



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **STIGMA**

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

17th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STIGMA

Conference Theme: “Shattering Stigma: Let Your Light Shine. Break the Stigma.”

A Hybrid Conference Hosted by Howard University Wednesday, November 18, 2026 – Friday, November 20, 2026

Deadline for Submission: Monday, September 21, 2026 by 5:00pm (EDT)

This hybrid conference aims to increase awareness of the stigma associated with HIV and other health conditions as well as explore interventions to eradicate this stigma. This conference also serves to educate healthcare providers and the general public about stigma as both a major barrier to the prevention and treatment of illnesses and as well as a human rights violation. We are looking for original research that addresses HIV stigma or other mental or physical health-related stigma to be presented as a **VIRTUAL POSTER** during the conference virtual poster sessions on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 and Thursday, November 19, 2026. During the virtual poster sessions, each presenter will have the opportunity to give a live or pre-recorded presentation of their work with a live Q & A session to follow. Abstracts that focus on this year’s theme of, “Shattering Stigma: Let Your Light Shine. Break the Stigma” are particularly encouraged. A limited number of non-research, community-based project posters may be accepted for presentation during the virtual poster sessions.

The Best Scientific Abstract Award recipient will have the opportunity to provide a **BRIEF VIRTUAL ORAL PRESENTATION** of their work on Thursday, November 19, 2026 in addition to their participation in the virtual poster sessions. Monetary prizes will be given for the top three scientific abstracts. The Best Scientific Abstract Award recipient will receive a **\$500 prize**, the second-place scientific abstract will receive a **\$200 prize**, and the third-place scientific abstract will receive a **\$100 prize**.

Abstract Guidelines: Submit an abstract, with a **maximum of 300 words**, to Victoria Hoverman and the Scientific Committee at HU.Stigma.Conference@gmail.com by **5:00pm (EDT) on Monday, September 21, 2026**. 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. Research already published in peer-reviewed journals is not eligible for submission. The first author or another presenter must register for the conference if the abstract is accepted. The first author or another presenter of the winning abstracts must virtually attend the conference to receive the prizes. Students, scholars, practitioners, and researchers are all welcome to submit abstracts and attend the conference!

Notifications will be sent during the week of October 12, 2026. These are virtual poster presentations during the poster sessions only, with the exception of the Best Scientific Abstract Award winner, who will do an oral presentation virtually during the main conference session. There may be an option for a few presenters to bring a physical poster to the Friday in-person day of the conference.

For questions about abstracts, contact Victoria Hoverman and the Scientific Committee at HU.Stigma.Conference@gmail.com. For general questions about the conference contact Patricia Houston at phouston@howard.edu.

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