

A banner with a dark blue background featuring a glowing globe and abstract blue lines representing connections. The text is centered and reads: "Black Doctoral Network Western Regional Conference", "Connection, Collaboration & Cultivation", "Saturday, April 22, 2023", and "Los Angeles, California".

Black Doctoral Network Western Regional Conference
“Connection, Collaboration & Cultivation”
Saturday, April 22, 2023

Los Angeles, California

CALL FOR PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

The Black Doctoral Network (BDN) is excited to return to Los Angeles, California on Saturday, April 22, 2023 for our Western Regional Conference themed **Connection, Collaboration & Cultivation**. This conference will be hosted by California State University, Los Angeles (College of Ethnic Studies). This conference highlights academic and professional topics that engage, challenge, encourage, and foster excellence by discussing the development and refinement of research, policies, and practices that produce new ways of thinking as we collectively move toward the future. The BDN Western Regional Conference is an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics and professionals from fields such as social and health sciences, STEAM, business, education, and humanities in order to address ways to engage our communities, empower scholars to develop new ideas and solutions, and take part in conversations that inform each other’s work.

The 2023 theme encourages attendees to work collaboratively with individuals from academic and business sectors in order to produce innovative approaches for addressing the key issues that are impacting our communities. This year’s conference will highlight topics such as:

- **Connection** (e.g. the importance of mental health providers working together to address behavioral health disparities and wellness within marginalized communities)
- **Collaboration** (e.g. the power of mentorship and collaboration among students and faculty)
- **Cultivation** (e.g. the value of entrepreneurship and leadership in cultivating groundbreaking ideas or the need to refine current approaches for addressing equity and inclusion in higher education)

Submission of abstracts are welcome from graduate and doctoral students, recent doctoral graduates, academics, and professionals across various disciplines. Undergraduate students are welcome to submit posters representing their research and area of focus in our Research Poster Session (see submission portal for further details).

The Black Doctoral Network (BDN) Western Regional Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the BDN’s 2023 Western Regional Conference. This conference aims to address: (1) What competencies are needed to increase leadership skills that will cultivate change in our community? (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 increase equity within higher education? (4) What opportunities exist for interdisciplinary collaboration in order to advance collective objectives and professional goals?

CALL FOR PAPERS

OVERVIEW: The purpose of the papers is to provide professional space to present research. Papers that reflect the theme, *Connection, Collaboration & Cultivation*, are especially encouraged but submissions on any related topic will be considered. Submission of papers will be presented in a panel format. Submissions with one or two presenters will be assigned to a panel with additional panelists. Submissions with three or more presenters will have your own panel.

DURATION: Fifteen minutes will be allotted for submissions that have up to two presenters. Forty-five minutes will be allotted for submissions that have three or more presenters.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: 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. 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

OVERVIEW: The purpose of the workshops is to provide opportunities for professional development through hands-on training. Workshops should provide engagement in focused discussions that offer new knowledge, resources, and a new set of skills to the attendees.

DURATION: Workshop sessions will last 45-60 minutes.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: 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.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Paper and workshop submissions must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 8:59PM PST /11:59PM EST.**

To submit an abstract visit: blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit

NEXT STEPS

Submitting author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract. Decision notifications 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 27, 2023. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by March 27th will result in rescinding acceptance.

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

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