Call for Proposals

The Minority Student Caucus at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health invites you to submit an abstract for the 37th annual Minority Health Conference held on Friday, February 26th, 2016.

THE CONFERENCE: This year’s conference theme is “In Solidarity: The Role of Public Health in Social Justice.” This theme will explore the intersection of public health and social justice work. It will highlight opportunities for public health researchers and practitioners and social justice advocates to learn from each other to identify best practices for prioritizing minority health and fostering inclusive strategies for change. In addition to keynote speakers and breakout sessions, the 2016 conference will be the first to feature an interactive skill-building workshop for attendees.

THE PROPOSALS: We welcome abstracts for poster presentations that describe both traditional research and ‘non-traditional’ practice and process.

- WHO: This is an interdisciplinary conference, and we encourage submissions from researchers, practitioners, community members, community organizations, and students from a variety of fields (including behavioral science, basic and clinical sciences, public health, policy/government, and others).
- WHAT: Due to this year’s conference theme, there is a strong preference for research or practice focused on social justice or activism and its intersection with health.
- WHEN: The deadline for submission is Monday, November 30th at 5pm. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by the second week of December.

We especially welcome abstracts related to the following areas:

Traditional Research (TR)
- Identifying underlying determinants of health inequities
- Translating scientific discoveries (biological, genetic, social, political, and environmental) into effective strategies, interventions, and policies intended to eliminate health inequities
- Community-Based Participatory Research
- Viewing research as a continuous cycle of discovery, addressing any of the following stages:
  - Basic science discovery
  - Pilot testing in developmental stages
  - Outreach and dissemination of findings
  - Adoption and implementation

Non-Traditional Practice/Process (NTP)
- An Arts or Performance-based practice or process* that connects social justice to health
- Community engagement or empowerment processes
- Community organizing
*Note: Those who submit a NTP proposal have the option to share a supplemental piece to showcase a sample of the art/performance piece

It is possible that your project contains elements of TR and NTP. However, for the application, please select the category that your abstract most aligns with. Thank you, and we look forward to reviewing your submission.

Submissions deadline: Monday, November 30th at 5pm
Submit all materials to: mhc.abstracts@gmail.com

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Abstract Submission

ABSTRACT TYPE (Please choose ONE):

☐ Abstract          ☐ Non-Traditional Practice/Process Abstract

SUBMITTED BY:
Please choose ONE (the main author/presenter)

☐ Faculty/University Staff   ☐ Community Organization/Representative
☐ Graduate Student          ☐ Undergraduate Student
☐ Other Professional: (please write)________________________________________

AUTHORS: Please list name(s), credentials, and organizational affiliation. (Please list all authors/contributors in the order they should appear in any printed materials.)
Example: 1) Jones, Sharon M., MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, NC State University
          2) Curtis, John S., BS, Community Outreach Director, Healthy Kids NC

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MAIN AUTHOR/PRESENTER

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PROJECT ABSTRACT

ABSTRACT TITLE:

ABSTRACT TEXT:
Please limit your text to 250 words or less.

- **Traditional Research**: please organize by sub-headings: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- **Non-Traditional Practice/Process**: please use headings that are appropriate to your work.

----------For NT Practice/Process Abstracts ONLY----------
Please describe an additional space/setting requirements necessary for your presentation. We will do our best to accommodate. Please limit your text to 50 words or less.

(Optional) Please email supplemental materials (max 3) to mhc.abstracts@gmail.com.

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