



Call for Presentations – Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association Conference at Andrews University – June 17-20, 2020 (Wednesday–Sabbath)
Updated March 4, 2020 – updates are underlined and bolded

Conference Theme – *Health, Gospel, Community: Get Involved*

This theme is intended to cover a wide variety of Human-Subject research in health behaviors, community-based research, educational research and missiology. We chose the dates to be before the pre-meeting at the General Conference that begins June 21st with the general session beginning June 25.

Submissions – Please submit to – <https://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/ahsra/2020/> – The site is now open to receive submissions. This is the same site we used last year, and it is the same submission process. All proposals must be submitted electronically.

Rolling Submissions – We will have rolling submissions for the 2020 conference, with submissions open from now until April 10, 2020. In order to facilitate applying for a visa we will let submitters know of their acceptance within 30 days of their submission. We will let submitters know if they have an oral or a poster presentation by April 30, 2020. We expect those submissions not selected for an oral presentation to be accepted for a poster presentation. We hope that this helps our members obtain visas in a timely manner. Submit early if you need to apply for a visa! **If you need a visa letter please request one immediately. On the application you may put 269-471-6361 as the contact phone number. We are also happy to write letters for those who wish to attend and not present.**

Conference and Organization website – The meeting website is www.ahsra.net, and our organizational website is www.ahsra.adventist.org.

Andrews Research Conference (ARC) – Andrews University is holding an early career social science conference prior to AHSRA (June 15-17). This conference ends the day ours begins. Come early if you wish to interact with graduate students and early career social scientists. Here is the website for the ARC conference: <https://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/arc/2020/>.

The review criteria that will be used to evaluate submissions is attached to this e-mail. Oral presentations at the AHSRA conference are considered to be fully peer reviewed and should count for full credit in faculty research productivity reports.

Proposal submissions must include the following information:

- Name and contact information for the person(s) making this submission.
- A title and one-page presentation summary (250-500 words not including title and names).
- A 50-word abstract suitable for printing in the final program.
- A list of references/bibliography, which includes some sources published within the past 5 years.

Criteria for a successful proposal include (also see the attached peer review criteria):

- The proposal offers a rationale that the presentation will add to the body of knowledge currently available on the topic addressed.

- The proposal includes a practical component that participants can readily apply in practice, ministry, or service.
- The proposal is clearly informed by the current literature.
- The concepts in the proposal are clear, and the proposal is understandable and well organized.
- The proposal includes high-quality data that was appropriately collected and analyzed (or the analysis plan is appropriate and reasonable).

Registration (including housing) – Registration is open. Please register at <http://www.ahsra.net/register.html>. Click on the registration link on the page.

If my presentation proposal is accepted, I agree to the following requirements:

- Attend the 2020 AHSRA Conference at Andrews University and present unless a bona fide emergency occurs.
- Register at my own expense (including conference, food, lodging, and travel costs) no later than **Friday, May 8, 2020**. If I do not register for the convention by **May 8, 2020**, my presentation may have to be removed from the conference program.
- Understand that no honorarium will be given for presentations.
- Make my presentation at the time selected by the AHSRA 2020 planning committee.

Visas for International Presenters/Registrants – Each presenter/registrant is responsible for obtaining necessary travel documents. AHSRA is pleased to provide any needed documentation about the conference and a registrant’s involvement in the conference that may be helpful.

Costs – Because of the generous support of the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics and Research and the North American Division as well as others, we are able to keep our rates the same as last year. You will see the exact costs when you register if you stay in the assigned Meier Hall dormitory. If you are wishing to come earlier or stay later please contact us at the e-mail below so we can ensure that rooms are available. There will be additional costs for this. If you need more than a double room, there will also be additional costs. If you are bringing family members who are not registering, you can purchase meals at the cafeteria.

Program – As we develop the program, we will post it on the meeting website www.ahsra.net.

Coronavirus – At this point, Michigan has no reported cases. Please pay attention to updates from U.S. Embassies and Consulates travel advisories. If we learn of any new developments, we will post them on our website.

Live Streaming – If we have enough interest, we can provide live streaming of the presentations. When you register, you will see that option. We will charge \$50 for live streaming the entire conference. We need about 25 individuals to cover the costs. If you register for this, and we do not have sufficient numbers, we will refund your fee. If you have any questions, please contact AHSRA at AHSRA@andrews.edu.

Sincerely,

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