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Submission Deadline: 11:59pm PDT on Monday, April 30, 2007

Submission Instructions

The conference will focus on original research that has implications for practice or policy. Research abstracts are encouraged in all substantive areas, using scientifically sound qualitative and/or quantitative methodology. The research may take place in any country and at the micro, macro, or policy level. You are invited to submit abstracts for presentations of one of three types of original research: (1) **Oral paper** presentation; (2) **Symposium** (organized by the applicant) of three or more papers on the same topic to be presented in the same session; (3) **Poster** presentation; If applying for a paper or poster presentation, please submit an abstract of 500 words or less.

If applying for a symposium, please submit an abstract (500 words or less) for each symposium paper, along with an overall abstract (500 words or less) for the symposium session that describes the symposium theme and its importance. Preference will be given to symposia that demonstrate cohesiveness across presentations. Symposia will be accepted or rejected in total, i.e., abstracts will not be accepted independently.

Abstracts should be submitted in a structured format and include the following:

Background and Purpose: description of the problem, study objectives, research question(s) and/or hypothesis (es).

Methods: study design, including a description of participants and sampling methods, data collection procedures, measures, and appropriate analytic/statistical approach.

Results: specific results in summary form.

Conclusions and Implications: description of the main outcome(s) of the study and implications for practice, policy, or further research.

Note: Image(s) and table(s) are not permitted.

Please see the following links for examples of three (3) model abstracts. These examples are included to provide guidance to authors; however, there may be instances in which another format is preferable.

- [Example Oral Paper 1](#)
- [Example Oral Paper 2](#)
- [Example Oral Paper 3](#)

Standardized criteria will be used to evaluate abstract submissions. These criteria include innovation and relevance, approach/methodology, and contribution to social work practice, policy, or further research. Please see "[Abstract Ratings](#)" for Reviewer Rating Form for Oral papers, Symposia, and Posters.

Only abstracts reporting completed findings will be reviewed. We urge that studies with "findings pending" be submitted for future review after the study is complete.

The conference will also include **workshop** and **roundtable** sessions which will serve a continuing education function to help participants keep up to date with recent advances in methodology and other matters. Roundtables are designed to address issues of fundamental importance and should encourage a lively exchange of different points of view. Abstracts for these sessions should be no more than 500 words and include a description of the content and how it will be covered (pedagogical techniques for workshop, tentative list of roundtable discussants, etc). Note: **Image(s) and table(s) are not permitted in the abstract.**

Please see the following links for examples of two (2) model abstracts. These examples are included to provide guidance to authors; however, there may be instances in which another format is preferable.

- [Example Roundtable](#)
- [Example Workshop](#)

Standardized criteria including relevance of topic and implications for social work research and practice will be used to evaluate abstracts for workshops and roundtables. Please see "[Session Ratings](#)" for Reviewer Rating Form for Workshops and Roundtables.

Review Process and Criteria: All abstracts are subject to anonymous peer review by at least three reviewers. Please remove any references to a specific institution or names of authors in the body of the abstract. By submitting an abstract proposal, the author(s) agree that, if accepted, the paper will be presented at the time it is scheduled.

Abstracts exceeding 500 words (including references) will be returned without review. To encourage wide participation at the conference, there is a limit of three (3) first-authored abstract submissions per person. This limit, which applies to all presentation formats, does not apply to other levels of authorship.

Please submit your abstract one of the following five ways. Simply click on the link to begin the submission process for that format.

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