



Health Disparities Research Symposium VIII at UC San Francisco

Friday, October 17, 2014

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Laurel Heights Conference Center

3333 California Street, sub-level 1, San Francisco, CA 94118

Call for abstracts

We are pleased to send this call for abstracts for the UC San Francisco Health Disparities Research Symposium 8. This event is part of the UC San Francisco Diversity Month Events, a series of special events campus wide honoring and highlighting diversity.

Background

This symposium is an opportunity to highlight faculty and trainee research on health disparities. UC San Francisco has a multitude of researchers with national and international reputations in disparities research and this symposium will provide a forum to showcase the breadth and depth of this work. *For this call, health disparities refer to gaps in the quality of health and health care across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. The definition of health disparities includes differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes, and quality of and/or access to health care in the United States. We welcome research based in all population groups stratified by age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, immigrant status, health status, disability, or language spoken as long as there is a focus on race/ethnicity and/or social class/SES. We welcome research from the diversity of disciplines at UC San Francisco, both quantitative and qualitative work and research studies based outside the United States if these studies address disparities by race and ethnicity or social class.*

The goal is to build community among disparities researchers from many disciplines and across units, schools, and campus sites. We would like to gather together all the amazing and outstanding disparities research in order to showcase this fine work and inspire future direction. *Abstracts can be submitted for work that has been presented elsewhere or submitted to a journal for publication, but not for work that has already been published in a peer-reviewed journal.*

There will be a committee to review abstracts and those with the highest scores will be selected to present during the half-day oral sessions. We anticipate accepting up to 10 abstracts for oral presentation, with 10 minutes for each oral presentation, and another 5 minutes for comments and questions. Since we know that the quantity of excellent research by UC San Francisco faculty is enormous, in our effort to build community, we plan to accept as many abstracts for posters as our space allows. We also will hold interactive poster sessions.

We encourage first authors and presenters at all levels from students to full professors. We are inviting participation from other Bay Area health care and research institutions so there is no restriction to being at UC San Francisco. The first author will be the presenter of the selected oral abstracts. Each person can be first author on only one submission.

The Abstract must conform to the following organization:

Structured abstracts are required.

The format should include four simple headings: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

1. **Background** should include a statement that identifies why this is an important topic and specifies the purpose or goal of the study.
2. A description of the **methods** used considering setting, population, sampling techniques, measures, and analytical procedures.
3. A summary of the **results** should be included, presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions. Tables, graphs or figures are encouraged as long as the entire abstract is on one page.
4. Please include a statement of the **conclusions** reached. We strongly discourage abstracts that have not yet produced results. Statements such as "The results will be discussed" or "Other Data will be presented" are not acceptable.

Abstracts should be no longer than one 8.5" by 11" page, in Arial 11 font, margins no smaller than one inch, and may be in single space. Please list title of abstract, all authors by last name and initials, UC San Francisco school affiliation if applicable, academic department/division/ORU, other Bay Area institutional affiliations and academic title of first author/presenter. Please submit electronically as a Word document.

SELECTION PROCESS

- All Submissions will undergo peer review by a committee of established researchers and/or previous year presenters
- Ratings will be based on the overall quality of the abstract, the balance and theme of the program, and the following criteria:
 - Importance to disparities research in that it introduces a new concept or sheds light on a research question.
 - Methods used are appropriate for the question posed
 - Results that affect practice, teaching or policy

Abstracts must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 8, 2014.

Please submit abstracts to this link: [HDRS 2014 Abstract Submission](#)

Please note that your Abstract Submission does not secure your registration to the symposium.

Please register through this link: [2014 HDRS Registration Link](#) ; if you have already done so, no need to re-register.

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