CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUNY COLLEGE AT ONEONTA

FOURTH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5\textsuperscript{TH}, 2013
VENUE: HUNT UNION
TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00P.M.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 5th, 2013.
All presenters will be required to pre-register for the conference.

Submit Proposals

Register Online

Conference Theme
Understanding and Building Communities Across Differences

Purpose
Students are constantly challenged by their understanding, or lack thereof, of the differences that they and their peers bring to the campus. Understanding and handling derivative issues like stereotypes and bias – conscious or unconscious, can be challenging for many students. The Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (MSLC) is a student-centered and student-led initiative that will expose participants to a better understanding of these values, and strive to provide them with skills and tools to be effective multicultural leaders. As future leaders and agents of change, participants will gain insights into issues and values of diversity, inclusion, multiculturalism and social justice – issues of relevance on college and university campuses and beyond.

Participants
The conference is open to all students, irrespective of level of exposure to diversity-, multiculturalism-, and social justice-related issues.

Conference Sessions
Conference sessions will last for 45 minutes and will be interactive. Presenters should be able to provide participants with examples that emphasize the use of different multicultural leadership skills. Sessions will include: presentation/panel, interactive workshop, and poster session.

Proposal Format
Please submit a single-spaced proposal (not more than 2 pages long) on any of the following topics suggested by participants at the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Annual MSLC:

- Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity in different countries
- Transgender and Intersex Issues
- Breaking through multicultural boundaries; Multicultural dating/relationships
- Multiculturalism in the classroom
- Derogatory/hurtful terms
- Racism; Classism; Feminism/Women’s issues
- Body image-related issues, especially for women
- Language and gestures in different cultures
- Judaism; Multiple religions; & Religions in different cultures/backgrounds
- Immigrants/international students/non-native English speakers

\textit{Proposals can also be submitted on any other topic(s) related to the conference theme.}
The proposal should include the following information:

- The name and contact information (including institution, email address, and telephone number) of the lead presenter and co-presenter(s)
- Title of proposal
- Abstract: A paragraph of not more than 12 lines. (The title and the abstract will be included in the program, should your proposal be accepted.)
- Complete Summary of presentation comprising all of the following:
  a) Proposal title, type of session and number of presenters
  b) Significance of content – content in relation to conference theme and objectives. How will this session address student leadership in the area of focus? What new knowledge will participants gain?
  c) Organization/format and process of presentation - how will the session be presented? How will participants be involved? What resources will be provided to participants?
  d) Purpose and/or objectives and participant outcome – what does the session seek to accomplish, and what is the take home idea.

**Deadline for Submission**
The deadline for submission of proposals is the end of business day **Friday, April 5th, 2013**.

**Evaluation of Proposals**
The proposal review committee is charged with selecting a balance regarding topics, formats, and relevance to conference theme. Each proposal will be reviewed by at least two committee members and scored using the following criteria:

- Relevance to conference theme and objectives (20%),
- Significance of content 40%
- Organization/format and process of presentation 15%
- Purpose and/or objectives and participant outcome 15%
- Originality 10%

**Presenters**
Two or three presenters will be required per session. **No one will be allowed to present alone.**

**Eligibility and composition of groups:**
- Presenters should have good facilitation skills and adequately research the topics of interest
- For SUNY Oneonta presenters, each group should comprise of at least one graduate of the Diversity Peer Education Program (DPEP). Please visit: [http://www.oneonta.edu/development/multicultural/leadership.asp](http://www.oneonta.edu/development/multicultural/leadership.asp) for a list of DPEP graduates and current participants
- Groups will have faculty/staff advisor(s) selected by individual groups
- Presenters will be required to do a mock presentation during the first and second week of September in the presence of the Proposal Review Committee members and/or group faculty/staff advisors.
- Guest institutions are encouraged to follow the above-mentioned requirements for interested presenters from their institutions

**Questions**
Questions about the call for proposals and conference may be directed to bernadette.tiapo@oneonta.edu; Terri.doane@oneonta.edu, or malini34@suny.oneonta.edu