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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS 14th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STIGMA Conference Theme: "*My Story – Who Can I Tell? Disclosure… Harm… Healing…*"

A Hybrid Conference Hosted by Howard University Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Friday, November 17, 2023 Deadline for Submission: Friday, September 29, 2023 by 5:00pm (EST)

This hybrid conference aims to increase awareness of the stigma of HIV and other health conditions and to explore interventions to eradicate this stigma. This conference also serves to educate healthcare providers and the general public about stigma as both a major barrier to prevention and treatment of illnesses and a human rights violation. We are looking for original research that addresses HIV stigma or other mental or physical health-related stigma to be presented as a **VIRTUAL POSTER** during the conference virtual poster session on November 16, 2023. During the virtual poster session, each presenter will have the opportunity to give a live or pre-recorded presentation of their work with a live Q & A session to follow. Abstracts that focus on this year's theme of, "My Story – Who Can I Tell? Disclosure... Harm... Healing" are particularly encouraged. A limited number of non-research community-based project posters may be accepted for presentation during the virtual poster session.

The Best Scientific Abstract Award recipient will have the opportunity to provide a **BRIEF VIRTUAL ORAL PRESENTATION** of their work on November 15, 2023 in addition to their participation in the virtual poster session. Monetary prizes will be given for the top three scientific abstracts. The Best Scientific Abstract Award recipient will receive a **\$500 prize**, the second-place scientific abstract will receive a **\$200 prize**, and the third-place scientific abstract will receive a **\$100 prize**.

Abstract Guidelines: Submit an abstract, with a **maximum of 300 words**, to Victoria Hoverman and Shirin Sultana at <u>HU.Stigma.Conference@gmail.com</u> by **5:00pm (EST) on Friday, September 29, 2023**. Please include the full name, position/job title, affiliation and email address of each contributing author at the top of the page along with the abstract title. Author information and the abstract title are not included in the 300-word count. Research already published in peer-reviewed journals is not eligible for submission. The first author or another presenter must register for the conference if the abstract is accepted. The first author or another presenter of the winning abstracts <u>must virtually attend the conference to receive the prizes</u>. Students, scholars, and researchers are all welcome to submit abstracts and attend the conference!

Notifications will be sent by October 20, 2023. These are virtual poster presentations only, with the exception of the Best Scientific Abstract Award winner, which is also a brief virtual oral presentation.

For questions about abstracts, contact Victoria Hoverman and Shirin Sultana at <u>HU.Stigma.Conference</u>@gmail.com. For general questions about the conference contact Patricia Houston at phouston@howard.edu.