

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

POLICY CONFERENCE 2.0

JUNE 2-4, 2016

St. Louis, Missouri

Race and Inequality: Policy & Advocacy for Structural Change

"I can't tell you how many times I heard the participants say,
'It's so nice to be with people who speak the same language!'"

"I felt empowered and became more passionate about teaching policy practice."

"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to each of you for
organizing what was probably the best academic conference of my career."

Policy Conference 2.0 is designed to provide a collective space for social work students, faculty, and practitioners with a passion for social policy and policy practice. The conference encourages submissions for presentations, workshops, and poster sessions on a broad range of cutting-edge, policy-focused topics. Policy Conference 2.0 provides ample opportunity for participants to learn from their colleagues, grapple with complex policy issues, and share research, practice, and teaching wisdom.

This year's Policy Conference 2.0 will include a **special research panel** showcasing rigorous scholarship on issues of race and social justice -- and examining the role of policy in addressing inequities, discrimination, and oppression. Reflecting recent national discourse on police brutality and mass incarceration, racial disparities will be a special focus of this year's Policy Conference. We welcome proposals on race and social justice across the many social work fields of practice (e.g. child welfare; criminal justice; health care; mental health; immigration, etc.).

Immediately preceding the start of this year's conference we will also be offering a **Teaching Institute** to introduce new, and even seasoned, faculty to innovative strategies for teaching policy content that focuses on social welfare history, current policies and programs, policy analysis, and advocacy.

As usual, the Policy Conference will also include exciting plenary speakers, opportunities for networking, the honoring of Social Work Policy Pioneers, and recognition of the Influencing Social Policy (ISP) award winners. The conference will be held June 2-4, 2016 in St. Louis, Missouri, so **SAVE THE DATE!**

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Deadline: January 15, 2016

In two separate documents, please submit the following:

Document #1:

- ☐ Session Title
- ☐ Name, Affiliation, Email, Telephone, Mailing Address, Fax (for each presenter)

Document #2:

- ☐ Title and 50-word abstract (for the conference program).
- ☐ Proposed format (see below)

*** Please indicate if you want your proposal considered for the Special Research Panel on Race & Social Justice***

- ☐ Description of session (maximum of 2 double-spaced pages, excluding references)
- ☐ List of learning objectives

Formats: (please select only ONE)

1. Presentation: 30-minute presentation focused on scholarly research or analysis of a pending or recent policy initiative
2. Workshop: 60-minute interactive skill-building session focused on teaching, advocacy or policy analysis using a method supported by evaluation data
3. Poster presentation: Specifically for BSW, MSW, or PhD students. Share the results of a research project or policy practice effort. Great venue for students who have submitted their projects to the Influencing Social Policy contest! **Note:** Selected presentations will receive a free conference registration!

Email proposals to: srome@gmu.edu