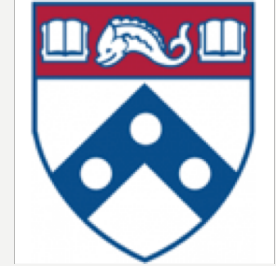


# **WELCOME PLMW@POPL 2019**

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**HOW TO POPL**

# POPL BY THE NUMBERS



3 days of main conference



2 keynotes

Automatic bug finding and fixing [Mark Harmon]  
Mechanized PL metatheory [Brigitte Pientka]



77 POPL papers (6 Distinguished Papers)



3 TOPLAS papers



610 attendees (and counting)



10 associated events over 7 days

**INFORMATION  
OVERLOAD?!?**



Don't spend all day in sessions

Rough target: 30-50% of your day



Choose which talks to attend

Skim papers in advance  
Pay attention and take notes



The "Hallway Track" is often the best

You never know who you will run into



It's ok to take breaks

Spend time outside the conference hotel

# HOW TO MINIMIZE OVERLOAD

**BEING NEW  
IS TOUGH!**



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## **SOCIAL EVENTS EVERY EVENING**

- Tuesday (today) 17:30-18:30
- Wednesday 17:00-19:30  
[SRC reception, MSR sponsored]
- Thursday 18:15-19:15  
[Facebook sponsored]
- Friday 17:45-18:45



# STRATEGIES FOR NETWORKING



Make a goal to meet new people every day



Identify people you would like to meet



Develop a set of get-to-know-you questions



Practice describing your own interests



Don't interrupt!



Don't spend all day with people you already know!

# SOCIAL MEDIA



Slack channel

<https://popl2019.slack.com>



#popl2019 on twitter



<https://sli.do> #POPL2019 for  
questions during talks

# FINAL WORDS

Don't be surprised if  
you feel  
overwhelmed!

- Technical material is new to everyone
- You don't know many people (yet!)

PLMW is here to  
help

- Overview of technical themes
- Opportunity to meet luminaries
- Opportunity to meet peers