Celebrating our Scholarship: A Spectrum of Activities and Opportunities

SUNY Empire State College 2015 Fall Academic Conference

Call for Proposals and Save the Date!

October 28-30, 2015

We are pleased to announce that the Fall Academic Conference will be held on October 28-30, 2015, in Saratoga Springs, NY. The conference committee is planning a meeting that combines face-to-face activities with webcasting of the plenary sessions, so that those unable to travel to Saratoga Springs can still participate in some of the conference events.

At this year’s conference, we want to bring to life and celebrate the passion behind what we do as mentors, teachers and learners. Our theme, Celebrating our Scholarship: A Spectrum of Activities and Opportunities, has been chosen to provide a space for colleagues to share our scholarly activities (widely defined) with each other as we celebrate the unique and vibrant community we have at Empire State College. Perhaps you have been trying something new and exciting in one of your studies? Maybe you have embarked on a research project and need feedback? Maybe you are grappling with various issues about mentoring or effective ways to serve our ever-changing student population? Maybe you have a creative project that you would like to share? This year’s conference will be a time to come together as a community of thoughtful and passionate educators to discuss, debate and inspire one another about the work we do.

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In addition to individual AOS/program area meetings and opportunities for affinity groups to get together, there also will be time for concurrent sessions and a poster session. The concurrent session presentations may be by individuals or teams on topics related to this year’s theme. As we hope is clear from the above, the planning committee wants to define “scholarship” broadly, and thus this call for proposals invites sessions that may take many different forms. We are interested in proposals that focus on teaching, mentoring, and learning, as well as proposals that share artistic work and colleagues’ on-going research and professional explorations. Concurrent sessions may be face-to-face only, face-to-face with an optional Blackboard/Collaborate, or pre-recorded using Blackboard/Collaborate. Concurrent sessions will be in one hour blocks. As noted, the meeting will also include a poster session.

Please send your concurrent session and/or poster session proposals to Terri Hilton (Terri.Hilton@esc.edu) in the Office of Academic Affairs by 5:00pm on Friday, July 10, for review by the Fall Academic Conference Planning Committee. Proposals should be less than 200 words. We especially look forward to proposals that incorporate active participation among colleagues. Please indicate the following in your proposal:

- Names of the presenter(s) and location(s)/affiliation(s)
- Title of your topic
- Type of session: concurrent or poster session (note your preference)
- Technology needs (e.g., laptop, projector)
- Interest in using Blackboard/Collaborate in your session
**AOS Meetings:** We suggest that AOS conveners/program chairs set their agendas for individual AOS/program area sessions early, and communicate those to constituents as soon as possible.

More news about plenary sessions and a possible guest speaker will be forthcoming.

We very much look forward to your participation!

**2015 Fall Academic Conference Planning Committee**

Questions and suggestions about the conference may be directed to any of the Planning Committee members.

Co-Chairs: Cindy Bates, Faculty Co-chair (CML/NEC/ARTS) and Shelley Dixon, Admin. Co-Chair (OAA)

Committee: Kimberly Balko (Nursing), Sandra Barkevich (OAA tech support), Desalyn DeSouza (CML/CNY/CHS), Troy Jones (Metro-State Island/Educational Studies), Alan Mandell (CML/CPALM/Metro/Social Science), Susan McConnaughy (HVC/CHS), Kynn Rutigliano (SGS/BME), Shishir Singh (SGS/BME), and our OAA support team – Terri Hilton, Grace Comiskey, Jodie Williams and Melissa Krug.