

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY RESEARCH

NASPR Chapter Meeting
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

September 27-29, 2018 Snowbird, Utah, USA



Deadline for Submissions: February 20, 2018

Conference Theme

Beyond the Average: Furthering the Study of Processes of Change

The theme of the 2018 meeting recognizes both the efficacy of psychotherapy for the “average” person and the need to go beyond the mean to understand how change occurs for individuals and unique populations. In this vein, the Program Committee invites submissions that highlight the experience of psychotherapy and change in diverse individuals or that employ novel and emerging methods specific to the study of change.

Consistent with NASPR tradition, the Program Committee also invites submissions on all areas of psychotherapy research, practice, and training. We welcome the full range of contributions to the field of psychotherapy, including reports of innovative research methods and empirical studies of different treatment modalities, diverse populations, a wide range of diagnostic and problem categories, and a broad spectrum of theoretical approaches.

Although some preference will be given to the presentation of completed studies, we also aim to foster discussion of research projects at various developmental stages, especially in the format of Posters and the consultation-centered Open Discussions (see below).

The conference website can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/naspr2018/home>.

The official conference language will be English.

Continuing education (CE) credits will be available for attendance at select sessions.

Each presentation room will be equipped with an LCD projector, a screen, microphone/audio, and relevant cords. Presenters must supply their own laptop computers and any relevant adaptors.

Submission Formats and Procedures

Submission Categories. There are five submission categories, each described in detail below:

1. Panels (with 3-4 Papers in a Panel)
2. Individual Papers
3. Posters
4. Open Discussions
5. Workshops (only a limited number will be accepted and will depend on registration)

Submissions should be made by category type via the web-based submission form links below. To increase the value of Poster and Individual Paper sessions, the Program Committee will attempt to organize them into groups by topic.

Conference Language. The official conference language will be English and all submissions should be written in English.

First Authorship Limits. First authorship by an individual is limited to either *one Paper in a Panel* or *one Individual Paper*. Poster, Open Discussion, or Workshop submissions are *unlimited*.

If you would like to form collaborative Panels or Open Discussions with other colleagues, please consider using the NASPR listserv or our “NASPR” Topic in ResearchGate.

Continuing Education Credits. We hope to offer at this meeting as many seminars with continuing education (CE) credits as possible. Therefore, we are attempting to make enrollment in the CE process as easy as possible by asking each prospective presenter to include learning objectives with their submission and note whether an updated CV is available online or on ResearchGate. Participation in CE credit is optional and prospective presenters may opt out if they wish.

General Recommendations. Please complete the submission form in one sitting and make sure to click the submit button when you are ready to submit. You will receive confirmation that your submission was successfully recorded.

There is no specific account or login procedure assigned to you, therefore you *cannot* save partial work. Start the submission process only when you are ready to complete the form fully. We recommend completing the proposal in a separate document file, including gathering the names, affiliations, and contact information of co-authors.

If for some reason you are disconnected during the process, please submit a full form again.

Please submit any inquiries about submission to northamericanspr@gmail.com.

The submissions deadline is **February 20, 2018**. Notifications will be sent in **late March, 2018**.

Panels

Panels should include three to four presentations focused on a common theme or various facets of a large-scale research project. Each panel should have a moderator (normally the organizer of the panel or another relevant person), and those with fewer than four papers are strongly encouraged to have a prepared discussant. We encourage the inclusion of panel discussants that can provide a distinctive research and/or clinical perspective on the panel presentations.

Panels will be 90 minutes with a minimum of 15 minutes for open discussion.

*Note. The panel submission portal is set up for **one person** (in most cases this will be the moderator). This person will submit the **panel abstract** and **each paper abstract at the same time**. Thus, this person should first collect all abstracts and contact information from all panel presenters prior to proceeding to this submission link.*

[SUBMIT PANEL PROPOSALS HERE](#)

Individual Papers

Individual Papers are ideally suited for presentations of completed studies or projects that have not been submitted as part of an organized thematic panel. The Program Committee will organize papers of similar topics to be presented during the same time slot. The Program Committee will also assign a moderator to pace these paper sessions.

Individual Paper presentations will be a maximum of 20 minutes.

Note. If a large number of individual papers are submitted, or a given paper cannot be thematically linked to others, you might be asked to present your work as a poster.

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Posters

Posters are appropriate for a full range of research reports, including completed studies, pilot data, and works-in-progress. Posters offer a unique opportunity for viewers to see detailed graphical output, as well as to have in-depth individual discussions with the presenter.

The poster session will be 60-90 minutes long.

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Open Discussion

Open Discussions provide an opportunity to assemble a group of interested researchers and/or clinicians to stimulate dialogue on a topic of wide interest. We encourage submissions for the following two types:

Regular Format. In this format, those presenting (up to 5) will briefly address issues or positions to stimulate interactive discussion rather than present formal talks. The discussion may focus on empirical, theoretical, methodological, and/or practice-related topics.

Consultation Format. In this innovative format, students or other researchers present *proposed* research informally for consultation from the audience. The planning committee will seek to have each session moderated by two NASPR colleagues, one primarily a clinician and one primarily a researcher, providing a unique opportunity for practice and research to inform each other at the design stage.

Open Discussions are typically 90 minutes.

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Workshops

Workshops are suitable for more didactic material. Two types of workshops are encouraged. The first is intended to provide training in specific areas of psychotherapy research, methods, or data analysis. The second type entails the clinical presentation of an assessment or treatment method that is followed by discussion on how best to empirically study or to validate the clinical procedures described. The workshop learning objectives, method of presentation, and target audience should be clearly outlined.

Workshops are 120 minutes and are likely to be scheduled as pre-conference sessions during the afternoon on Thursday, September 27, 2018

Note. Only a limited number can be accepted and whether they can be held will depend on registration. Workshops need to have a connection to research in order to be considered.

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