

Learning and Memory the Focus of Presidential Symposium at 25th APS Annual Convention

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APS President Joseph E. Steinmetz

How we learn and remember everything from simple behaviors to complex information has been a major topic of research for psychological scientists for well over a century. At the [25th APS Annual Convention](#), the [Presidential Symposium](#), to be chaired by APS President **Joseph E. Steinmetz**, will feature four distinguished psychological scientists who will present how learning and memory is studied from different perspectives and different levels of analyses.

Ted Abel, director of the Biological Basis of Behavior Program at the University of Pennsylvania, will provide a summary of his work on cellular/molecular mechanisms of long-term memory storage.

Michael Fanselow, a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, will speak about how fear is learned and how fear memories are stored in the brain. **Elizabeth Phelps**, Silver Professor of Psychology and Neural Science at New York University, will present her work on using a multi-pronged cognitive neuroscience approach to explore the neural systems involved in human learning and memory and their relation to emotion. **Elizabeth Loftus**, Distinguished Professor of social ecology and professor of law and cognitive science at the University of California, Irvine, will present her work on human memory and how memories can be modified by facts, ideas, suggestions, and other post-event information.