CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Eighth Annual American Spirituality and Social Work Conference
“Spirituality: Controversies and Opportunities

June 20-22, 2013
University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus
Puerto Rico

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
- short documentary film
- 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, documentary film, and panel presentations. Abstracts must be tied to the conference theme. The deadline for proposals is December 15th, 2013. The abstract page must have no identifying information and should include the following: (a) title of the presentation; (b) type of presentation (paper, poster, short documentary film, panel, or workshop); (c) learning objectives (3 to 5); (d) an abstract of about 200 words describing the topic or planned activity; and (e) four key words. In addition, it should include the Registration Form completed.

Please submit proposals for workshops, panels, posters, short documentary film or academic papers to Dr. Lourdes Morales Alejandro research.dr.moralesalejandro@gmail.com. All submissions will be subjected to a double-blind peer review, and acceptance notifications will be sent out no later than January 15, 2013.

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

1. Spirituality in social work: Where we are?
2. Spirituality in the academy: Conflicts and challenges
3. Findings of research studies on spiritual practices and/or issues;
4. Progress in a paradigm shift for clinical practice that integrates spirituality (e.g., how far have we come?)
5. Case examples discussing spirituality as a factor in resilience, healing, oppression, and/or discrimination; and ethical questions or dilemmas when addressing spirituality
6. Challenges of creativity in clinical practice using spiritual traditions, practices, and experiences
7. Challenges and opportunities of spiritual sensitivity in clinical practice, education, service delivery, and public policy
8. Evidence-based practices in expressive and creative approaches to spiritually integrated practices

Conference registration and Call for Abstracts are available on University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus website at http://sociales.uprrp.edu/sub-graduados/programas-subgraduados/. For questions, comments, or further information, contact Dr. Lourdes Morales Alejandro research.dr.moralesalejandro@gmail.com.