

7th Annual North American Conference on Spirituality and Social Work

The Theme of the Conference is:

" The Evolution of the Family Across the Lifespan
Embracing Spiritual Diversity from Northern Communities to Global
Localities"

June 22- 24, 2012
Lakehead University
Thunder Bay, Ontario

This international conference will bring together academics, practitioners, and students to discuss and explore the importance of spirituality for individuals throughout their lifetimes, and its significance in relation to overall mental health and wellbeing. Professionals in (or related to) the field of social work, psychology, psychiatry, medicine, nursing, education, researchers, academics, licensed clinicians and counsellors, spirituality experts/advisors, mental health practitioners, parent educators, social service organizations, and other interdisciplinary professionals are invited to submit a proposal for consideration.

Abstract submissions are invited for academic papers, experiential workshops, posters and panel presentations. Abstract must be tied to the conference theme. Papers will be allocated 30 minutes (plus 15 minutes for discussion. Experiential workshops will be allocated 90 minutes. Proposals from students and practitioners alike are welcome. The deadline for this call for proposals is September 1st, 2011.

Details for abstract submission and form can be found at:

<http://socialwork.lakeheadu.ca/projects/sswc2012/>

OR

www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca<<http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca/>>

Click on the appropriate sections for more details on submissions, proposal submission forms, and save the date posters.

Submissions are invited on diverse topics related to the conference theme such as:

- i) Research studies and intervention that demonstrate the role of spirituality over the lifespan from diverse Canadian Northern Communities to Global localities
- ii) Diverse case examples discussing spirituality as a developmental factor in resilience, growth, healing, wellness, abuse, control, social justice, oppression and/or discrimination
- iii) Contribution or issues re: diversity of spirituality in social work education, service delivery, and public policy in relation to transcendence and growth
- iv) Aspects of spiritual traditions/experiences/practices which support or challenge our beliefs and thoughts (e.g., religion, class, gender, ageism, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, etc.)

v) Curricula to help students develop sensitivity, respect, and competence for spiritual diversity

Workshops are expected to engage participants in an activity. Papers/presentations may discuss research or practice issues and will include a time for discussion with attendees.

Submit expression of Interest abstract form to: Sonya Matson at smatson@lakeheadu.ca