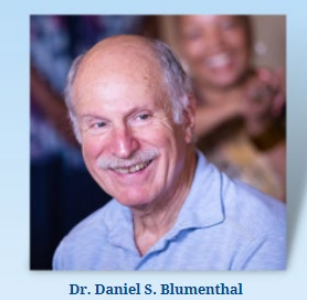
The 2024 Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH
Public Health Symposium Call for Abstracts


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Conversations and Action Strategies to Advance Mental and Behavioral Health Equity in Pursuit of Health Justice

April 3, 2024

Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentations

About the Symposium

The 2024 Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH Symposium will explore effective approaches to leading the creation and advancement of mental and behavioral health equity in the pursuit of health justice via collaboration, multistakeholder-ship, and community-engagement. Globally, low-income, vulnerable, and historically marginalized communities are disproportionately impacted. The symposium is designed to empower participants to achieve and advance health equity and health justice through policy, population research, community, and clinical approaches.

Abstract Themes

All evidence-based research, best practices, policies, and evaluation methodologies that highlight how community engagement, public health practice and research can contribute to the creation and advancement of health equity and the pursuit of health justice.

Topics should focus on, but are not limited to, the following:

- Effective approaches based on individual experiences and scientific evidence.
- Community strategies in promoting and sustaining health equity and health justice.
- Systems and environments that serve as barriers or determinants to health.
- Research identifying trends and data that demonstrate the variety and nuance of experiences among marginalized and understudied groups.
- Policy approaches at the local, state, and national levels.
- The education of health professionals on the concept of community-powered approaches to advance health equity and health justice.

An emphasis of the summit is that there is no health without mental or behavioral health. All submissions should include implications for addressing promoting or amplifying the importance of this public health priority where appropriate along with associations to the topic proposed for presentation.

Who Should Submit?

All Voices are Welcome. We encourage submissions from students, professionals, academicians, and community members who have worked in preventive medicine, public health and community engagement and capacity-building for improving health outcomes. We will highlight both traditional research and non-research practice and processes. Those eligible include but are not limited to:

- Faculty
- Undergraduate, Graduate and Medical Students
- Allied Health Professionals
- Clinicians
- Community-based Organizations
- Educators
- Public Health Practitioners
- Social Workers and Community Health Workers
- Local/State/Federal Government Representatives and Policymakers

If you have a non-research abstract (e.g., practice, policy, partnership development, case studies, processes, etc.) we welcome your submission especially if you are involved with community engagement, community organizing, and processes that connect preventive medicine to health.

Required Documents

Please submit the following two-page **Request for Poster Presentation** in a single file:

- Title Page and Author Information: Please include all authors names, affiliations and degrees or degree candidacy.
- Second Page: An abstract up to 300 words. All abstract submissions should be sent to the following email address: msmpublichealthday@msm.edu. Email SUBJECT LINE: **[Presenter Last Name, First Name_ABSTRACT**] e.g., Smith, Taylor_ABSTRACT. Abstracts submitted after the deadline may not be considered.

Abstract Preparation and Submission

- All abstracts should be limited to 300 words in length (not including titles or sub-headings).
- Title page submission information must include all author names, degrees, and organizational affiliations.
- **Research abstracts should include**: *Objective, Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion*.
- **Practice/Process abstracts should include**: *Goals and Purpose, Activities, Outcomes, Relevance*.

The deadline to submit abstracts is February 16, 2024.

Authors whose abstract is accepted for poster presentation will receive notification by **March 11, 2024**.

All authors invited to present during the poster session must register for the Symposium.

IMPORTANT DATES!!

Deadline to submit abstracts:	**Friday, February 16, 2024** (midnight EST)
Final notification of abstract disposition:	**Friday, March 11, 2024**
Deadline for presenter to withdraw or cancel	**Monday, March 27, 2024 (5:00pm EST)**
Poster presentation	**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**