



INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR  
LIFE STORY INNOVATIONS  
AND PRACTICE

**CALL FOR PAPERS (DEADLINE JANUARY 17, 2022)**

**ONLINE CONFERENCE  
THE HEALING POWER OF STORYTELLING  
MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

Stories can be experienced in many ways, whether through reading and writing, telling, and listening, or sharing and reflecting. They can also take many different forms: factual or emotional, consistent, or fragmented, down-to-earth, or imaginative, in words or in creative arts. Stories are often told in difficult, ambiguous situations when people are at crossroads in their lives. They can have a healing power, contributing to health, well-being and meaning in life, connection, and cohesion. But how can we better understand this healing power? Which interventions, conditions, individual and group work supports persons in storying their lives? These are the questions that we want to discuss at the online conference of the International Center for Life Story Innovations and Practice, March 3-4, 2022.

We would like to invite you to present your life story research, innovations, and best practices using the form below. We welcome proposals in a variety of inspirational and interactive formats that match the online format of the conference such as interactive paper presentations, roundtable discussions, or short poster presentations to be discussed later in breakout rooms. We favor contributions that promote the understanding of different life story approaches (E.g., reminiscence, life review, guided autobiography) and contribute to the advancement of life story research, education, and practice.

The presentation can be an individual contribution (e.g., a paper or a poster) or a joint contribution (e.g., a workshop or roundtable). Individual contributions will be grouped together according to topics or life story approaches, joint contributions will fill one slot. Each slot will be 60 minutes.

The program includes a keynote presentation [Dr. Jonathan Adler](#) (Olin College) and [Dr. Annie Brewster](#) (Harvard Medical School) that interweaves their scholarly research and applied work at [Health Story Collaborative](#).

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**You may submit your abstract using this link: [Abstract submission](#)**

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