The Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (SSO: USA) is soliciting abstracts for its Third Annual Research Conference which will take place October 29-31, 2004 at the Kah Nee Ta High Desert Resort and Casino in Warm Springs, Oregon. This year we seek three forms of submissions: papers, panels, and forums. The Submission Form for these sessions may be accessed on the Upcoming Events page of the SSO: USA website. Please note that submissions must be 350 words or less. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2004 (either electronically submitted by 12:00 midnight EST or postmarked by June 15, 2004).

**PAPER SESSIONS**

The SSO: USA seeks abstracts for papers to be presented at its annual conference that reflect one or more of the following topics:

1. Papers that focus on the development of knowledge of occupation.
2. Research papers (both in process and completed) on topics related to the study of participation, occupation, and health
3. Papers that address novel or current research methodologies for studying occupation
4. Papers that address the application of occupation in OT practice and education

Submissions should be made by the first author and include the title, an abstract, and a list of other presenters and their affiliations. Abstracts will be reviewed by a SSO: USA committee. Abstracts will be chosen based upon their relevance to one of the above listed topics, potential of the paper to promote discussion, and coherence. Paper sessions will run 45 minutes (25 minute presentation followed by 20 minute discussion).
**Panel Sessions**

The SSO: USA encourages panel session submissions that focus on a topic of interest to a significant number of SSO: USA conference attendees. We expect that panels of 3-5 panelists will make brief presentations about the session topic that will stimulate discussion by the session participants. Although the topic and specific structure of the panelist presentations are left up to the organizer, panel sessions should leave ample time (one-third to one-half of the session) for questions and discussion by the audience members and panelists. Panels may focus on, but are not limited to, one of four areas:

1. Significant or new concepts in research, such as place, adaptation, or participation
2. Specific research areas such as occupational development, temporality, or quality of life issues
3. One of a number of theoretical frameworks proposed in occupational science; or
4. Research designs, such as a specific qualitative method, mixed methods approaches, or meta-analysis

Submissions should be made by the session organizer and include a title, abstract, and list of the session’s participants and affiliations. As with paper submissions, session abstracts will be evaluated by a SSO: USA committee. A maximum of four panel sessions will be chosen for the final program. Sessions will run 90 minutes.

**Forum Sessions**

The SSO: USA also welcomes open discussion forums on a topic of interest to SSO: USA conference participants. The goal of these sessions is to promote dialogue on a topic of interest so that an even broader set of perspectives may be shared. Either an individual or a team may lead the forum. You may use the majority of time available for exploration of academic ideas of any type, as long as there is a theme tying them together. As with panels, possible forums include the gamut of research topics, as well as administrative and pedagogical themes. Forum organizers should submit an abstract of the proposed forum including a rationale for the forum, aims to be accomplished, and what participants are expected to take away from the session. As with other submissions, session abstracts will be evaluated by a SSO: USA committee. A maximum of four forum sessions will be chosen for the final program. Sessions will run 90 minutes.

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