



CALL FOR PAPERS

SEXUALITY AND HEALTH

May 15-17, 2008

Hilton Garden Inn, Cleveland, Ohio

EXTENDED! Deadline for Submissions: February 15, 2008

In 2001, the US Surgeon General listed the promotion of “Sexual health and responsible sexual behavior” as one of the nation’s 10 leading health priorities. An individual’s health, both physical and mental, is closely intertwined with his or her sexual experiences. Sexuality involves both the mind and body, and physical and emotional factors impact not only sexual function and reproductive processes but also one’s self-image and relationships with others.

The 2008 SSSS Midcontinent and Eastern Region Joint Conference will explore the intersection between sexuality and health from a multi-dimensional perspective. What better venue for such a conference than Cleveland, Ohio, one of the nation’s most important health care hubs, to discuss these important issues.

The conference will focus on the following topics, and we welcome multidisciplinary submissions on sexuality and health:

- Advances in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of AIDS and other STIs;
- Sociocultural aspects of primary prevention of AIDS and other STIs;
- The effects of sex on physical and mental health;
- The impact of chronic disease on sexual functioning;
- Advances in contraception;
- The biological basis of the sexual experience;
- Heterosexism and its effects on the mental health of both the attitude holder and the target;
- Drug abuse and sexuality (sexual health);
- Intimate partner violence and sexuality;
- The influence of child abuse on sexuality;
- The role of the media in the promotion of sexual health;
- Sexual health and aging;
- Sexual health and the transgendered;
- Mental illness and sexuality;
- Racial and cultural diversity and sexual health and access to sexual health care;
- Gynecological problems (including infertility problems) and sexual health; and
- The influence of ethical and sociocultural factors on the expression of sexuality and sexual pleasure.



Downtown Cleveland, OH

We welcome ideas and suggestions. If you want to help, please contact us now!

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Proposal Cover Sheet

SSSS Midcontinent & Eastern Region Joint Conference, May 15-17, 2008

Title _____

Principal Presenter & Current Degree _____

Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Co-author(s) / Presenter(s) - Please provide name, degree and affiliation for each. _____

Type of presentation (indicate first & second choice):

Continuing Education Workshop: 2 hours _____ 3 hours _____ 4 hours _____

Oral presentation : 20 – 30 min. _____ 45 – 60 min. _____

Poster _____

Other (please indicate) _____

If this is a student presentation do you want to be considered for the Best Student Paper Award?

Yes _____ No _____

Audiovisual request:

The following items are available at no charge if requested now. *If not requested now, you will be responsible for locating and renting equipment on your own.*

35 mm slide projector _____ Overhead projector _____ Chart stand _____

LCD/ PowerPoint (your laptop required) _____ VCR and monitor _____

Conference fees:

All presenters must register and pay conference fees within 14 days of acceptance to be scheduled on the program. Presenters are responsible for their hotel, meal, and transportation costs. Please make your hotel reservation now (1-877-782-9444) to avoid disappointment.

I agree that if this proposal is accepted I or a qualified substitute will present it.

I agree to register for the conference within 14 days of acceptance.

If sent by e-mail, your signature will be assumed.

Signature _____ Date: _____

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ARE PREFERRED AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Send to:

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Deadline for Submissions: January 31, 2008

1. Completed proposal cover sheet
2. Two copies of the abstract (500 words or less) one copy with and one without author identification.
3. One copy of a brief abstract, less than 150 words, with presenter's name, address, phone number, email address, and other authors' names.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Program Committee or the Continuing Education Committee. Those who submit proposals will be notified of the committee's decision by e-mail by March 1, 2008.

Contributions will be considered in the following categories:

1. Oral presentation: 20-30 minute or 45-60 minute presentation.
2. Poster presentation.
3. Continuing Education Workshop: 2, 3, or 4 hour workshops for continuing education credit. Specify number of hours you are requesting in the abstract. Include one learning objective and its corresponding learning assessment for each workshop hour as well as your vita (this will be used for CE administrative purposes only, not in evaluating proposals). CE workshops are scheduled before the conference.

Student papers are especially encouraged. There will be an award for the best student paper.

All presenters are required to register in advance and pay full conference fees within 14 days of acceptance. Presenters are responsible for their hotel, meal, and transportation costs. Author contact information will be made available to all participants at the conference. Our program will be posted on our website including author names, institutional affiliation and abstracts.

Please send all electronic copies of your submission to: sssscleveland@yahoo.com. If you cannot submit these materials by email or require further information, please contact:

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Hotel Information

The Hilton Garden Inn, Cleveland Downtown is located at the Gateway to downtown Cleveland. Adjacent to Jacobs Field, near Playhouse Square Theater District, Cleveland State University Convocation Center, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, Tower City as well as to restaurants, shopping and exciting nightlife including the House of Blues. The hotel features all of the standard amenities and many extras but it is intimate enough for networking and socializing in a relaxed atmosphere.

Make your Hilton Garden Inn reservations now at 1-877-782-9444. Mention SSSS for the special conference rate of \$95.00 plus 15.75 taxes for a sleeping room.