

6th Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference **“Theory, Knowledge, and Practice”** **CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA** **OCTOBER 25 – 27, 2018**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Black Doctoral Network Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the 2018 conference themed “Theory, Knowledge, and Practice” This year’s conference addresses the (im)possibilities of connecting applied and academic research, the gaps among intellectualism, political consciousness, and activism, as well as potentials of academic work to have positive transformative effects on society. “Theory, Knowledge, and Practice” encourages attendees to consider how we can reconcile theory and practice within our scholarship and to think critically about the social contributions of academic knowledge. The theme of the annual meeting asks: What are the existing opportunities, envisioned potentials, and limitations of applying academic work to the “real world”? How can theoretically-informed research also inform public knowledge and direct social action? Papers that will reflect on this theme are especially encouraged, but we accept submissions on any topic. The Conference will be an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics and professionals from the social sciences, STEM, and humanities to address how we can positively impact and inform each other’s work and engage with our communities. Submission of abstracts from graduate and doctoral students, recent Ph.D. graduates and academic professionals across disciplines are welcome.

Submission Deadline: Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 11:59PM EST.

To submit an abstract visit: blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

We accept abstracts from (1) **individuals** who wish to present on a panel and from (2) **groups** who want to create their own panel. Abstracts should be no more than **300 words** typed, double spaced, using a 12pt font. Submissions should be **anonymous** – please do not include your name or the name of your institution on the document. Include the title of your abstract and note whether it is an **individual** or a **group** submission. All group submissions require at least three presenters.

Submitting author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract. Acceptance announcements will be sent via email in **late April** to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters **must** register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **June 1, 2018**. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by June 1st will result in rescinding acceptance.

We accept abstract submissions from any discipline or topic, including:

- African / Latino Diaspora
- Art, Performance and Music
- Business, Entrepreneurship, and Consumerism
- Community Planning and Development Projects
- Discrimination
- Diseases, Vaccines, and Nutrition
- Gender and Cultural Difference
- Health, Economic, Social Disparities
- Mentorship
- Poverty
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)
- Service Learning and Civic Engagement
- Structural Inequalities
- Urban and Higher Education
- Youth and Family Dynamics
- Youth Programming

PRESENTATION DETAILS:

Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods and conclusions of your research. You may not submit or take part in more than one panel presentation; presenters may give one and only one paper at the conference. Individual presenters will be assigned to a panel and will have 15 minutes to deliver their presentations. Group presentations will be given 60-75 minutes to deliver their presentations.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to interdisciplinary panel presentations, this conference will have interactive roundtables. Professors and corporate professionals from various fields will converse and give insight on the need for interconnectedness throughout the academy and community. Workshops on handling job talks, grant writing and proposals, balancing relationships, and stress and time management will also be addressed.

For questions regarding the Call for Papers please contact:

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