

Millersville University's 1st Annual Mental Health Conference

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline for Submission: Friday, February 5, 2016 at 4pm.

The Office of Diversity & Social Justice at Millersville University is honored to sponsor the 1st Annual Mental Health Conference on **Saturday, April 2, 2016** at Millersville University. We are striving to increase awareness and educate the community regarding mental health, including the stigma associated with mental health, early prevention, affirming worth and dignity and engaging partners to create a compassionate community. Mental health issues impact our entire community so it is imperative that we inform our community and establish a network of resources and support for those dealing with any type of mental illness. This annual conference will provide an opportunity to bring together individuals and organizations committed to educating our community, providing resources and a safe place for individuals living with mental illness to share their experiences.

Proposals for the 2016 Mental Health Conference should incorporate the following theme: ***“Coming Out of the Shadows: Breaking the Silence to Shed Light on Mental Health”***. The Planning Committee invites presentations (paper, roundtable, workshop and performance) that explore the challenges faced by individuals living with mental illness. The Committee invites faculty, professional staff, students and community members to submit proposals in one of the following areas: original research, theoretical framework, clinical interventions, case studies/model programs/creative works, pedagogy, or policy and advocacy. We encourage joint faculty-student presentations.

Presentation Formats: Submitted proposals should be in one of the following formats:

- **Paper:** 60 minutes presentations of original research, theoretical framework, and clinical interventions.
- **Roundtable:** 15 minutes of presentation followed by 45 minutes of interactive discussion on a variety of topics related to the conference theme with conference participants.
- **Workshop:** 60 minutes of educational, interactive, and experiential learning activities
- **Performance:** 15-30 minutes of performance followed by a 30 minutes minimum of interactive discussion and/or activity related to the topic/theme of the conference.

PLEASE NOTE: *Individual students* and *student organizations* will have the opportunity to also participate in a “poster” presentation open session during the conference.

- **Poster:** electronic or paper poster display with a brief discussion of a suitable topic with conference participants.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Please submit your completed program proposal electronically and in Microsoft Word format to [1st Annual MH Conference](#). **Lead presenters will be notified via email of acceptance by the end of day Tuesday, February 9, 2016.** If your proposal is accepted, all presenters will be expected to attend the conference and pay for applicable registration(s), travel, and lodging accordingly. If all presenters of accepted proposals do not register for the 2016 Mental Health Conference within the timeline prescribed, the session may be cancelled or replaced.

Proposals are to include:

- Program Title (Maximum of 50 characters and spaces)
- Program Synopsis or Abstract (For publication in conference program, maximum of 100 words).
- Presentation Description (maximum 250-500 words)--Included the title of the presentation; target audience; summary of the presentation; relevance to the conference theme; and learning outcomes if applicable.
- Program/Session Type (45-60 minute format)--Presentation method (individual papers, panels, performances, think-tanks or roundtables, workshop).
- Presenter(s) Contact Information--Name, position, institution, address, phone, email and please indicate one LEAD Presenter/Contact Person.
- Brief Bio (1 paragraph)--for all presenters.
- Technology--Description of media, AV and materials or handouts.