The Communication and Diversity Forum
College of Communication and Information Sciences
University of Alabama

Discerning Diverse Voices:
Communication & Information Symposium on Diversity

Date: Monday, March 27, 2017
Location: Gorgas Library, Room 205, University of Alabama campus, Tuscaloosa, AL

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Clara Chu
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The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Call for Papers, Posters and Panels Presentations
Submission Deadline: February 15, 2017

The University of Alabama's College of Communication and Information Sciences' Communication and Diversity Forum invites you to submit paper, panel or poster proposals for eighth annual Discerning Diverse Voices research symposium that addresses the communication and information needs of diverse populations. The purpose of the symposium is to encourage research about diversity and communication in all of its manifestations. Conference presentations are sought in all areas of diversity including, but not limited to the following:

- Organizations: leadership and management, recruitment and retention, mentoring, organizational culture, motivation and conflict in the workplace and community-based organizations.
- Knowledge: the educational, recreational, informational, political, medical and cultural needs of diverse populations.
- Mediated representations: communication and rhetorical strategies, communication effects, and historical and contemporary images of diverse populations.
- Cultural criticism and commentary (politics, social media, film)
- Intersectionality and identity (including, but not limited to studies of race, gender, LGBTQA+, social class, ability and age)
- Social Justice/Movements (i.e. Black Lives Matter, #bamasits, We Need Diverse Books)
- Popular Culture (reality television, sports, fashion, news, music)

This symposium is highly interdisciplinary and hopes to attract a wide range of topics and methodologies used in researching diversity in our society.

Proposals are encouraged from faculty, staff, community activists, graduate and undergraduate students. Please submit **electronic submissions ONLY** according to guidelines for papers, panels and posters to the submission site at
https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_00bVhpj7oPHVuRL or
http://tinyurl.com/UA-CCIS-DDVSympium **by February 15, 2017.**

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Meares at mmmeares@ua.edu. Presenters will be announced by March 1, 2017.

GUIDELINES

PAPERS
1. Submit an abstract of 250 words or less (abstract should include a title, description of the research including methodology used, key findings/results)
2. A brief (100 words or less) description of the paper for conference program purposes.
3. Note: You will be asked to indicate if, as an alternative, you are wiling to participate in the poster session in lieu of a paper session (See poster requirements below)
4. A completed paper should be produced and presented or summarized within 12 minutes at the symposium.
5. The author must confirm plans to attend the symposium to present the paper.

PANELS
The submitted panel must include:
1. Submit an abstract of 450 words or less (abstract should include a title, the names and affiliation of each presenter and titles of each presentation, if it is a presentation panel)
2. For discussion-oriented panels, each presenter need not have a topic, but 3-5 questions that will be used in the discussion-oriented panels should be included
3. Confirmation that all members have agreed to attend and participate
4. Name and a brief (100 words of less) description of the panel.
5. Name of moderator (including affiliation and address).
6. Each panel should have at least 3-4 panelists
7. Contact information (phone and email) for the primary contact person who will receive all correspondence

POSTERS
The submitted poster must include:
1. Submit an abstract of 200 words of less that includes the title and subject of the poster.
2. A brief (100 words or less) description of the poster for conference program purposes.
3. The name, affiliation and complete contact information of the presenter (phone and e-mail).
4. Poster guidelines (to be distributed with acceptance notifications) must be followed by all poster presenters for professionalism and consistency
5. Presenters must confirm plans to attend the symposium to engage poster session attendees with informal discussion of their research or creative activity. No formal presentation will be required of poster presenters.