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**FINAL EXTENDED STUDENT CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:**  
**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 24, 2017**

**The Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center**  
**University of the Virgin Islands**

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH DISPARITIES INSTITUTE**

***“Increasing Health Equity and Improving Health Outcomes for  
Marginalized Families and Communities: Focus on Health  
Literacy, Climate Change, and Health Policy”***

**OCTOBER 18-20, 2017**

**ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**PRE-INSTITUTE WORKSHOP ● POSTER SESSION**  
**NETWORKING SESSION WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH DISPARITIES**

The organizing committee invites the submission of **abstracts for poster presentations**. Authors are invited to submit abstracts describing original biomedical, psychosocial, and behavioral research; evidence-based practice models; and evidence-based policies. Abstracts are categorized in broad thematic areas. Please note that reviewers have the authority to reassign categories as necessary and score abstracts according to criteria for a **Research Abstract, Policy Abstract, or Clinical Practice Abstract**.

### **1.0 Health Outcomes**

- 1.1 Women's health
- 1.2 Men's health
- 1.3 Children and adolescents
- 1.4 Marginalized families and communities
- 1.5 Other

### **2.0 Climate Change**

- 2.1 Healthcare Systems and Practices
- 2.2 Environmental Health
- 2.3 Other

### **3.0 Health Equity**

- 3.1 At risk children and youth
- 3.2 Marginalized families and communities

### **4.0 Health Literacy**

### **5.0 Policy**

- 5.1 Social determinants of health
- 5.2 Social ecological model and health disparities
- 5.3 Other

### **6.0 Capacity Building**

- 6.1 Increase minority students participating in health disparities research
- 6.2 Increase minority faculty participating in health disparities research
- 6.3 Expanded use of Community-Based Participatory Research in health disparities research
- 6.4 Other

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Abstracts will be accepted via electronic submission only. It is the author's/authors' responsibility to ensure that the posted guidelines and instructions are followed. Abstracts that do not conform to official guidelines will not be accepted.

- Limit abstract to 250 words.
- Define all abbreviations the first time they appear in the abstract.
- Avoid formulas.
- Do not include references, credits, or mention of grant support.
- Single space all typing; no space between title and body or between paragraphs.
- Indent each paragraph with a tab.
- Abstracts must be formatted as a Microsoft Word document. Font size should be 12 point Times New Roman or Arial. Please indicate if abstract is for an oral presentation or poster display.
- Proofread the abstract carefully before submitting.

## ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES [Required]

**ALL RESEARCH** abstracts must be organized using the following format

- **TITLE** (Upper-case letters) maximum 60 characters
- **AUTHOR(S)** (Upper/Lower-case letters)
  - Presenting author must be listed first (upper-case letters)
  - For each author, include first and second initial and last name, and highest degree (one only). Separate author name from degree with comma; separate authors with semi-colon.  
*Example: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN; GW Scott, DrPH*
- **AFFILIATION(S)** (do not list header)
  - List institution(s) where work was performed. Present affiliation information in a new line immediately following author line and include author initials following affiliation.

*Example 1: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN;  
GW Scott, DrPH  
University of the Virgin Islands; (PFT, APS)*

*Example 2: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN;  
GW Scott, DrPH, Virgin Islands  
Department of Health (GWS).*

- **INTRODUCTION** (Header in upper-case letters)
  - Explain the importance of the research or activity to include objectives, goals and purpose and/or problem.
  - Describe the importance of the research question to increasing health equity for marginalized families and communities.
- **METHODS**
  - Briefly explain the design, setting, procedures
  - Describe sampling methodology and sample
  - Describe data analysis techniques
- **RESULTS/EXPECTED RESULTS**
  - Describe findings resulting from analysis of data.
  - Describe the outcome/impact of practice models and/or policy implementation.
- **DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS**
  - Compare results to prior research findings, hypothesis testing, or similar projects or activities.
  - Provide recommendations and implications for future research, practice and/or policy development related to environmental, health literacy, and policy issues impacting health disparities in marginalized families and communities.
  - Link recommendations to climate change, health literacy, or policy issues that will promote health equity and improve health outcomes for marginalized families and communities.
- **MENTION OF GRANT SUPPORT** (*where applicable*)
  - Authors **should not** include information on grant support in submitted abstracts.



**ALL POLICY abstracts must be organized using the following format:**

Policy abstracts should contain a brief description of the problem or issue to be considered, the key factors underlying the issue, and the recommendations for moving forward. There should be a clear link to the Institute theme.

- **TITLE** (*upper-case letters*) maximum 60 characters
- **AUTHOR(S)** (*upper-lower case letters*) who have significantly contributed to the work; optimal limit 5-10
  - Presenting author must be listed first (*upper-case letters*)
  - For each author, include first and second initials and last name. Separate authors with semi-colon. **Example:** RC Green; BM Brown
- **AFFILIATION(S)**
  - List institution(s) where work was performed. Present affiliation information with author initials following each corresponding affiliation.
  - **Example:** University of the Virgin Islands (FCJ); High Road Research Institute (AFH, KGW)
- **PROBLEM/ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED** (*header in upper-case letters*)
- **UNDERLYING ISSUE KEY FACTORS** (*header in upper-case letters*)
- **RECOMMENDATIONS** (*header in upper-case letters*)
- **MENTION OF GRANT SUPPORT** (*where applicable*)
  - Authors **should not** include information on grant support in submitted abstracts.

**ALL CLINICAL PRACTICE abstracts must be organized using the following format:**

- **TITLE** (*upper-case letters*) maximum 60 characters
- **AUTHOR(S)** (*upper-lower case letters*) who have significantly contributed to the work; optimal limit 5-10
  - Presenting author must be listed first (*upper-case letters*)
  - For each author, include first and second initial and last name. Separate authors with semi-colon. **Example:** RC Green; BM Brown
- **AFFILIATION(S)**

List institution(s) where work was performed. Present affiliation information with author initials following each corresponding affiliation.

**Example:**  
University of the Virgin Islands (FCJ); High Road Research Institute (AFH, KGW)
- **PURPOSE** (*header in upper-case letters*)
  - Explain the importance of the activity to include objectives, goals and purpose.
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
  - Describe the problem/issue to be considered, the key factors underlying the issue.
  - Give information on the Best Practice Guidelines used to address the problem/issue and protocols used to incorporate these guidelines into practice.
  - Implications and recommendations for clinical practice moving forward.
  - Describe how project is linked to the Institute theme.
- **MENTION OF GRANT SUPPORT** (*where applicable*)
  - Authors **should not** include information on grant support in submitted abstracts.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### **DEADLINE – STUDENT ABSTRACTS**

All abstracts must be received no later than **11:59pm, AST, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017**.  
Corrections will not be allowed.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Abstracts should represent research, clinical practice, education/training activities, community-based programs or policy development/analysis addressing the reduction of health disparities and/or the increase of health equity to improve health outcomes for marginalized families and communities.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Abstracts will be accepted via electronic submission at <http://cerc.uvi.edu>. A drop down menu will be available for posting abstracts.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

All abstract submissions will receive immediate notification of receipt. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours, please call the Caribbean Exploratory Research Center at (340) 693-1178.

## REVIEW CRITERIA

Abstracts will be evaluated by peer review and accepted using the following criteria:

- Importance and relevance of topic
- Innovation and contribution to knowledge base
- Clarity and completeness: overall quality, research design, purpose and objectives, theoretical and/or applied focus, research/activity methods, findings, and potential practical application
- Potential contributions to science/society

**NOTE: Selected abstracts will be presented as poster presentations during poster sessions.**

## ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES

- Decision letters and poster presentation instructions will be emailed by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**.
- Student presenters must notify organizers that they will attend the conference by **SEPT. 20, 2017**.
- Authors of the accepted poster abstracts will be asked to prepare and bring posters with them.
- **NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL AWARDS WILL BE MADE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the Institute Proceedings on the CERC website.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Abstract prepared as instructed (*no more than 250 words*) in Word (*no pdf or pictures, please*)
- Abstract submitted online via <http://cerc.uvi.edu> by **11:59 PM AST AUGUST 24, 2017**.
- For inquiries contact [CERCAbstracts@uvi.edu](mailto:CERCAbstracts@uvi.edu) or call 340 693 1178 if acknowledgment of receipt not received within two business days.
- Abstract notification deadline: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**, via email from [CERCAbstracts@uvi.edu](mailto:CERCAbstracts@uvi.edu)
- Register to attend the Institute via [CERCAbstracts@uvi.edu](mailto:CERCAbstracts@uvi.edu)