SSWAA’s International Conference Announcement

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Call for Speaking Proposals

The International School Social Work Conference is the largest international conference in this field. The International School Social Work Conference has been organized by the professional school social work organizations from different countries or regions every two to three years prior to the pandemic.

The 8th International School Social Work Conference will take place in Broomfield, Colorado during SSWAA’s four-day national conference beginning on March 29th - April 1st, 2023. The international registration fee covers both conferences.

Please read the details below before submitting your workshop proposal.

Session categories are used by the conference committee to plan a well-balanced program. Additionally, attendees will use session categories to determine which sessions to attend. During the submission process, presenters will be asked to select the category that aligns most closely with the workshop content. Sessions will be 60-90 minutes or 1-hour – 1 hour 30 minutes. All conference proceedings will be held in English.

Proposal Submission Portal is open now through November 7th, 2022

SESSION CLASSIFICATIONS:

In Person Sessions: (90-minutes)

__Interactive Workshop (Provide in person learning experiences that include activities, breakouts, application of theory, question/answer, role plays, etc.).

__Lecture (Presenters share their practice knowledge, work experiences, and practice implications in a traditional lecture format. While this presentation classification is a more traditional format, speakers are encouraged to be intentional regarding participant engagement, interactions, and audience discussions.)

__Panel Discussion (In person combination of lecture and discussion with 2-3 presenters focused on a shared theme or topic).

Virtual Sessions: (60-minutes)

__Lecture (Presenters share their practice knowledge, work experiences, and practice implications in a traditional lecture format. While this presentation classification is a
more traditional format, speakers are encouraged to be intentional regarding participant engagement, interactions, and audience discussions. Can be virtual or in person)

**Length of Presentation:**

__ 60 minutes  
__ 90 minutes

**SESSION CATEGORIES:**

**Research to Practice** – These sessions highlight School Based Research including innovative approaches to ways researchers and practitioners work together to evaluate practice and programs. This could include social workers doing community-based research with implications for school-based practice.

**Practice** – These sessions highlight macro, mezzo, and/or micro level practice such as advocacy, system, or school level work. This can include indigenous social work practices, conversations about country level school social work standards, and the implementation of promising or best practices in a particular cultural context.

**Specific Populations and Issues** – These sessions highlight work with specific populations, i.e., homelessness, gender identity and expression, special education, mental health issues, children in alternative care, etc. Issues can include reengagement as a result of COVID19 school shutdowns; equity and access issues for ethnic minorities; students with disabilities; parent engagement; post war trauma, refugee status, environmental justice, human rights, etc.

**Leadership Focus** – These sessions highlight topics of interest pertaining to supervisory roles or leadership roles. Additionally, these sessions may provide guidance and insights for those attendees who are interested in moving into leadership roles. This can also include the development of school social work associations, and informal or community level leadership.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**
The following criteria will be used when session proposals are peer-reviewed.

- Do the title and description clearly articulate the session content?
- Is the topic timely and/or pertinent to the field?
- Are the session goals and objectives clear and appropriate?
- Will this session positively contribute to the conference program and the profession?
ACCEPTANCE:
If your proposal is accepted, you will be asked to:
• Register for the conference.
• Prepare, edit, and accurately reference all materials for your session.
• Send your Power Point by February 28th

TIMELINE:
• Proposal Submission Portal opens now through November 7th, 2022
• Notification of acceptance November 14th, 2022
• Deadline for presenters to accept an invitation to present November 21st, 2022

Presenters may wish to print off this timeline for future reference and to ensure meeting conference timelines.

AV & MEDIA:
International Conference sessions that will be presented in the virtual format will be pre-recorded in advance of the virtual conference event. Pre-recording reduces variables that may interrupt or interfere with a smooth presentation. Once a session is selected, the presenter will be contacted, and a convenient recording time will be determined. The presenter will be recorded from their own computer with the assistance of an AV technician to capture the content. The recording will be shared during the virtual conference event.

To submit a workshop proposal, click on the link here.