

Call for Proposals

The 27th Annual
Renfrew Center Foundation Conference

*Feminist Relational Perspectives and Beyond:
Integrating Science, Creativity and Clinical Wisdom*

**November 10-12, 2017
Philadelphia Airport Marriott**

Being a highly effective eating disorder therapist is a process, not a destination. As our patient population has become increasingly more complex and diverse, research has provided us with a growing body of evidence-based practices (EBPs). As a result, clinicians now face the daunting task of mastering new, cutting edge treatment approaches and integrating them into our well established and uniquely nuanced practices. In order to provide the quality of care our patients require and deserve, we must evolve along with the field.

Conference 2017 will examine the challenge of learning new skills at different points in the professional “lifespan”. These can include the incorporation of innovative therapeutic approaches and evidence-based practices, the integration of clinical intuition, creativity and wisdom, as well as the critical role of supervision.

Accepted proposals should fall into one of four program tracks: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs), Skill Development, Diversity, and Feminist-Relational and will address topics such as:

- Translating research into clinical practice
- The art of psychotherapy and counseling
- Increasing competency and integrating new knowledge
- Body oriented/Somatic practices
- Transdiagnostic treatments
- Supervision and consultation
- Intersectionality
- Research and practice with underserved populations
- Effects of oppression and privilege on ED identification, clinical practices and recovery
- The role of attachment and connection
- Relational cultural theory skill development

CONFERENCE FORMAT:

- Keynotes
- Two-Hour and Three-Hour Presentations
- Networking Receptions
- Poster Presentations*

***Poster Presentations** which document new research findings on eating disorders and approaches to treatment may include research studies (exploratory studies, single subject or group case studies, or randomized controlled studies), reviews of current research and/or

discussions of theoretical issues in the field. The Poster Session will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11th and will feature the work of both senior and junior investigators. Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals. Questions regarding the poster format should be addressed to Kavita Patel at kpatel@renfrewcenter.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MARCH 10, 2017

Please submit (A) Cover Letter, (B) Abstract, (C) Biographical Sketch, (D) Resume/CV and (E) Presentation Experience, as indicated below:

Only ONE proposal per person

A. Cover Letter: Attach a cover letter that includes the following:

1. **TITLE** of proposal presentation
2. **TYPE** of proposed presentation: Three-hour workshop, Two-hour workshop, Poster
3. **PRESENTER(S)**: Maximum of **two** presenters
 - i. Lead presenter: name, address, degree, phone and fax number, and email address
 - ii. Additional presenter: same information as lead presenter
4. **FORMAT**: Primarily didactic, interactive or experiential
5. **CONTENT**: Primarily theoretical, clinical/case examples or research/experimental
6. **SUGGESTED AUDIENCE LEVEL** for the presentation: (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and All Levels).

Beginner – Participants will be able to fully comprehend and/or appreciate. Presentations will discuss concepts that are considered basic skills/knowledge for those working in the field of eating disorders.

Intermediate – Appropriate for participants with an advanced graduate degree in behavioral/nutritional health since they may address concepts that require additional knowledge, workplace/internship experience or a special skill.

Advanced – Requires the knowledge of professionals with advanced degrees in behavioral/nutritional health and with both general and specialized work experience in the particular area/topic to be discussed.

The Conference Committee encourages **Advanced** workshop proposals that are **Interactive**.

B. Abstract: Attach a description of the presentation that includes the following:

1. An extended abstract that describes major ideas, themes and aims of the presentation (**150** words maximum)
2. A brief summary abstract for inclusion in the Conference brochure (**50** words)
3. **Three** behaviorally measurable learning objectives that are achieved by the presentation
4. Description of **handout(s)** to be provided. A handout may be a bibliography, power point presentation, outline of presentation summary, additional resources, a case study, etc. A handout is **mandatory**.

C. Biographical Sketch: Attach a description of your professional experience in the following order: current title and affiliation; relevant publications; relevant organizations; private practice location and area of expertise (**100** words maximum).

D. Resume/CV

E. Presentation Experience: Provide a list of professional presentations you have done within the past **two** years.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:

1. Presentations **must** relate to the Conference theme and **meet** stated learning objectives.
2. Handouts **must** be provided to attendees.
3. Whenever possible, integrate relevant clinical examples and case material.
4. Plan to be interactive with attendees; time must be allotted for questions and answers at the end of the presentation.
5. Do not plan to read your lecture.

SUBMIT a proposal by electronic mail, on two pages only, and within the body of the email. Resume/CV may be attached. The SUBJECT line should read: 2017 Conference followed by the LAST name of the LEAD presenter. Attachments will *NOT* be accepted or opened.

SEND THE PROPOSAL TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

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Conference Committee decisions will be made by MAY 8, 2017.