Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology

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The Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology (SMEP) was founded in 1960 to encourage the development of psychological theory and knowledge in the context of multivariate designs, multivariate statistical analysis, and multivariate quantitative methodology. Its members include specialists in statistics, psychometrics, and methodology as well as psychological researchers of personality, development, cognition, organizations, education, and social psychology who incorporate multivariate systems into their theories and experiments.

APS routinely holds several workshops during its annual convention, many of them methodological in nature. These workshops are typically 2 to 4 hours long, and are led by well-known experts in the field. Consistent with the outreach mission of the society, SMEP has made an ongoing commitment to provide funding to cover expenses for workshop instructors at the APS conventions. APS workshops appeal to a wide variety of psychologists interested in advancing their knowledge of multivariate techniques. Providing funding to defray instructor expenses associated with methodology workshops at APS will promote the application of multivariate methods and make training available to members of the psychological community, particularly those at colleges and universities without advanced quantitative training.

At the most recent convention, SMEP co-sponsored two outstanding workshops: Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling (led by Gregory R. Hancock, University of Maryland) and Data Processing and Workflow Strategies for Functional Imaging of the Human Brain With fMRI (led by John D. Van Horn, the University of California, Los Angeles).

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