



Call for Presentations
Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association Conference
May 16-20, 2018

We invite you to submit a proposal for a presentation at the Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association (AHSRA) Conference at Andrews University May 16-20, 2018

The Theme of AHSRA's 2018 Conference is – *“Our Research Data Makes a Difference: Transforming the Church and Community.”*

Solicitation of Presentations:

The conference solicits presentations that show how human subjects research has influenced and improved Church and community policies, programs, and practices.

The conference will explore such issues as:

- The role of research in assessing church/community needs.
- How evaluation research has influenced policies, programs and practices.
- Policy maker and administrator views of research data and what they need.
- How to bridge the world between academic research, policy makers and administrators.
- Other topics will also be considered – we wish to be inclusive and represent the research interests of all of our members.

Presentations will be approximately 15-20 minutes each, including 5 minutes for discussion. This may vary depending on the number of submissions and sessions.

Submission Review Process:

A peer review process focusing on the following criterion will guide in the selection of proposals:

- The data presentation adds to the body of knowledge currently available.
- The presentation includes a practical component that participants can readily apply to their own research program.
- The proposal is clearly informed by the current literature
- The concepts, data, and conclusions in the proposal are clear, understandable and well organized.
- *The review sheet that will be used to evaluate submissions is attached to this announcement.*

Because of the quality of our review process at Andrews University, oral presentations at the AHSRA conference are considered to be fully peer reviewed and count for full credit in faculty research productivity reports.

Procedure for Presentation Submissions:

Please submit your presentation proposal directly to <http://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/ahsra/>. All proposals must be submitted electronically.

For additional 2018 conference information visit www.ahsra.net

Indicate if you wish to be considered for an Oral presentation or a Poster presentation. All Oral submissions that are not accepted for Oral presentations will be considered for a Poster presentation unless you request otherwise.

Dates for Submission:

Submissions for an Oral presentation **must be received by March 1, 2018.** Any submission after that date will only be considered for a Poster presentation.

Any submission requesting a **Poster presentation must be received by April 1, 2018.**

Your proposal must include the following information:

- Name and contact information for the person(s) making this submission.
- A title and one page (250-500 words not including title and names) summary of the presentation.
- 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.

Proposal Selection

Proposals will be blind peer reviewed. **Presenters will be notified about the acceptance of their proposals for an oral or poster presentation by April 6, 2018.**

Presenter Registration

Persons who submit proposals for the AHSRA Conference 2018 are expected to agree to the following terms:

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

- *Attend the AHSRA Conference 2018 at Andrews University and present unless a bona fide emergency occurs.*
- *Register at my/our own expense (including conference, food, lodging, and travel costs) no later than **Friday, April 13, 2018.** If I do not register for the convention by April 13, 2018, 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 2018 planning committee.*

Housing

By the time of our conference, the academic year at Andrews University will have ended. Thus we will be able to use the University guest rooms. We will post this option soon.

Costs

As the attached document shows, because of the generous support of the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics and Research, we are able to keep our rates the same as last year.

Moving Toward Publication

We are hoping that our presenters will move from their presentation to a paper submission. We expect to have representatives from the Journal of Research in Christian Education at our conference for researchers to meet with.

Program

Dr. Curt VanderWaal and Dr. Alina Baltazar are responsible for organizing the program for our conference and that is still in process as we await your submissions. However, we have been able to obtain two very special guest speakers.

Dr. David Williams of Harvard University will be our Keynote Speaker on the morning of Thursday, May 17. Dr. Williams is the Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health and Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology at Harvard University. He is internationally recognized as a leading social scientist focused on social influences on health. His research has enhanced our understanding of the complex ways in which socioeconomic status, race, racism, stress, and religious involvement can affect physical and mental health. He is the author of more than 300 papers in scientific journals and edited collections and his research has appeared in leading journals in sociology, psychology, medicine, public health and epidemiology. He has served on the editorial board of 12 scientific journals and as a reviewer for over 60 journals. You can visit his website here: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/david-williams/>

Dr. Edwin Hernandez will be our Friday evening speaker. He holds a M.Div. from Andrews University and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame. He currently serves as President of Adventist University of Health Sciences. He was formerly a program officer at The Pew Charitable Trusts and was the founding director of the Center for the Study of Latino Religion at the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he led an urban education initiative on behalf of the Doug & Maria DeVos Foundation. He has authored five books and numerous papers. You can view his brief biography here:

<https://atoday.org/new-president-announced-for-adventist-university-of-health-sciences/>

Pre-Conference Training Session, Business Meeting, and Meet and Greet:

At our 2017 meeting at Loma Linda University, we held a pre-conference event focused on how to submit an abstract to a conference. This year we will focus on how to prepare an effective 15 minute presentation. After this Session, we will hold an AHSRA business meeting and have our Meet and Greet haystacks supper.

The Andrews Research Conference (ARC) for Early Career Researchers in the Social Scientists

May 14-16, 2018

We are very pleased this year that the AHSRA conference is being offered in close cooperation with an early career conference offered by Andrews University just prior to the AHSRA conference. Each year the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship, under the leadership of Dr. Gary Burdick, Dean of Research, hosts a conference for early career scholars from different disciplines. This year's conference is for early career scholars in the Social Sciences. This conference is designed for those who are in graduate schools or are in the first 5 years of their career following graduate school. We are inviting those participating in this conference to stay for the AHSRA conference and are asking them to also submit their accepted ARC Oral or Poster Presentation as a Poster at the AHSRA Poster Session. We hope this invitation will increase the exposure of early career social scientists to AHSRA and provide the opportunity for our members to meet early career scholars.

As a part of AHSRA's cooperative endeavor, we would like each of our members to encourage their students and junior colleagues to participate in the **Andrews Research Conference: Early Career Researchers in the Social Sciences** (digitalcommons.andrews.edu/arc/2018). We will also be inviting some of our members to chair ARC sessions. And, as noted, we are hoping that ARC attendees will stay a few more days to participate in our meeting and become a part of AHSRA.

We had a great conference at Loma Linda University in 2017 and we hope you can join us for our next conference May 16-20, 2018 at Andrews University!

Sincerely,

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