

The Association for the Study of Play



CALL FOR PAPERS

2018 International Conference of

The Association for the Study of Play (TASP)

February 28–March 3, 2018

[Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront](#)

2605 North A1A Highway

Melbourne, Florida 32903 USA

Theme: Fulfilling the Promise of Play

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: November 20, 2018

Call for Presentation Proposal

The goal of the 44th Annual TASP International Conference is to nourish the spirit of play and playfulness. The hope of the planning committee is that the 2018 theme, “*Fulfilling the Promise of Play*”, will serve as a guide for us to explore the meaning and power of fulfilling the promise, nourishing the spirit, and discovering new ways of enhancing our practice. As a diverse group of play researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and advocates, we come together to examine the many and varied forms of play from different perspectives, and within different

species. What does fulfilling the promise of play mean to you? Do you have research, innovations, or ideas, you would like to present?

We are especially interested in extending the reach of TASP to emerging fields and arenas of practice that may be enriched by our experiences at the 2018 annual meeting. We welcome both those who are new to play and those who have made it their life's work.

Our Keynote speaker is Peter Gray, Ph.D., research professor at Boston College who has conducted and published research in comparative, evolutionary, developmental, and educational psychology. His current research and writing focus primarily on children's natural ways of learning and the life long value of play. Peter will share his thoughts about the "promise of play" along with references to his newest book, *Free to Learn: Why Unleashing the Instinct of Play Will Make Our Children Happier, More Self-Reliant, and Better Students for Life*.

Proposals are being encouraged from all professions, endeavors, and academic disciplines related to play research, policy, practice and advocacy.

Submissions from undergraduate researchers and graduate students are encouraged. Students and international scholars may also apply for a TASP travel grant to defray some of their expenses (link on TASP website). All proposals will go through a peer-review process. Below is a brief description of the possible formats that sessions may take:

Individual Research Paper- These sessions present results of original research and will be arranged by the program committee around research themes and comprised of 3-4 related papers within one session.

Organized Session- A group of papers from presenters that are submitted together and organized around a common theme with a chair and an optional discussant.

Workshop/Performance- These interactive or performance based sessions will focus on current issues in play research, practice and/or advocacy.

Report Roundtable- These sessions will include formal presentations of student research, research in progress, pilot studies, and play-oriented programs. Presenters will discuss their research/practice/endeavor with small groups of interested participants.

Poster- Participants wishing to share their work in a visual medium may submit posters presenting new research and scholarly work. The sessions will provide an opportunity for presenters to discuss their work informally with interested participants.

To submit a proposal please complete the [2018 Proposal Form](#). You will need to have:

- contact information of all the presenters
- title of proposal
- presentation abstract of 200 words or less
- program description of 50 words or less
- bios for all presenters
- audio-visual needs
- preferred day of presentation

Please note that all presenters will be required to register for the conference.

If you have any questions or are having trouble submitting your proposal please contact:

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Hotel Reservations

A limited block of rooms are reserved for TASP at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront. We suggest you make your reservation early. The TASP group code for discount rate is ASP. Guests can call 877-701-9252 or use website below to make reservations.
www.cpmelbourne.com *A Free Hotel Shuttle is provided from the Melbourne International Airport.*