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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS 8th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STIGMA Conference Theme: "Research and Advocacy in Action"

Howard University, Washington, DC, Friday, November 17, 2017 (8 AM- 5 PM) Deadline for Submission: Friday, October 6, 2017 by 5:00pm (EST)

The overarching goals of this conference are to increase awareness of the stigma of HIV and other health conditions and to explore interventions to eradicate this stigma. The conference also serves to educate healthcare providers and the general public about stigma as both a human rights violation and a major barrier to prevention and treatment of illnesses. We are looking for original work that addresses HIV or other health-related stigma (such as mental illness) to be presented as a **POSTER** during the conference poster session. The Best Scientific Abstract Award recipient will receive a \$500 prize as well as the opportunity to provide a brief **PRESENTATION** of their work separate from the poster session. Second place will receive \$200 and Third place \$100.

Abstract Guidelines: Submit an abstract, **maximum 300 words**, to Victoria Hoverman at vicki.hoverman@gmail.com and Shirin Sultana at shirin.sultana@bison.howard.edu, by **5:00pm (EST) on Friday, October 6, 2017**. Please include the full name, position/job title, affiliation and email address of each contributing author at the top of the page along with the abstract title. Author information and the abstract title are not included in the 300-word count. First author or presenter must register for the conference if the abstract is accepted. Notifications will be sent by October 15, 2017. These are poster presentations only, with the exception of the Best Scientific Abstract Award winner, which is an oral presentation. The first author of the winning abstracts <u>must attend the conference to</u> receive the prizes (or be willing to let an attending author or other representative accept the prize). Students are welcome!

For questions about abstracts, contact Victoria Hoverman at vicki.hoverman@gmail.com and/or Shirin Sultana at shirin.sultana@bison.howard.edu. For general questions about the conference contact Patricia Houston at phouston@howard.edu.