

BLACK DOCTORAL NETWORK WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

CALL FOR PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

The Black Doctoral Network (BDN) is thrilled to announce its Western Regional Conference, set to take place in the vibrant city of Los Angeles, California, on Saturday, April 20, 2024. This year's conference, hosted at Loyola Marymount University, embraces an invigorating new theme: **Applying Research and Transforming Communities**. Our 2024 conference seeks to explore the dynamic intersection of academic inquiry and community transformation. We aim to delve into how scholarly research can be effectively applied to initiate tangible changes within various communities, focusing on fostering sustainable growth, equity, and inclusivity.

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.

This year's conference will highlight topics such as:

- **Addressing Inequities in Marginalized Communities:** Strategies for tackling the public health disparities and systemic issues observed within communities of color
- **Applying Research for Community Impact:** Understanding the role of academic research in driving societal change.
- **Community Engagement and Transformation:** Strategies for effectively engaging with communities to implement change.
- **Interdisciplinary Approaches to Community Issues:** Leveraging cross-disciplinary collaborations for broader impact.
- **Innovative Solutions for Community Challenges:** Showcasing research-driven innovations in addressing community needs.

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).

Join us at Loyola Marymount University for an inspiring day of discussions, workshops, and networking as we explore the powerful role of research in transforming communities. We look forward to your contributions and to an engaging conference that bridges the gap between academia and community impact.

CALL FOR PAPERS

OVERVIEW: The purpose of the papers is to provide professional space to present research. Papers that reflect the theme, *Applying Research and Transforming Communities*, are especially encouraged but submissions on any related topic will be considered. Submission of papers will be presented in a panel format. Each paper submission is limited to having one or two presenters.

DURATION: Fifteen minutes will be allotted for each paper presentation.

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. Workshop submissions can have up to five presenters.

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 **Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 11:59PM PST**

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 early-March to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **March 22, 2024**. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by March 22 will result in rescinding acceptance.

For questions regarding the Call for Papers & Workshops email contact@blackphdnetwork.com