

MACRO CONFERENCE 2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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**Influencing Social Policy (ISP) Presents: MACRO Conference 2020
May 28-30, 2020 St. Louis, Missouri**



*The Power of MACRO Social Work:
Forging Pathways Toward a More Just and Equitable World*

Collaborative partners:



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Macro Practice in Social Work

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Hosted by the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis



For 20 years, Influencing Social Policy (ISP) has supported social work educators, practitioners, and students eager to engage in social policy and the policy process. Our 2020 Conference broadens our MACRO focus! In partnership with ACOSA, Clark-Fox Policy Institute, CRISP, Grand Challenges for Social Work, #MacroSW, the Special Commission to Advance Macro Practice in Social Work and other macro partners we announce the first-ever, ground-breaking MACRO Social Work Conference: *The Power of **Macro** Social Work: Forging Pathways Toward a More Just and Equitable World*.

ISP Presents: MACRO Conference 2020 invites social work educators, students, and practitioners at all levels of practice to participate in this groundbreaking event where we will grapple with complex social problems; share policy research, practice, teaching wisdom; learn from each other; and, strengthen partnerships to work together for social change.

The conference encourages submissions for presentations, workshops, roundtables, and poster sessions on a broad range of cutting-edge topics. Detailed information about these formats are provided at the end of this call. The conference also honors social work's root commitments to anti-racist and anti-oppressive policies and social, economic, environmental, and political justice.

To build a strong bridge to the future, we encourage submissions that underpin the importance of macro social work by (a) connecting the various areas of macro social work ; (b) spanning micro to macro social work; (c) discussing the influence of social policy on macro social work; and (d) presenting research within and/or across macro social work areas. Submissions reflecting the conference theme, *The Power of Macro Social Work: Forging Pathways Toward a More Just and Equitable World*, are especially encouraged.

Proposals may explore and demonstrate the *Power of Macro Social Work* by addressing one or more of the following:

- the importance of **macro** social work in today's society
- the current state of **macro** social work
- innovations in community development, community organizing, and/or policies responding to contemporary social problems
- the role of evidence-informed teaching methods across **macro** social work
- strategies for assessing competency in **macro** practice
- innovative advocacy and/or community-building or organizing efforts
- new directions in **macro** research

In developing your proposals, you may wish to consult the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) [*Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Macro Social Work*](#). This new resource was developed through a collaborative partnership with CSWE, the Special Commission to Advance Macro Practice (SC) with generous support from the Fund for Social Policy Education and Practice (FSPEP) and in partnership with ACOSA, ISP, and the Network for Social Work Management. In addition, please consider addressing the Grand Challenges for Social Work--specifically consulting recommendations provided on their website, [*12 Challenges*](#).

As with previous Policy Conference 2.0 gatherings, ISP Presents: MACRO Conference 2020 will include exciting plenary speakers, opportunities for networking, and recognition of the ISP national contest winners. A full-day Teaching Institute will precede the opening of the Conference on May 28th. More information on the Teaching Institute is here: [Teaching Institute Call for Instructors Link](#).

Conference proposals for MACRO Conference 2020 should be submitted electronically through the following link: [Conference Proposal Submission Link](#) no later than **November 22, 2019**.

PRESENTATION FORMATS:

Paper Presentation: 20 minutes plus questions

Presentations that share conceptual or empirical scholarship related to topics such as macro practice, micro to macro collaborations, social change, or social work education. Please address:

- Background & rationale
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusions & implications
- How paper relates to conference theme

Interactive workshop: 1 hour

Skill development session that walks participants through a strategy, task, approach or action related to teaching or practicing a macro skill(s) or the integration of micro to macro interventions. Please address:

- Background & rationale
- Objectives: Learning outcomes for participants
- Description of session, including interactive component
- Evidence of efficacy
- How workshop relates to conference theme

Roundtable: 1 hour

Facilitated discussion of controversial or challenging issues facing social work instructors, researchers or practitioners in the macro realm. Please address:

- Background & rationale
- Objectives: Learning outcomes for participants
- Session description, including the role of facilitator and plan for achieving participation
- How roundtable relates to conference theme

Posters

Visual depiction of a macro project, a micro to macro collaboration, an innovative teaching approach, an advocacy effort, or emerging research. Please address:

- Background & rationale
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusions & Implications
- How poster relates to conference theme