

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Third Annual Southern California Spirituality and Social Work Conference “Spirituality, Diversity, & Creativity: Paradigm Shift for Clinical Practice”

*Sponsored by
Southern California Society for Spirituality and Social Work*

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Loyola Marymount University
Los Angeles, California

This conference will bring together academics, practitioners, and students to discuss and explore the important role spirituality plays in social work practice and education. Sessions will include:

- scholarly papers,
- panels analyzing issues, promoting dialogue, and sharing resources,
- poster sessions,
- keynote speaker, and
- experiential workshops.

This conference provides an exciting opportunity for an exchange of scholarship and knowledge from various disciplines to stimulate dialogue on spirituality in research, professional education, social work practice, and social action.

Abstract submissions are invited for academic papers, experiential workshops, posters, and panel presentations. Abstracts must be tied to the conference theme. The deadline for proposals is **December 31st, 2011**. The abstract page must have no identifying information and should include the following: (A) title of the presentation; (B) type of presentation (paper, poster, panel, or workshop); (C) learning objectives (3 to 5); (D) proposed session length (60 minutes or 90min session), not required for poster session; and (E) an abstract of about 200 words describing the topic or planned activity.

On a separate cover sheet, provide the name(s), degrees and titles of presenter(s), contact information (institution, address, phone and email), a 60-word description of the paper, panel or workshop, and a 50-word biography for each presenter. Please submit proposals for workshops, panels, posters, or academic papers to Dr. Chikako Nagai <cnagai@csulb.edu>. All submissions will be subjected to a double-blind peer review and notifications will be sent out no later than 1/31/2012. Please note that all presenters must be a current member of Society for Spirituality and Social Work and are required to register for the conference.

Submissions are invited on diverse topics related to the conference theme, such as

- findings of research studies on spiritual practices and/or issues re: diversity of beliefs and creative practices;
- progress in a paradigm shift for clinical practice that integrates spirituality (e.g., how far have we come?);
- case examples discussing spirituality as a factor in resilience, healing, oppression, and/or discrimination; and ethical questions or dilemmas when addressing spirituality;
- aspects of creativity in clinical practice using spiritual traditions, practices, and experiences;
- cultural and spiritual sensitivity and/or awareness in clinical practice, social work education, service delivery, and public policy;
- responses to the following questions: what is the evidence-based in expressive and creative approaches to spiritually integrated practices? What challenges do clinicians face when addressing spirituality?

Conference registration and membership application forms are available on the Southern California Society for Spirituality and Social Work website at <http://www.lmu.edu/academics/extension/crs/projects/socialwork.htm>.

For questions, comments, or further information, contact Dr. Chikako Nagai <cnagai@csulb.edu>.