

# THE SCIENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS



**April 2-7, 2018**

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson

**'The Science of Consciousness' Conference – April 2-7, 2018  
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort – Tucson, Arizona**

**Call for Abstracts, Pre-Registration and Workshop Proposals**

The Science of Consciousness ('TSC') is an interdisciplinary conference emphasizing broad and rigorous approaches to all aspects of the study and understanding of conscious awareness. Topical areas include neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, biology, quantum physics, meditation, altered states, machine consciousness, the nature of reality, culture and experiential phenomenology.

Held annually since 1994, the conference is hosted by the Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona, and alternates yearly between Tucson, Arizona and various locations around the world. Information and video from the 2017 TSC conference in San Diego may be found at these sites

<http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu>

<http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu/2017tscVideosPlenarySessions.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/consciouspictures>

**The next 'TSC', The Science of Consciousness, will be April 2-7, 2018 in Tucson Arizona**

**2018 Conference Themes**

Are We Living in a Matrix-like Simulation?  
Artificial Intelligence/Machine Consciousness  
Consciousness, Pain and Addiction  
Gene Editing and Consciousness  
Binding, Integration and Synthesis of Consciousness  
Brain Mapping and the Connectome  
Anterior and Posterior Cortex: What's 'Hot' and What's Not?  
Anesthetic and Psychoactive Drugs  
Language and Consciousness  
Non-Invasive Brain Modulation  
Origin and Evolution of Life and Consciousness  
Panpsychism, Idealism and Spacetime Geometry  
Quantum Brain Biology  
Time, Free Will and Consciousness

**Plenary Speaker list will be announced soon**

**Program Outline**

**Pre-Con Workshops:**

Monday April 2 (9:00-1:00) and (2:00-6:00) and Tuesday April 3 (morning only)

**East West Forum:** Monday full day (9:00-5:00)

**Conference Opening:** Plenary 1 – Tuesday April 3 (1:45 pm)

**Opening Reception:** Tuesday April 3 (6:30pm)

**Plenary Sessions:** Tuesday April 3 through Saturday April 7

**Poster Exhibits:** Wednesday April 4 and Friday April 6 – with evening receptions

**Concurrent Sessions:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday April 3,4,6 (5:00-7:25 pm)

**Optional Dinner:** Thursday April 5 (6:30-10:00)

**Poetry Slam/Talent Show/Zombie Blues:** Friday April 6 (10:00-midnight)

**End of Consciousness Party:** Saturday April 7 (8:00-xxx)

**Sponsors**

The Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson  
The Center for Consciousness Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**TSC 2018 Program Committee**

Chair: Stuart Hameroff, Co-Chairs: Tom Bever, George Mashour  
John JB Allen, Harald Atmanspacher, Abi Behar-Montefiore, Betsy Bigbee, Alvin Clark,  
Eve Isham, Mary Peterson, James Tagg, Erik Viirre, Nancy Woolf, Jay Sanguinetti, Paavo  
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**TSC2018 LINKS**

**REGISTRATION – Now Open**

- **Online Abstract Submission system, Registration Payment**

<https://eagle.sbs.arizona.edu/sc/>

**WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

- **Pre-Con Workshop Proposals - please email: [center@email.arizona.edu](mailto:center@email.arizona.edu)**

**VENUE**

- **Loews Ventana Canyon Hotel Link - Hotel Link Now OPEN (Special rate for conference registrants only; Early rate \$109 / night, based on availability, before February 17) [https://www.loewshotels.com/ventana-canyon/the-science-of-consciousness-2018?\\_=1489426840432](https://www.loewshotels.com/ventana-canyon/the-science-of-consciousness-2018?_=1489426840432)**

**Deadlines**

October 15 - **Pre-Con Workshop Proposals Deadline**  
October 30 - Pre-Con Workshop Notifications  
December 1 - **General Conference Abstracts Deadline**  
November 1 - December 15 - General Conference Abstract Notifications  
December 1 - Early Registration Deadline  
February 15 - Final Program and Abstract Revisions

**Registration Fees**

Standard	\$550
Students	\$450
Seniors/Alumni/Spouse	\$450
Workshops	\$50-\$75 (will post by November 15)
Thurs. Dinner	\$60 - live music

**Registration Includes:**

Tuesday Welcome Reception

Wednesday and Friday Lite Poster / Evening Club Receptions

Saturday Closing party dinner

**Thursday afternoon – free time**

The Hotel offers free shuttles to:

Sabino Canyon - [www.sabinocanyon.com](http://www.sabinocanyon.com)

Additional activities will be announced.

**Thursday Dinner – optional**

7:00-10 pm

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