



The Third Annual Center for Healthy Aging in Multicultural Populations (CHAMP) Conference on Health and Aging

Opportunities and Challenges: Evidence-Based Practice in Multicultural Communities

Invitation to Submit Abstracts

Deadline: February 15, 2014

Dear Faculty at CSU Chico, CSU East Bay, CSU Fresno, CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Sacramento, CSU Salinas, CSU Sonoma, San Francisco State University, and San Jose State University,

On behalf of the organizing committee, I cordially invite you to submit an abstract to the **Third Annual CHAMP Conference on Health and Aging**. This **refereed conference** will take place on **Friday, April 18th, 2014, 9:00 am – 3pm at San Jose State University**. Registration is free.

CHAMP (www.sjsu.edu/champ) is housed at San José State University. Our conference last year was a part of our effort to **foster collaboration in aging research and education across CSU campuses** in the Bay Area. Faculty and student presentations were well received by over 130 attendees including students, faculty, and community partners from the Bay Area.

We encourage your submission focused on health and aging in multicultural/diverse contexts - e.g., empirical papers, conceptual/theoretical papers, model curriculum/program, and innovative pedagogy including using online technology. There are two presentation formats: 1) Oral presentation (15 minutes); and 2) a 30-minute symposium/panel on a topic related to the theme of the conference.

This invitation is also extended to your undergraduate and graduate students. Students can submit abstracts of their research on health and aging in multicultural/diverse contexts for a poster presentation. There will be a designated time slot for the student poster sessions during the conference.

Abstracts are welcome from the following disciplines (but not limited to): communication disorders, gerontology, health science, justice studies, kinesiology, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, psychology, social work, and sociology.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 15, 2014. Your abstract will be peer-reviewed by the Conference Program Committee and a decision letter will be sent out at the beginning of March, 2014.

Instructions for abstract submissions are below.

Please share this invitation with your colleagues and students and **save the date** for the conference, **April 18th, 2014, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**.

Sincerely,

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FOR FACULTY

Faculty abstracts are submitted for consideration as paper presentations or symposium/panel submissions.

Abstracts should be submitted via email to Dr. Kasuen Mauldin, Chair CHAMP Conference Program Committee, at kasuen.mauldin@sjsu.edu. Please see guidelines below.

Paper Presentations

Paper presentation abstracts may be submitted by a sole author or a group of up to seven (7) co-authors. If papers have multiple co-authors, a primary, corresponding author should be identified and their affiliation and contact information should be included. Abstracts for paper presentations should not exceed 500 words and should include the following sections:

- Title
- Authors
- Background/Rationale
- Method/Approach
- Results
- Conclusions/Implications

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Program Committee for clarity, quality, and relevance to the conference theme. The primary, corresponding authors will be notified regarding the committee's decision at the beginning of March 2014. If accepted, paper presentations will be assigned to a symposium/panel that will be created by the Conference Program Committee. These panels/symposia will be comprised of two paper presentations and will be presented during morning conference sessions.

Symposium/Panel Submissions

One chair person should organize and submit a symposium or panel. Submissions for symposia/panels should be submitted as one document which must include both: 1) an overview of the symposium/panel and 2) abstracts for two or three paper presentations (these should follow the format described above).

The overview of the symposium/panel should be no longer than 250 words and include the following:

- Panel/symposium title
- An overall objective for the panel/symposium
- A brief description of the topic of the panel/symposium

As with paper presentations, symposium/panel submissions will be reviewed by the Conference Program Committee for clarity, quality, and relevance to the conference theme. The chair will be notified regarding the committee's decision at the beginning of March 2014.

FOR STUDENTS

The two options described above are only available to faculty. Students have the opportunity to submit abstracts for a special student-only event, the poster exhibit, which will occur in the morning session of the conference. Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply, but **all students must have a faculty sponsor** (e.g., thesis supervisor) identified as a part of the application.

Abstracts for student poster presentations should not exceed 500 words and should include the following sections:

- Title
- Authors
- Background/Rationale
- Method/Approach
- Results
- Conclusions/Implications

Students need to identify a faculty sponsor at their campus prior to submitting their abstract. The abstract including your affiliation (please indicate whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student), contact information and name of the faculty sponsor should be **emailed to Dr. Kasuen Mauldin, Chair CHAMP Conference Program Committee, at kasuen.mauldin@sjsu.edu**. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Program Committee for clarity, quality, and relevance to the conference theme. Notification regarding the committee's decision will be sent out at the beginning of March 2014. If the poster presentation is accepted, students will be provided with specific instructions regarding the poster format.