

2010 Call for Abstracts

“Redefining Boundaries and Bridges in Occupational Science”

Joint Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (SSO:USA) and the Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists (CSOS)

Conference Date: October 14-16th, 2010

The SSO:USA and CSOS are soliciting abstracts for a joint conference to be held October 14-16th, 2010 in London, Ontario, Canada. Consistent with the mission of both SSO:USA and CSOS, this forum seeks to advance the study of occupation and foster collaborative work. This innovative, exciting conference will bring together an international group of scholars who share an interest in advancing methodological, theoretical, and empirical knowledge related to the study of occupation.

We are inviting abstracts for research papers, theoretical papers, panels, forums and posters. Abstracts which clearly link to one or more of the conference sub-themes will be scored more highly.

Conference Sub-themes

The overarching theme of this conference “Redefining Boundaries and Bridges in Occupational Science” relates to its intent to advance the study of occupation by providing opportunities to critically reflect upon and expand theoretical, methodological, and empirical work in occupational science. Sub-themes include:

- Fostering and sustaining research collaborations
- Developing and challenging theory
- Extending and transforming methodologies and methods
- Building and translating knowledge

Submission Process

Abstracts should be 375 words or less, not including a maximum of five key references, three key words, and author's objectives for the discussion period. The primary applicant must identify the type of submission (research paper, theoretical paper, panel, forum or poster), a title, the relevant sub-theme(s), and provide his or her own, as well as contributing author(s) names and affiliations.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically to c.lysack@wayne.edu by 12:00 midnight EST on **February 15th, 2010**. Late abstracts will not be accepted.

Abstracts will be submitted to a blinded review process, and will be scored by 3 reviewers (see criteria below). Reviewers will be members of CSOS, SSO or both. Although authors may submit multiple abstracts, only two presentations per primary author will be permitted.

Types of Abstract Submissions and Abstract Rating Criteria

All criteria will be ranked from 1 (completely unresponsive to the criteria) to 5 (excellent response to the criteria) based on the degree to which the submission is responsive to each criterion.

a. Research Paper--A report of a completed or currently occurring study of occupation, including a statement of purpose, a description of methods (participants, data collection, analysis), and a report of results.

1. Rigor/Trustworthiness (weight of 5)
2. Coherence (3)
3. Importance to Occupational Science (3):
4. Relation to conference sub-theme (3)

b. Theoretical Paper—An analytical commentary on a topic of relevance to occupational science.

1. Importance to Occupational Science (5).
2. Coherence (3)
3. Relation to conference sub-theme (3)

c. Panels—A logical grouping of research and/or theoretical papers in occupational science that are submitted together in order to provide a focused and multi-dimensional consideration of a shared topic. *Alloted 60 minutes total*

1. Rigor/Trustworthiness (3)
2. Coherence (3)
3. Importance to Occupational Science (5)
4. Relation to conference sub-theme (3)

d. Forums—Very short presentations of the central concepts of key topics in occupational science intended primarily to facilitate an exchange of ideas and perspectives among meeting participants. *Allotted 60 minutes in total.*

1. Discussion Potential (5)
2. Originality (3)
3. Relation to conference sub-theme (3)

e. Posters-- A visual report of a completed or currently occurring study, including a statement of purpose, a description of methods (participants, data collection, analysis), and a report of results. *Time will be set aside in the program schedule for poster defense.*

1. Rigor/Trustworthiness (5)
2. Coherence (3)
3. Importance to Occupational Science (3).
4. Relation to conference sub-theme (3)

Notification

The primary author on each abstract will receive notification via email regarding the status of their submission by mid-April, 2010.