NEW at the MPSA conference this year

Standing Panels
What is a Standing Panel?

The **Standing Panel** is the newest addition to MPSA’s research session lineup.

It is a thematic 90-minute presentation panel with up to eight separate papers on a field topic or theme.
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1. **Chair Role:**

   Each **Standing Panel** will have one Chair Role assigned to it. The Chair introduces the panel, each author, and the discussant(s).

   They will also manage the time for each presentation and ensure that the discussion is polite and productive.
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2. **Discussant Role:**

Each Standing Panel will have one or two discussants assigned to the session. The panel discussants should receive the panel paper(s) in advance.

They will walk through their assigned standing panel session, asking questions, providing feedback, and making suggestions.

Discussants are encouraged to nominate outstanding research awards to the MPSA office at [www.mpsanet.org/awards](http://www.mpsanet.org/awards)
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3. Author Role:
The author(s) presents an abbreviated version of his or her paper. Each Standing Panel may have between 6 and 8 papers. Each paper may have several authors.
What do I do before that conference?

Please upload your Research Paper and PowerPoint presentation to the MPSA website for the discussants to review prior to the conference.

MPSA will email upload instructions to conference participants when the system is available in mid-March.
How long should my presentation be?

Each Standing Panel session is 90 minutes long. There will be a number of papers presented on each panel. Plan for your presentation to be between 6 and 8 minutes.

After you present your research, please remain in your Standing Panel session for the entire panel session as there will be Q&A after all posters have been presented.
How do I find out where I’m presenting?

The standing panels will take place in the **Exhibit Hall** in one of three alcoves. Your panel session will assigned to either **Alcove A, Alcove B or Alcove C** in the Exhibit Hall.

The printed program will tell you exactly where the Standing Panel Alcoves are located within the exhibit hall.
What is the Standing Panel session technical setup?

In the interest of time, each Standing Panel session area will be set up two monitors and two laptops.

Authors from paper 1 will present there paper on Monitor 1.

Authors from paper 2 will que up there paper on Monitor 2.

Each paper will be assigned a monitor in the conference program.
What is the standing panel session technical setup?

In addition to the two monitors set up for presenting, each Standing Panel session will have a presentation remote for each laptop. They will also have two voice amplifiers. The voice amplifier is optional, and is best used only when the presenter is difficult to hear.
What format should I present in?

You will present your Standing Panel research as a PowerPoint (.ppt or pptx) presentation.

Make sure the slide size is widescreen (16:9) for viewing. Widescreen is located in the Design tab under Customize and slide size.
What do I bring to the conference?

Please bring your standing panel PowerPoint and research paper to the conference on two separate removable USB flash drives.

One drive will serve as a backup drive.

You flash drive should be formatted for a Windows based PC, **not iOS**.
What format should I present in?

The presentations will be presented on a 60-inch Monitor.

Please design your presentation fonts, graphics, and text size accordingly.
10 Presentation Design Tips

1. Keep it Simple
2. Limit bullet points & text
3. Limit transitions & builds (animation)
4. Use high-quality graphics
5. Do not link to any resources that require an internet connection as wireless service is not guaranteed
6. Have a visual theme
7. Use appropriate charts
8. Use color well (a dark font on a light background is easy to read from a distance)
9. **Practice your timing** so you stay within your time limit
10. Limit your PowerPoint to 10 slides or fewer
Questions?

Staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist with any technical questions or issues you may encounter.

If you have any additional questions prior to the conference, please contact conf@mpsanet.org