

What to Expect: Definitely a warm in-person welcome from Tina Moffat, Tracy Prowse and Megan Brickley in Hamilton and virtual greetings from Matt Tocheri who is leading the CAPA 2021 virtual elements. Below we set out basic details and information on our plans so far.

**The In-Person Event:** Held at the Sheraton Hamilton (all virtual events will also be scheduled in the program)

**Health and Safety** – We will follow all Ontario Public Health guidelines to ensure the safety of in-person conference attendees. Right now, we anticipate that we will be able to meet in October with no physical distancing requirements, but masks still may be required. We will keep in-person attendees informed of any updates/changes to the recommendations.

**Welcome reception** - With linked virtual reception so while at the in-person reception at the Sheraton you can interact with colleagues via Gather.

**In-Person Posters** - Significant dedicated time in a session planned to coincide with refreshments, we guarantee you will have time to put liquid in, let it out, and answer questions at your poster. Presenters will have the opportunity to upload a copy of their poster to Gather so it is available throughout the conference and can be seen by those attending virtually.

**Social Space** - In addition to the in-person time/space, Gather social space will be available during the poster sessions and other breaks at the conference.

**In-Person Podium Presentations** - With your input we hope to maintain the high standard and collegial atmosphere of traditional CAPA conferences. Presentations will be recorded so they can be uploaded to Gather at some point. Podium slots will be limited so you may be asked to present a poster.

**Student Presenters** – If your paper is accepted for an **in-person** podium or poster presentation, your registration fee will be covered by CAPA. This will replace the travel reimbursement for student presenters.

**Conference Dinner** – We have booked the Art Gallery of Hamilton for our Friday evening banquet, which includes access to the gallery spaces and a beautiful outdoor area (weather permitting). CAPA Trivia 2021 will take place after dinner, so pick your table companions wisely! Fun! Laughter! Prizes!

**Other in person social events** are in the planning stage, but you can rely on us to get together the best possible package.

**The Virtual Event:** Held in your home or on your electronic device while in Hamilton

**Graduate Student/Special Member Training event** - Professional Development & Applied Anthropology Showcase (organized by Prime Earth) held prior to the start of the conference with real time presentations.

**Welcome reception** - Gather social space arranged to overlap with the in-person event so you can meet up with colleagues in the Ballroom South/West at the Sheraton and those at other locations in Hamilton and globally.

**Virtual social space** - Gather social space will be available during the poster sessions and other breaks at the conference.

**Virtual Posters** - Upload your poster to Gather and then take part in a dedicated Q&A session for the poster session you were allocated to (via Zoom). We aim to time these sessions so those at the in-person events can attend without missing too much.

**Podium Presentations** – limited space/resources are available for this format, but in the event there is demand we hope to be able to accommodate some virtual podium presentations (via Zoom). Slots will be limited and you may be asked to present a poster, but with the dedicated Q&A panel discussions we aim to make these a great experience.

Please bear with us as we navigate the complexities of planning our first hybrid CAPA conference; the pandemic has caused all manner of disruption and prices have increased markedly (we have tried to keep prices for students/special members as low as possible). CAPA relies on room bookings at the conference hotel to ensure that we not charged extra fees for the un-sold block booked guest rooms. Support CAPA and book a room early (i.e., before the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline)!

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**Do ensure you obtain insurance and/or book flexible travel arrangements.**