

2014

Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology Conference

Building Bridges within the World of Counseling Psychology and Beyond its Borders to Connect Diverse People, Communities, and Concerns: Benefits of Social Justice to All

April 11th and 12th, 2014
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, Ohio

It is with much excitement that we announce the 27th Annual Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology Conference, co-sponsored by SAS. The Counseling Psychology Program at Cleveland State University is honored to host this wonderful event, which will take place on April 11th and 12th 2014. The theme for this year's conference is *Building Bridges within the World of Counseling Psychology and Beyond its Borders to Connect Diverse People, Communities, and Concerns: Benefits of Social Justice to All*.

The Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology conference has played a unique role in the history of counseling psychology. Through the commendable initiatives proposed by Jim Hurst, Division 17 President-Elect in 1987, the Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology Conference commenced and it remains the only continuing regional conference in the nation.

Cleveland State University will be the tenth university to host The Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology Conference since its beginning in 1988. Over almost three decades, many students have enjoyed the benefits obtained through presentations, networking, and receiving invaluable mentorship at the conference. As such, The Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology Conference continues to uphold one of the main pillars of regional conferences, which entails the socialization and mentorship of students into the profession. In addition, the Great Lakes Regional Counseling Psychology Conference offers a safe and friendly space where current local, state and Midwest regional issues affecting the field can be openly discussed.

Submission deadline is January 21st, 2014.

The call for proposals includes three types of program formats: (1) symposia, (2) poster presentations, and (3) roundtable discussions. Although proposals related to this year's conference theme are encouraged, proposals that are related to other issues within counseling psychology are also welcome.

Formats

- **Symposia (50 minute sessions):** A symposium typically has several presenters speaking on a general theme. Individual presentations can be based on empirical research or theoretical work. Typically, symposia begin with a brief introduction by a chair, which is subsequently followed by multiple presentations related to the common topic. The conclusion of the symposium often involves closing remarks by a discussant or a brief dialogue between the participants and the audience.
- **Poster Sessions (50 minutes):** Posters should give an overall description of completed research or research in progress. Posters should highlight key information related to the rationale, method, analysis, results, and discussion. Poster sessions offer an ideal format for presenters to receive feedback on their research ideas.
- **Roundtable Discussions (50 minutes):** Roundtable discussions serve as a wonderful opportunity for facilitators and participants to dialogue about a particular area of interest. A roundtable discussion session allows for more discussion than is typical in other conference formats.

Instructions for Submission

1. Proposals are to be submitted online at <http://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/greatlakes>
2. There is a limit of two submissions per person.
3. As proposals will be blind reviewed, please refrain from including any identifying information in your abstract.
4. Provide a proposal abstract for the following program formats as follows:
 - a. For **symposia**
 - Provide the title of the symposium where it says "Enter Title of Presentation."
 - Enter names and email addresses of the Chairs or Co-Chairs, followed by all authors for all presentations on the symposium and the discussant.
 - Enter a 300-word general summary of the symposium in the area labeled, "Abstract"
 - Where it says "Full Text of Presentation," click on "Upload file from your computer" and upload one Word document or PDF that contains the title and 300-word summary for each presentation in the symposium
 - b. For **roundtable discussions**
 - Provide the title for the roundtable where it says "Enter Title of Presentation."
 - Enter the names and email addresses of all presenters.
 - Enter a 300-word summary of the relevant issues in this area and the plan for discussion in the area labeled, "Abstract."

- You do NOT need to upload anything where it says "Full Text of Presentation."
- c. For **poster presentations**
- Provide the title for the poster where it says "Enter Title of Presentation."
 - Enter the names and email addresses of each presenter.
 - Enter a 100-word summary of the poster in the area labeled, "Abstract."
 - Where it says "Full Text of Presentation," click on "Upload file from your computer" and upload one Word document or PDF (not to exceed 500 words) that includes the rationale, methods, data analysis, results (or anticipated date of completion), and discussion.
5. Submission of a proposal expresses a commitment by the presenter(s) to register for and attend the conference to present the proposed program, if the proposal is accepted.
6. Maximum of two submissions per person will be accepted.
7. Proposals are due by **11:59 PM on January 21, 2014**. However, we encourage early submission.

Thank you. The Program Committee looks forward to receiving your proposals!
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Coordinator, Dr. Justin Perry (j.c.perry96@csuohio.edu) or the student Co-Chairs, Brittan Davis and Sneha Pitre (greatlakesconference2014@gmail.com).