

***Improving Population Health:  
Now, Across People's Lives and Across Generations to Come***

***2017 Call for Submissions: Due April 7***

**The AT&T Executive and Conference Center  
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**Introduction**

The 2017 Program Committee invites submissions to *"Improving Population Health: Now, Across People's Lives and Across Generations to Come,"* the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual interdisciplinary population health research conference to bring scholars and practitioners from different disciplinary backgrounds together to share and discuss the science, practice and policy of population health. The conference is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is organized by the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, the Population Research Institute at Penn State University, The Population Research Center at the University of Texas, the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University and the Institute for Policy and Social Research at the University of Kansas.

Population health researchers and practitioners from diverse disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals and papers for meeting content. Submissions from graduate students, clinical students and trainees are especially encouraged. The Program Committee encourages submissions that highlight the promise of interdisciplinary population health science and action that can improve population health across the life course. Examples of potential topics include, ***but are not limited to***, early environments and later life health, politics and population health, policy levers to improve population health, health disparities, health equity, urban and rural health, health and place, the triple aim and population health outcomes, innovative methods for studying population health, and actionable strategies for improving population health, among others.

A limited number of submissions that present original research not published elsewhere may be invited to be developed as featured conference articles to be published in a journal special issue or an edited volume on population health challenges.

**Submission Formats**

*The conference is aimed at fostering cross-pollination of ideas among panel members and an interdisciplinary audience. Panels should not be comprised of speakers from a single academic discipline. For examples of interdisciplinary panels from the 2016 conference, see <http://ipsr.ku.edu/pophealth/agenda.shtml>.*

The program committee is open to a wide variety of submission formats but preference will be given to exceptional interdisciplinary panels of original contributions.

**Panels of Original Contributions:**

These panels should be developed to present original research, practice, theory, methods or technological innovations (or a combination of these) around a common issue relevant to the conference theme. Note that work presented in these panels should not yet be published. All proposed panels should include a moderator and 3-4 speakers.

**Paper presentations:**

You are welcome to submit an original unpublished manuscript for consideration for the program. Papers may present original research, practice, theory, methods or technological innovations. Papers may be included on the program in one of two ways: (1) If four high quality paper submissions can be grouped together around a common theme, then they may be selected for formal presentation during a traditional conference session. (2) Paper submissions also may be considered for poster sessions that will be held during the meeting.

**You tell us:**

There are up to 3 slots on the program for “you tell us” sessions. This is your opportunity to develop a session in the format of your choosing at the conference. We are open to any type of session that you can successfully organize that advances our understanding of ways to improve population health across the life course (e.g. workshops, author meets critic, flash talks or lightning round sessions, opposing view points, original film screenings, book club etc.).

**Submission Guidelines and Criteria for Review**

**General Guidelines for All Submissions**

1. Submissions must focus on population health broadly defined.
2. Submissions should not include unnecessary disciplinary jargon. Remember that there is a strong likelihood that your submission will be reviewed from at least one reviewer outside of your field. If the reviewers do not understand your submission, it is less likely to be selected for inclusion on the panel.
3. If you are submitting an original research panel or paper for consideration, you must include enough details about your data and/or results to convince the planning committee and reviewers that your work will be ready for presentation at the September meeting.
4. Priority will be given to submissions that will appeal to an interdisciplinary audience
5. Submission will be evaluated based on:
  - a. Clarity of the formulation/conceptualization
  - b. Assessment of the methodological approach as appropriate
  - c. Novelty of the results

- d. Novelty of the project
- e. Fit on the program with other papers or sessions
- f. Ability to speak to an audience that includes researchers from multiple fields and sectors

### **Original Research Panel Guidelines**

Panel proposals must include a description of the panel (400 words or less) and 3 – 4 abstracts (each 400 words or less) along with providing a moderator for the panel. All contributors listed on the original research panel submission must indicate a willingness to participate in the conference. Contact information and Panelists Professional Affiliations should also be included.

### **Paper Guidelines**

Extended abstracts (2-4 pages) or completed, unpublished papers may be submitted for consideration.

### **“You tell Us” Guidelines**

Proposals for “you tell us” sessions should be written up in 1000 words or less. Proposals should outline the format of the session and session content. Sessions can be up to 90 minutes depending on content. If you propose participation by someone other than yourself in your proposed session (e.g. a debate between two scholars), include a statement from session participants that they are willing to participate. “You tell us” sessions will be evaluated on originality, content, and feasibility.

**You will be notified as to whether your submission will be included on the program on or before June 1, 2017.**

If you have questions about your submission, please contact: [meetingsupport@emcvenues.com](mailto:meetingsupport@emcvenues.com).