BLACK DOCTORAL NETWORK
WESTERN REGIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
APRIL 20, 2022

The Black Doctoral Network (BDN) Western Regional Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the BDN's 2022 Western Regional Conference, themed *Reimagining our World: Facing the Future Together*. This conference highlights academic and professional topics that engage, challenge, encourage, and foster excellence by taking an interdisciplinary approach to innovation, renewal, and healing. The uncertainty and turbulence of contemporary civic, political, and social environments call for an increased ability to tap into one's own personal power as we collectively move toward the future. The BDN Western Regional Conference is an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics and professionals from the social and health sciences, STEM, biological sciences, business, education, and humanities to address ways to engage our communities, empower, and inform each other's work.

The 2022 theme encourages attendees to lead and inspire others to challenge and inquire remedies to old, new, and "repackaged" problems. This year's conference will highlight topics such as restructuring of mindsets, mental health and wellness, healthcare practices and policies, emotional intelligence, empowerment, entrepreneurship, academic resilience, the power of mentorship, civic engagements' constitution, STEM advancements, K-12 and higher education.

Reimagine the future! This conference will engage participants in critical issues that relegate the rise in divisive political rhetoric, health disparities, hate crimes, as well as economic and social inequities. It is essential for scholars, faculty, administrators, practitioners, and leaders in various sectors to raise the bar by providing competencies and skills that push boundaries by challenging structural and societal norms. New problems require innovative solutions. Submission of abstracts from graduate and doctoral students, recent doctoral graduates, academics, and professionals across disciplines are welcome. Undergraduates are welcome to submit posters representing their research and area of focus in our Research Poster Session (See submission portal for further details).

CALL FOR PAPERS

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CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

The purpose of the workshops is to provide opportunities for professional development through hands-on training. We welcome proposals that address the following questions: (1) What competencies are needed to achieve positive change and increase emotional intelligence? (2) What skills are required to achieve goals that magnify, impact, and

increase the outcome of systematic change? (3) How can we navigate systems to promote growth and success in these turbulent times? (4) What opportunities exist for the development of individual influence and sustainable power in advancing collective objectives and professional goals? Workshops should provide engagement in focused discussions that offer new knowledge, resources, and a new set of skills to the attendees.

Priority Deadline: Monday, February 28, 2022 at 11:59PM EST
Rolling Deadline: Monday, March 14, 2022 at 11:59PM EST
To submit an abstract visit: **blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit**

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

CALL FOR PAPERS

We accept abstracts from **(1) individuals** who wish to present on a panel and from **(2) groups** who want to create their own panel. Abstracts should be no more than **300 words typed**, double spaced, using a 12pt font. Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods and conclusions of your research. Submissions should be **anonymous** – please do not include your name or the name of your institution on the document. Include the title of your abstract and note whether it is an **individual** or a **group** submission. Individual presenters will be assigned to a panel and will have 15 minutes to deliver their presentations. Group presentations will be given 45 minutes to deliver their presentations and requires at least three presenters. You may not submit or take part in more than one panel presentation; presenters may give one and only one paper at the conference. However, you are welcome to make a workshop submission.

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

Workshop proposals should be in the form of abstracts no more than **300 words** in length. In your proposal be sure to include the title of your workshop, describe the purpose of the workshop, its format (including the kinds of educational materials you might use), what participants can expect to gain from it, state your intended audience (faculty, professionals, undergraduate students, anyone, etc.), and describe your experience and qualifications in the subject area. Submissions must be from advanced graduate students, doctoral degree holders, or seasoned professionals. A CV/résumé is required as part of the application. Workshop sessions will last 45-60 minutes.

NEXT STEPS

Submitting author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract.

Priority Deadline Submissions: Acceptance announcements will be sent via email in mid-March to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **March 25, 2021.** Failure to register and confirm acceptance by March 25th will result in rescinding acceptance.

Rolling Deadline Submissions: Acceptance announcements will be sent via email starting **late-March** to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance within 14 days from their acceptance notification. Failure to register and confirm acceptance will result in rescinding acceptance.

For questions regarding the Call for Papers & Workshops please contact:

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