

Grambling State University

College of Education

Call for Proposals

THEME: Improving Rural Life and Education

College of Education
3rd Annual Research Symposium
Favrot Student Union
March 26 – 27, 2009

Introduction

The 2009 College of Education Annual Research Symposium will focus on the presentation of research and the exchange of ideas congruent with the deliberate improvement of conditions that impact student learning in rural settings. The field of rural education has historically been marginalized when juxtaposed against urban education; however, in the last few years education scholars have discovered what health and human-service professionals, sociologists, anthropologists and others have known for years – that the rural context (like the urban) is an extremely complex, intricate, and compelling dynamic. This year's symposium explores ways in which professionals from various disciplines, particularly education, inform best practices in rural P-12 schools as well as collaboration between educators and human-service practitioners to assist in the holistic development of the rural P-12 learner.

Submission Guidelines

Research proposals for paper presentations, panel and/or roundtable discussions are encouraged by faculty, practitioners, and students. A 500 word abstract is required with each proposal.

Format and Submission Procedures

There are four areas that the proposals *may* address, namely: *a). Cultural, Linguistic & Other Forms of Diversity in Educational Contexts; b). Challenges & Innovations in Technology, Teaching, and Learning; c). Leading through Education & Other Human Services; and d). Intersections of Wellness, Education, and Public Health in the Rural South.* **All proposals and abstracts must be submitted to the Office of Dean of the College of Education at Grambling State University, P.O. Box 4219, Grambling, LA 71245.** Proposals and abstracts must adhere to the following parameters:

1. All proposals should not exceed two pages (8.5 x 11 inch paper with 1-inch margins) using a 12-point Times New Roman font
2. The abstract describing the paper must be 500 words or less
3. All abstracts and proposals must include the name, email and mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of the author(s) as well as his/her (their) institution(s).
4. Submit proposal information on attached form (called *Submission Form*)

The following audio-visual aids will be available upon request:

- laptop computer
- projector
- easel
- flip chart (w/markers)
- wipe boards (w/dry erase markers)

Submission Deadline: November 17th 2008.

Review Process: Review process will take place November 17 – November 21, 2008. Letters of notification will be mailed immediately after the review process is completed. All abstracts will be subjected to a blind review. For more information, please contact Dr. Wilton Barham (318.274.2509/barhamw@gram.edu), Dr. William White (318. 274.2162/whitew@gram.edu), or Dr. Sean Warner (318.274.2231/warners@gram.edu).

Selection: The abstracts of selected proposals will be reprinted and published in the **College of Education 3rd Annual Research Symposium Schedule**. The review committee reserves the right to edit any and all abstracts submitted for review.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Continuing Education

Be advised that CEUs (Continuing Education Units) or CLUs (Continuing Learning Units) will be available for P-12 practitioners who attend the workshops and paper presentations.

Registration

All individuals, including program presenters, attending the symposium must pay the \$55 (Non-GSU Faculty/Staff) or \$45 (GSU Faculty/Staff) registration fee (See Registration Form). Registration for all university students with a valid ID is free.

Thursday: Pre Symposium Workshops

- ◆ **Dr. Janet Guyden**, Grambling State University ~ *Research Soup to Nuts*
- ◆ **Dr. Festus Obiakor**, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee ~ *Catching the Research & Writing Bug*

Friday: Keynote Luncheon Address

- ◆ **Dr. Lisa Delpit** (Director of the Center for Urban Education and Innovation at the Florida International University) ~ *Lessons Learned in Urban Education That Inform Best Practice in Rural (Life and) Education*