Call for Papers!

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in collaboration with the Mixed Methods International Research Association

Is pleased to announce

Patient Engagement in Biomedical and Health Services Research: A Pragmatic Mixed Methods Approach

A two-day Mixed Methods International Research Association Regional conference focusing on Patient-Centered Mixed Methods Research

August 3-4, 2015
San Antonio, Texas

Featuring Keynote Speakers:
Anthony Onwuegbuzie PhD
Sharlene Hesse-Biber, PhD

The first 25 students that submit Roundtable Abstracts and are accepted for presentation will receive a conference registration award that covers the registration fee for the two day conference.

This 2015 Regional conference is a research design and methodology conference where methodological and technical issues of major importance in the field of health services research will be addressed. This two-day conference seeks to engage with a broad set of approaches in the service of understanding complex health concerns related to the human condition and the natural world. The vision of the Mixed Methods International Research Association includes bringing together diverse communities of scholars, students, practitioners, citizens, and other stakeholders, with the goals of expanding knowledge on research methods producing improved and equitable health outcomes as well as social and global justice. The conference will provide a forum for dissemination of completed mixed methods studies that are exemplars of methodologically rigorous patient and stakeholder engagement and patient-centered clinical effectiveness research. Additionally, it will provide forums for doctoral students and other early stage researchers to present their mixed methods research ideas and projects that are in the proposal phase to an audience of peers, colleagues and experts.

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: June 15, 2015

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Abstract Guidelines

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The presentations for this conference will include two formats: podium and research roundtables. All presentations are required to include mixed methods methodologies that enhance the inclusion of the patient/stakeholder voice.

Podium Presentations

The category of podium presentations includes two major sub-categories: empirical studies and methodological or theoretical papers. Each podium presentation time slot is 60 minutes in length. Each 60 minute slot includes three 20 minute presentations and a discussion led by an appointed discussant. The guidelines for preparing the paper presentation abstract submissions are described below:

Empirical Studies: Abstracts in the sub-category of empirical research are 300 words and must include the following:
1. Purpose of the research
2. Brief description of problem being addressed
3. Brief description of patient/stakeholder engagement
4. Overview of the research project
5. Method (description of mixed methods design including quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis, and integration)
6. Results and conclusions
7. Implications for patient-centered outcomes research

Methodological or Theoretical Papers: Abstracts in the category of methodology or theory are 300 words and must include the following:
1. Title
2. Purpose of the presentation
3. Brief description of problem or issue being addressed
4. Brief description of patient/stakeholder engagement
5. Overview of the project or theory
6. Description of mixed methods theoretical and/or methodological concepts and issues
7. Implications for patient-centered outcomes research methodology
Research Roundtable Presentations
The research roundtable provides a forum for doctoral students and other early stage researchers to present their mixed methods research ideas and projects that are in the proposal phase to an audience of peers, colleagues and experts. The purpose of the research roundtable is to create a dynamic environment wherein healthy and critical discussion can occur, resulting in progressive feedback. The result of this dynamic discussion will be the generation of questions, ideas, and insights specific to each research team while simultaneously responding to the bigger general challenges and innovations in mixed methods patient-centered research.

Research Roundtable sessions are 60 minutes in length. Each 60 minute Roundtable session includes up to three 10 minute presentations and 30 minutes for discussions. Research teams will present their proposal or emergent project followed by a discussion dedicated to the generation of questions and suggestions led by a pre-appointed expert discussant. Research Roundtable submissions are 300 words and should include the following:

1. Title
2. Description of problem and rationale for the research project
3. Statement of the research question
4. Overview of the research project
5. Brief description of plans for patient/stakeholder engagement
6. Brief description of proposed mixed methods design including quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis and integration
7. Specific issues or questions about your project on which you would like input

Important: Please include the below on all submissions:
Please fill out the following form and submit with your abstract

1. Primary Presenter Information
2. First Name
3. Last Name
4. Credentials
5. Title
6. Organization
7. Address
8. City / State
9. Zip code
10. Phone (area code-number)
11. Email

12. Please select type of presentation format you wish to submit
   ______ Paper Presentation
   ______ Roundtable Presentation

Abstract formatting:
1. List title of abstract on the first line
2. List the presenting author first (first name, last name)
3. List institution/ agency and City and State
4. Skip two lines and type the abstract, single-spaced, using Arial font size 12, with one-inch margins on all sides. The abstract is limited to one 8 1/2 X 11 page written in Microsoft Word.
5. Submit Abstract as a MS Word Formatted document and email to Sherece McGoon mcgoon@uthscsa.edu

Abstracts will be accepted until June 15, 2015.
Selected presenters are required to pay conference fee and register