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"LEVERAGING THE POWER OF BLACK EXCELLENCE"

OCTOBER 29 – 31, 2020

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Black Doctoral Network Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the 2020 conference themed "Leveraging the Power of Black Excellence." This year's conference showcases the collective impact of Black excellence in every aspect of society. Black scholars, researchers, practitioners, and activists are invited to showcase their individual and collective achievements in their respective disciplines. The theme of the annual meeting asks: What is your contribution to Black excellence? How individuals and groups tap into personal and collective power to overcome oppression and bias? How do individuals and communities mobilize to support Black excellence? What is the future of Black excellence locally, nationally, or globally? How do we support Black excellence so that it is visible and sustainable? How do we work across disciplinary silos to meaningfully address the complex challenges that affect Black people and our communities? Three conference tracks will guide our time together: Research and Scholarship; Personal and Professional Success; Black Activism.

Research and Scholarship
Research and scholarship are the heart of knowledge creation and the generation of new and novel approaches to complex issues. This track invites submissions that showcase the broad tapestry of Black excellence in research and scholarship. Researchers and scholars in STEM, humanities, communications, human services, healthcare, and education are invited to share their work in their respective disciplines.

Personal and Professional Success
Black excellence is not achieved in a vacuum. Hard work and dedication are often considered the "bare minimum" for achieving success. This track invites papers showcasing strategies for leveraging personal power, overcoming/addressing oppression and bias to achieve success.

Black Activism
In these turbulent times, Black activism is a necessary and proper approach to tearing down barriers and creating opportunities for Black excellence now and in the future. This track invites papers that offer collective solutions to addressing systemic social, economic, and political issues.

We invite broad engagement between activists, scholar-practitioners and academics that address the conference theme. Papers that will reflect on this theme are especially encouraged, but we accept submissions on any topic.

Extended Priority Deadline: April 30, 2020 at 11:59PM EST
Rolling Deadline: August 15, 2020 at 11:59PM EST
To submit an abstract visit: **blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit**

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Submission of abstracts from graduate and doctoral students, recent Ph.D. graduates and academic professionals across disciplines are welcome. 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. 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, the conference track you are have selected and note whether it is an **individual** or a **group** submission. All group submissions require at least three presenters.

Priority Deadline Submissions: Submitting author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract. Acceptance announcements will be sent via email in **mid-May** to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **June 30, 2020**. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by June 30th will result in rescinding acceptance.

Rolling Deadline Submissions: Acceptance announcements will be sent via email **starting late-June** and all throughout July and August depending on space availability. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance within 21 days from their acceptance notification. Failure to register and confirm acceptance will result in rescinding acceptance.

PRESENTATION DETAILS:

Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods and conclusions of your research. 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 require at least 3 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 when the Call For Workshops open in late-June.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

The Conference will be an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics and professionals from the social sciences, STEM, and humanities to address how we can positively impact and inform each other's work and engage with our communities. In addition to interdisciplinary panel presentations, this conference will have interactive roundtables and small group forum discussions. Professors and corporate professionals from various fields will converse and give insight on the need for interconnectedness throughout the academy and community. Workshops on handling job talks, grant writing and proposals, balancing relationships, and stress and time management will also be addressed. To learn more about our conference visit: https://blackphdnetwork.org/conference

For questions regarding the Call for Papers please contact:

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