We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts and invitation to attend the Southeastern Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics. For 27 years, this conference has provided the only dedicated venue for students and faculty from across the southeastern United States to share their passion for gerontology and geriatrics. The theme for the conference this year is “Aging and Engaging: Community Engagement for Older Adults”.

All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit abstracts for possible inclusion in the program. Abstracts may address any topic in gerontology and geriatrics of general interest to others studying aging. Those related to the theme are particularly appropriate.

We look forward to seeing you in the wonderful city of Atlanta, April 21-22, 2017!
GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts will be evaluated in terms of importance, timeliness, relevance of the topic, soundness of approach, and clarity of presentation. The student who is the first author should be the person to submit the abstract. Abstracts must be submitted via email attachment with the title, “Last name of first author - Abstract” to Dr. Anne Glass [glassa@uncw.edu] on or before Friday, February 24, 2017.

Abstracts must not exceed 250 words and must include the following elements, in exactly the order identified to the right, in a MS Word document.

1. Names of all authors
2. Email address of first author
3. School and department represented by participating student(s)
4. Full title of abstract
5. Clear statement of the issue or problem addressed
6. Method by which data were gathered (e.g.: research, literature search, model demonstration)
7. Analysis and results, if appropriate
8. Conclusions

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

All participants are expected to give a presentation and to participate in a poster session. Posters should be created in PowerPoint, and be no larger than 36” x 48”. In addition to poster displays, participants must prepare three PowerPoint slides to accompany their presentations. More details, along with an explanation of the difference between the poster and the presentation slides, will be provided upon acceptance.

REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

All presenters and attendees must register and pay the accompanying $75 fee.

All first author presenters living at least 100 miles from Atlanta, GA, can apply for travel scholarships. Travel scholarships are limited to $100 each. More information on scholarships will be available upon acceptance.

All presenters are eligible to compete for monetary awards for overall excellence given at the close of the event.
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

- For questions about abstract submissions, please contact Dr. Anne Glass, Gerontology Program Director, UNCW School of Health and Applied Human Services at glassa@uncw.edu or 910-962-7509. For questions about registration and payments, please contact Anita Holmes, UGA Institute of Gerontology Business Manager, at aholmes@uga.edu or 706-542-4228.
- For questions about Atlanta, including travel, lodging, and the conference site, please contact Dr. Kerstin Emerson, emerson@uga.edu, 706-542-2539.

LODGING

We are pleased to offer a limited block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia (http://tinyurl.com/jsn3bc7) at a special rate of $138 until March 30, 2017. Reservations made after this date will not receive the discounted rate. Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out time is 11 am. Free parking is available. Conference rates are not available yet. A separate announcement will be made once rates are available.

DEADLINES:

Abstracts Due: Friday, February 24
Acceptance Notifications: Friday, March 3
Discounted Lodging: Thursday, March 30
Registration/Payment: Monday, April 3
REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2017

Your Name____________________________________________________________

Your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag_______________________________________________

Affiliation______________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________________________________________

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Do you prefer vegetarian meals for the conference? Yes or No

How did you obtain the conference announcement? Email Attachment Website

Which category best describes you?  Faculty  Student  Other

Have you attended this conference before? Yes or No

The registration fee of $75 includes the cost of all meals and refreshments.

Please contact Anita Holmes with questions pertaining to registration or payment

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Payment Methods

You may register for the conference online with a credit card at

https://estore.uga.edu/C21653_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=92

or mail form to the address listed with a check made payable to the "Gerontology Student Mentoring Conference".

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