

Call for Proposals



4th Conference on Emerging Adulthood

October 29-30, 2009

Atlanta, GA

The Steering Committee of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood invites proposal submissions for the 4th Conference on Emerging Adulthood. The goal of the conference is to bring together a multidisciplinary and internationally diverse network of scholars to advance the study of emerging adulthood (age range 18-29). The conference will be held at The Westin Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia. Covering two full days, the conference program will commence at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2009 and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009.

Proposals are requested for presentations in 4 formats: (1) Individual posters, (2) Individual papers, (3) Paper symposia; and, (4) Innovative Sessions. Please see below for format descriptions, proposal guidelines, criteria for selection, and the proposal submission timeline.

PRESENTATION FORMATS:

Individual Posters

Individual posters will be presented at a general poster session. The general poster sessions offer an opportunity to present work to all conference participants who attend.

Individual Papers

Individual paper proposals will be grouped into sessions of 4-5 papers and will be assigned a Chair by the program committee. Sessions will be 90 minutes; each presenter will be allotted 15 minutes. A minimum of 15 minutes will be reserved in each session for a Q&A session to be led by the Chair. *NOTE: Some proposals not accepted as paper presentations may be alternatively accepted as poster presentations if conference time and space permits.*

Paper Symposia

A proposal for a paper symposium will organize 3-4 papers plus a discussant. A Chair should be designated from the set of presenters. Paper symposia will be scheduled for 90 minutes. Each paper and the discussion will be allotted 15-20 minutes for presentation. A minimum of 15 minutes will be reserved in each session for a Q&A session to be led by the Chair.

Innovative Sessions

We enthusiastically invite proposals for innovative sessions. The innovative session is an opportunity to create new ways of presenting ideas and research, using unusual methods or formats. An Innovative Session may be proposed as a 45 minute or 90 minute session. Sessions may involve as few or as many presenters as necessary to optimize the proposed strategy. Examples include, but are not limited to: presentation of case studies, video and multimedia presentations, debates. Be creative!

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES:

For all types of proposals, **proposals should be no longer than 500 words** (approximately 2 double-spaced pages), not including references, tables, or figures. No one may submit more than two proposals as first author.

Proposal guidelines for posters, papers, and paper symposia:

The completed application will contain the following:

- (1) [A facesheet](#)
- (2) A proposal (maximum 500 words) containing:
 - a. a title
 - b. an introduction to the research question(s)
 - c. a description of methods
 - d. results
 - e. a brief discussion & implications
 - f. references (APA format)

Note: A limited number of theoretical and conceptual proposals will also be accepted.

Criteria for selection for posters, papers, and paper symposia:

- (1) Focus of the proposal is on emerging adulthood (age range 18-29).
- (2) Methods are appropriate for the research question(s). (Both quantitative and qualitative methods are encouraged.)
- (3) Results are clearly interpreted. (Presentations for which data collection or analysis is still in progress should present clear hypotheses or research questions.)

Proposal guidelines for innovative sessions:

The completed application will contain the following:

- (1) [A facesheet](#)
- (2) A proposal (maximum 500 words) containing:
 - a. a title
 - b. a description of the topic that will be covered in the innovative session including a statement of the relevance of the topic to the field
 - c. a description of the method or format that will be used to present the idea, research, or work, including a statement that highlights the merit of the presentation strategy
 - d. an outline of the session (i.e., describe the course of the session)
 - e. a discussion of the special needs this type of presentation requires (if any) (e.g., space, equipment)
 - f. references (APA format)

Criteria for selection of innovative sessions:

- (1) focus of the proposal is on emerging adulthood (age range 18-29)
- (2) the innovative method or format enhances the presentation in ways that would not be possible using a traditional ways of presentation (i.e., poster or paper)
- (3) the creativity of the approach

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Submit all proposals via email **by May 1st, 2009** (11:59 pm EST).

Guidelines for submission:

Email facesheet and proposal (attached as separate documents) to proposalsubmission@ssea.org.

The subject line of the email message should be in the following format:

Subject: 'first author last name' _ 'format of presentation'

For example:

Subject: Jones_Innovative Session

Files should be named in the following format:

Facesheet: Jones_Innovative session_facesheet

Proposal: Jones_Innovative session_proposal

Note: If the first author submits proposals for two sessions of the same type (e.g., 2 posters) then label the format of presentation 1 and 2, respectively.

DECISION NOTIFICATION:

First authors will be notified of decisions no later than July 1st, 2009. First authors are responsible for notifying other authors.

Questions and inquiries should be emailed to: info@ssea.org

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN ATLANTA!