



2017 Annual Conference March 16-18, 2017 Charlotte, North Carolina

Call for Proposals

The Southeastern Council on Family Relations (SECFR) is pleased to distribute this Call for Proposals for our 2017 Annual Conference to be held in Charlotte, NC. The theme of this year's conference is "Research in the Wild: Application of Family and Social Science Research."

We are seeking high-quality proposals to present at our conference. All conference sessions should be informative and relevant, promote learner engagement, and demonstrate application to the work of participants. In addition, we especially desire proposals that:

- Have diverse presenters (with varying levels of experience in the field; of different nationalities; or from different institutions and geographic regions).
- Are based on or supported by research.
- Contain original, innovative ideas.
- Stimulate and provoke discussion.
- Have strong connections to practice and/or policy.

To maintain the highest quality for all presentation sessions and comply with requirements for Continuing Education Units, **clear learning objectives must be stated on each proposal**. If you have questions regarding content, please email the Proposal Coordinator, Julia Bernard (bernardjm1@etsu.edu).

Proposal Formats

- **Presentations:** A presentation involves a focused description of scholarship, practice, or policy information in its own dedicated room. Such information can derive from the author(s)' publishable manuscript, published paper/article based on research or current practice (see FAQ's below), completed doctoral dissertation, completed master's thesis, or completed student paper containing fully-developed ideas and concepts of an empirical, conceptual, or practical nature. Presentations last a maximum of 45 minutes, including time for questions/discussion.
- **Posters:** A poster involves the display of detailed information by emphasizing graphics that summarize initiated or completed empirical research, completed student projects, and/or practice, methodologies, or programs that have been or will soon be implemented by practitioners. All materials must be designed to fill a single 4' high by 8' wide poster board and will be presented at a session alongside other posters. All posters should refer to scholarly literature. Authors are expected to be at the poster the entire session (either 45 or 60 minutes) to answer questions and distribute handouts.
- **Panel sessions:** A group of presenters may wish to present and discuss a topic with significant time allotted for interaction among the presenters and with the attendees.

- **Student Writing Award Competition:** An outstanding student research paper will be accepted for review for the new Student Writing Award. The award will be presented to the author of the top student paper submitted. For additional information, please visit *the link to the Student Awards document through this email or the SECFR website <http://southeastern.ncfr.org/secfr-conference-2017/>* for the full list of rules. Submission should be emailed to *secfr.email@gmail.com* and must be received by December 15th.

In addition, the program committee reserves the right to suggest alternative formats that may optimize participant experience, available space, and/or available time.

- **The review and acceptance of proposals will take place within a submission deadline window. Deadlines:**
Submissions will be accepted from October 20-December 15, 2016 with notification by January 15, 2017. All submissions received by December 15th will receive full consideration and may be accepted, rejected, or recommended for resubmission (with revisions).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **I am a student and am not currently involved in any empirical research projects. May I submit a recently completed course paper or project to present at the conference?** Absolutely! As a regional conference, we strongly encourage student participation in our conference, both as attenders and presenters. Papers completed for a course may be submitted for presentations and completed projects of other sorts may be submitted as posters. Students are also free to propose a panel discussion session, perhaps on a topic with particular relevance to students. Students are also encouraged to submit a paper for the new writing awards (see above).
- **I am a practitioner and don't typically do empirical research. May I submit something related to my work that I feel would benefit the conference attendees?**
The first stated goal of the SECFR is "to provide a NETWORK for collaboration among family professionals" of all kinds, both university- and community-based. We desire for this conference to be a unique amalgamation of academics, practitioners, and students, all joined together with one cause in mind – to help families in the Southeast. Therefore, we welcome submissions from practitioners of a non-empirical nature, whether conceptual, practical, and/or programmatic as either a presentation or poster.
- **What if I need A/V equipment?** SECFR will provide computers and video projectors in every meeting room. All you need to bring is your presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint (or Adobe PDF) format on a flash drive. We also encourage you to bring handouts.
- **May I submit a published paper for presentation?** If you have recently completed a paper that has not been presented at a conference, please propose it.
- **How many proposals can I submit?** There is no limit on the number of proposals.

- **When should I register for the conference?** Authors of accepted proposals are expected to register for and commit to attend the conference. **Completed registration forms, and the necessary fees, should be completed online (or postmarked) by the deadline.**

Submission Process

A complete submission includes the following:

- A title and 500-word (maximum) summary abstract of the presentation
- At least three keywords.
- A single file for uploading, containing:
 1. A list of at least 3 learning objectives associated with your proposal, using the stem “After viewing this presentation, attendees will...”
 2. A References section
 3. Up to 2 supplemental figures and/or tables (optional)

Use the following link (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=secfr17>) to create an account on Easy Chair that will allow you to submit your proposal(s) electronically. Once you have created your account, click the “New Submission” link, and

- Complete relevant information for all authors.
- Type or paste the title and 500-word abstract as plain text
- Select your preferred presentation format (i.e., session, poster, or panel)
- Type or paste at least three keywords.
- Upload and attach the file containing your list of learning objectives, references section, and optional supplemental figures/tables

Awards

- All undergraduate and graduate posters and presentations will be evaluated at conference. \$50 awards will be given for Best Undergraduate and Graduate Poster, \$75 awards will be given for Best Undergraduate and Graduate Presentation.
- \$100 award will be given for Student Writing Award.

To ensure full consideration, proposals must be received by the stated deadlines. All proposals must be submitted using the above link to the Easy Chair system.

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