Exciting Ideas and Resources for Teaching Psychology! Plus, professional development, mentoring and more!

Resources:

STP offers peer-reviewed, evidence-based teaching and advising resources. Instructors share classroom activities, lab manuals, interactive assignments, writing assignments, advising aids, textbook compendiums, open educational resources, annotated bibliographies, film guides, curricular suggestions, and much more.

The Teaching of Psychology Idea Exchange (ToPIX) is a repository of teaching resources. Use it to share videos, websites, assignments and other teaching-related materials.

STP publishes many free E-books on a wide range of teaching and career issues, such as evaluation, the training of graduate students, student engagement, and undergraduate research, as well as essays from exemplary psychology teachers. Find them on our website and iTunes.

Need help designing a syllabus? Project Syllabus provides over 300 top-notch peer-reviewed syllabi in nearly 40 categories. Or use our guidelines and rubric to prepare your own exemplary syllabus!

The Psychology in Communities Wiki helps psychology instructors learn to communicate effectively with the media, organizations, and the general public. It provides training modules, prepared presentations, and advice.

STP Book Notes features reviews of new and interesting books about teaching written by members and others.

STP’s journal, Teaching of Psychology (ToP), brings you new ideas to help you spice up courses you’ve taught before, get started with a new class, and facilitate your students’ educational outcomes. STP members receive online access to ToP articles.

Today in the History of Psychology is an online compilation of key events and people in psychology with over 3000 entries. The wiki format allows for cross-referencing and links to other online content, making it an excellent tool for history of psychology projects and assignments.

E-xcellence in Teaching publishes invited essays. Brief, thought-provoking, and insightful, they address teaching at all levels, presenting innovative ideas and advice on the teaching of psychology.

The Professional Development Mentoring Service provides one-to-one advising to improve participants’ performance and enhance their careers.

Departmental Consulting Service, a joint service of the APA Education Directorate and STP, recommends qualified consultants to assist psychology departments with academic program reviews, curriculum revisions, program renewal, grant writing, professional development, research facilities design, assessment, and other needs.

STP maintains two discussion lists: DIV2PSYCHTEACHER for psychology teachers at all levels, and DIV2GSTA for graduate students.

Join STP’s community at teachpsych.org/join

Teachers/Staff: $25/year  Students/Retirees: $15/year
Membership:

The Early Career Psychologists Committee gives new faculty members a community that can assist with professional development. The ECP focuses on education, training and networking, and represents ECP interests in STP matters. They also help ECPs connect with other divisions in APA.

The Graduate Student Teaching Association (GSTA) offers excellent resources, including the GSTA Blog, for graduate students entering the professoriate, and provides a community of teaching-focused colleagues.

Conferences:

The Annual Conference on Teaching convenes college and secondary educators for two days of keynotes, symposia, posters, and demonstrations on effective teaching and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Workshop, offers step-by-step help to ready a research idea for manuscript submission.

STP provides programming throughout the APA annual convention: symposia, skill-building sessions, conversation hours, posters, collaborative and cross-divisional sessions; and hosts a presidential address and social hour.

STP sponsors a preconference Teaching Institute at the APS annual convention and invited speakers during the convention.

STP sponsors a workshop at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology.

The International Twitter Poster Conference promotes the exchange of ideas in different area of teaching of psychology, and awards prizes to the posters which stimulate wide interest.

STP offers Teaching Preconferences at SPSP and SRCD, featuring invited addresses, presentations, and discussions aimed at sharing innovative teaching activities.

STP supports programming focused on the teaching of psychology at the regional psychology conferences, and to international conferences. STP usually sponsors one international conference a year, such as the APS International Conference on Psychological Science (ICPS).

The G. Stanley Hall/Harry Kirke Wolfe program honors outstanding teachers of psychology. Recipients present at the APA annual convention and speak at a major regional teaching conference.

News and Blogs:

Our newsletter STP NEWS informs members about new resources, upcoming conferences, grants, awards, and opportunities to get involved.

Our blog, This is How I Teach, provides a peek inside members’ classrooms. What’s their favorite activity, assignment, and tech tool?

The STP Job Postings Forum, lists job postings related to the teaching of psychology.

Diversity Matters provides information and advice about diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in the teaching of psychology.

Awards and Grants:

STP gives away thousands of dollars each year in awards and grants. Members can apply for funds to develop teaching-related resources, bring in speakers, travel to conferences, and do SoTL research. We also present awards for outstanding psychology teaching; mentoring of teachers; civic engagement; and promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion.