPS, our members' meeting, and our Emerging Scholars Roundtables where ES will get to discuss ideas and challenges in the field with many of those who formed the foundation of the society.

After the first day, JPS will start each subsequent day of the conference with a plenary address. The invited plenary speakers include Cintía Rodriguez, who will be discussing "Object Pragmatics" (specifically "the origin and development of executive functions in everyday situations from the end of the first year of life"), with a "focus…on analyzing what challenges the children give to themselves, how they solve them and their semiotic complexity." Susan Goldin-Meadow will discuss her work with language and gesture and will help us understand the answer to the question, "Imagine a child who has never seen or heard any language at all. Would such a child be able to invent a language on her own?" Tania Zittoun will present the epistemological assumptions of sociocultural psychology of the lifecourse, as well as some of its theoretical propositions, and Melanie Killen will present prescient research rooted in Piaget's *The Moral Judgement of the Child*. As Killen describes, "The research described in Piaget's book set the stage for multiple lines of research which has persisted over the decades in a number of compelling areas including children's theory of mind, mental state knowledge, cooperation and collaboration, group norms, conceptions of authority and rights, and developmental social cognition. These aspects of the child's knowledge and experience, in conjunction with related findings in the areas of ethnic and racial identity, social norms, critical consciousness, and civic engagement have generated exciting new lines of research which will form the focus of my presentation."

Along with their plenary speakers, JPS has an exciting invited program that includes, but is not limited to, Eleanor Duckworth, Nancy Budwig, David Kritt, Larry Nucci, Jed Allen, Susan Rivera, Marc Ratcliff, and Anne-Nelly Perret-Clermont. There will be several paper, symposium, poster, and discussion sessions throughout the five days!

JPS will be utilizing the online platform Whova to host this virtual conference. This platform will be familiar to a few of you who have attended conferences during these virtual times. For those of you unfamiliar with the platform, JPS will be sending along an easy to follow "how-to" guide when you register for the conference. Whova promises to be fun with options for informal virtual get-togethers, messaging, in app presentation viewing and more! Some other things of note about the virtual setting:

- The first day is live in its entirety
- Invited Plenaries and Symposia sessions will all be held live, with live question and answer periods following
- Discussions, non-invited Symposia, Papers, and Posters will be offered as pre-recorded presentations posted on Whova 2 weeks prior to the conference. These presentations should be viewed prior to attending the live question and answer period held during the conference.
- JPS will have a lot of support for you to manage through the processes of uploading, presenting and navigating your way through the virtual world we created on Whova, so don't panic!

Register for the conference today, it is only $50 USD for regular members, $25 USD for student members and reduced rate members!

More about the conference