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?!?!
**HOW TO MINIMIZE OVERLOAD**

1. **Don't spend all day in sessions**
   - Rough target: 30-50% of your day

2. **Choose which talks to attend**
   - Skim papers in advance
   - Pay attention and take notes

3. **The "Hallway Track" is often the best**
   - You never know who you will run into

4. **It's ok to take breaks**
   - Spend time outside the conference hotel
BEING NEW IS TOUGH!
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**

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<td>• Technical material is new to everyone</td>
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