ISRI

International Society for Research on Identity

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

27th Annual Conference

Thursday June 3rd – Friday June 4th, 2021

Virtual

The Program Committee invites submissions for the twenty-seventh annual ISRI meeting. The conference will be held virtually using the Whova Platform (more details to come!). Membership in ISRI is not required to submit a presentation for consideration or to attend the conference. *ISRI is an interdisciplinary organization and strongly encourages submissions from a diversity of fields such as psychology, sociology, family studies, and anthropology.*

The submission portal opens February 15th, 2021 with a submission deadline of April 1st, 2021. Notifications will be sent by April 15th.

General Information

Conference Meeting Platform & Times

The conference will be held entirely online using the WHOVA platform (which integrates with Zoom). More information will be posted on the conference website in late spring.

We anticipate that the events of the first day (Thursday June 3rd) will take place between approximately 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. On the second day (Friday June 4th) events will take place approximately between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time.

Registration

Registration will be available on the ISRI website in April. Registration rates will be $60 for student members ($120 non-members), $60 for new professionals/emeritus/developing countries ($140 for non-members), and $80 for professional members ($175 for non-members).

Invited Program

The invited program will be announced this spring and will include a keynote address, two plenary sessions, professional development sessions, and conversation roundtables.

Social Events

At the end of the second day of the conference, there will be a "happy hour" event. More details will be available soon!

Scholarship & Award Information

James Marcia Student Registration Scholarship

At each biennial conference, ISRI awards a James Marcia Student Travel Scholarship to a student presenter. This year, the Scholarship will be in the form of free student registration. To qualify, individuals must be an ISRI student member, and be the first and presenting author on an accepted submission of any type (includes first authorship on a paper presented within a symposium). Both graduate and undergraduate students are eligible.

The registration scholarship will be awarded on a lottery basis. In the case of a student who is first author on more than one presentation, that person will have their name entered into the lottery only once. The ISRI Program Committee will randomly select the recipient from the pool of eligible candidates. If the winner is unable to attend the conference, the award will be forfeited and a new lottery conducted from the remaining applications.

To be considered, please select this option as you enter author information for your submission on the submission website. Proof of student status (a copy of a current student ID or a note from the faculty advisor on letterhead) will be required upon receipt of the award.

Student Research Award

Students are encouraged to submit their original, individual research for consideration for a Student Research Award for high quality accomplishments. Three awards are given: one at the bachelor level (e.g., an undergraduate thesis or independent research project), master level (e.g., a master thesis or an independent research project), and doctoral (e.g., a dissertation).

Students who want to be considered for this award must be first author on a conference proposal that is based on their project. The proposal must be submitted as either a Traditional Poster, Traditional Paper, or a Paper in a Symposium. *Please select the Student Research Award option as you enter author information for your submission on the submission website. In addition to the other requirements for that submission type, students must also submit a description of their role in the project and the name and e-mail address of their faculty sponsor.*

The Program Committee, in conjunction with the Chair of the Student Research Award Committee, Dr. Shelia Marshall, will review applications. Students will be notified within two months (or earlier) whether they were selected for the award.

Please note that the review process for the Student Research Award will be separate from the general review process (i.e., submissions not selected for the Student Research Award may still be accepted for the conference itself). **Students may select consideration for both the James Marcia Student Travel Scholarship and the Student Research Award.**

Instructions for Preparing Submissions

Carefully follow the instructions below while you are preparing your proposal(s). ***Please note that some things have changed from prior years!*** *Proposals not prepared according to the instructions below will not be reviewed. If you have questions about how to prepare your submission, please contact the chair of the Program Committee, Sara K. Johnson,* s.johnson@tufts.edu.

Proposals should address key issues of concern to identity researchers and theorists. ISRI is an interdisciplinary organization and strongly encourages submissions from all relevant fields.

> ### Submissions should be made online at http://www.identityisri.com

Submission Deadlines

- Submission Portal Opens: **February 15, 2021.**
- Submission Portal Closes: **April 1, 2021.**
- Notifications regarding proposals will be sent by **April 15, 2021.**
- Depending on space availability, late submissions for poster presentations only will be accepted until **May 1, 2021.**
- For presentation formats that require advanced submission of materials, materials must be submitted by **May 15, 2021.**

Submission Formats (please note some *new* options!)

- Interactive Session or Workshop
- Paper Symposium
- Individual Paper Presentation *(2 types!)*
- Poster Presentation *(2 types!)*
- Grant Competition for early career scholars (< 5 years post-PhD)

Do not submit material more than once, e.g., as a poster or paper and as a symposium presentation or as a paper in two symposia. Individual paper presentations not accepted as such may be considered for poster presentations, if you choose (you can indicate that in the submission website).

Interactive Sessions or Workshops

Description: Interactive sessions are designed to encourage exchange of ideas, methods, and/or experiences focused on a particular topic, to encourage contact among people who may benefit from shared ideas. **Although some mention of research results and conclusions may be necessary, the primary focus should be on getting people involved in discussion of ongoing issues, controversies, projects, etc.** Interactive sessions might include roundtable discussions, conversation hours, small group work, etc. Submissions focusing primarily on someone's research agenda and data analysis should be submitted as one of the other presentation formats. Interactive sessions will be scheduled for 50 minutes and will occur live with video conferencing via Zoom (and connected through the WHOVA platform).

Components:
- Title
- Author information (Names, Institutional Affiliations, e-mail addresses)
- 100-word maximum short abstract, to be included in the conference program.
- 500-word maximum long abstract used for review purposes. It should include the title of the session, a brief outline of what will be discussed, how discussion will be promoted, and brief information about the expertise of presenters relative to the topic. However, do not include author names in this document.

Paper Symposia

Description: A paper symposium should include **three paper presentations with a chair and a discussant** (please note that this year there is _no_ option for four papers without a discussant). The symposium should focus on a specific topic and emphasize conceptual issues and the integration of findings. It is the chair's responsibility to include presenters whose work fits cohesively into the overarching theme of the symposium, and a discussant who will tie these presentations together. The chair will also be responsible for introducing presenters and holding presenters to their allotted time within the symposium. The role of a discussant is to comment on the papers included in the symposium, drawing on their own expertise. *Symposia will be scheduled for 50 minutes*. At least 20 minutes should be allowed for discussion with the audience as part of the symposium. All paper symposia will be held live with video conferencing via Zoom. All <u>presenting</u> authors and the discussant must be available to present live.

Components: One person must enter all information for an entire symposium.
- Title
- Author information for the symposium chair, discussant, and all authors (including names, institutional affiliations, and emails).
- A 200-word maximum integrative statement and 100-word maximum abstracts for each paper in the symposium (to be included in the conference program).
- A 500-word maximum integrative statement and 500-word maximum abstracts for each presentation in the symposium, without author information, for review purposes.

Poster Presentations

Ask-a-Question Posters

Description: Have a question about your identity-related research that you would like to hear other people's opinions about? You can submit an "Ask-A-Question" poster. These posters involve an overview of an identity-related research situation leading to an unanswered theoretical or methodological question. Poster session attendees will engage presenters in discussion about these questions and provide advice about potential solutions.

***Potential* question formats:**
- What are the alternatives to [X] for analyzing data about [Y]?
- How can I ask parents about their children's identity development?
- Should I use X measure, Y measure, or a different identity measure?

The poster submission <u>must</u> include a description of the research situation leading to the question as well as potential options that the presenter is considering. *The questions should not have a single, simple answer,* but instead they should prompt numerous potential answers that can be compared.

Components:
- Title (Phrased as a Question)
- Author information
- 100-word maximum brief abstract, to be included in the conference program
- 500-word maximum long abstract, without author information, for review purposes, with up to 2 figures/tables (excluded from the word count).

Traditional Posters

Description: Traditional posters include submissions focusing on empirical results or theoretical and pedagogical topics related to identity. All methods appropriate to the discipline, the data, and the issue under study are acceptable (including small sample, single subject, and descriptive designs). For empirical submissions, preference will be given to submissions with completed data analysis (due to space limitations), but submissions should summarize data already collected and must include sufficient report of data analysis for reviewer evaluation.

Components:
- Title
- Author information
- 100-word maximum brief abstract, to be included in the conference program
- 500-word maximum long abstract, without author information, for review purposes, with up to 2 figures/tables (excluded from the word count).

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Presentation Information for both types of Posters:

Posters will be uploaded in advance of the conference (by May 15th). Presenters will need to be available for a live "drop in" session to answer questions and speak about their poster using video conferencing via Zoom.

Paper Presentations

Works-In-Progress Papers

Description: Would you like to get more feedback about… a research project you are planning? Items you are trying to design? Data you are trying to analyze? You can submit a Works-in-Progress Paper Presentation. In this format, the presenter gives background information about the topic and specifics about the project, just as in a traditional paper presentation. Then, however, the presenter gives at least two questions for the audience on which they would like feedback or to have a discussion. Submissions should describe the context of the situation and list at least two questions.

Works-in-Progress Papers may be organized into small sessions (2 or 3 papers) with similar questions or themes. Each session may be chaired by people with expertise on the topics of the papers who will also provide feedback. We welcome presenters from all settings (e.g., youth-serving organizations, university positions) and all career levels to help us try out a new presentation format! Works-in-progress papers will be presented live using video conferencing via Zoom.

Components:
- Title
- Author information
- 100-word maximum short abstract, for the conference program
- 500-word maximum long abstract, without author information, for review purposes, with up to 2 tables/figures (excluded from the word count).

Traditional Papers

Description: Papers will be presented by an individual speaker (multiple authors are, of course, acceptable) and should present a single study or series of related studies on a specific topic in the field of identity. Each speaker will have 15 minutes for their presentation (including time for questions). Individual papers will be grouped together into thematic sessions. Submissions for paper presentations may be accepted as poster presentations if time/space in the program so requires, if submitters indicate that they would like to present the research as a poster if it cannot be presented as an oral paper.

Some papers will be selected for live presentations via video conferencing using Zoom. Other papers will be pre-recorded presentations with associated discussion boards for questions and answers. Authors may note a preference for either format in the submission site. We cannot guarantee specific formats but will make every effort to accommodate these preferences.

Components:
- Title
- Author information
- 100-word maximum short abstract, for the conference program
- 500-word maximum long abstract, without author information, for review purposes, with up to 2 tables/figures (excluded from the word count).

Grant Competition for Early-Career Researchers (Students or <5 Years Post-PhD)

Description: Early career researchers are invited to submit their ideas for a chance to participate in a grant competition to take place at the 2021 ISRI conference.

If you are a student or are within five years of receiving your PhD, you can submit a proposal for a research project that you would conduct with a $1,000 grant. These proposals will be reviewed during the same time as the regular conference submission. Author teams can include up to 3 authors, but all must be early-career researchers and each person can only be an author on one proposal for the grant competition (but may submit proposals of other types).

Proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee and ISRI Board. Review criteria include 1. the scientific quality of the project (including that it is clearly about some aspect of identity, broadly defined), 2. whether the project is feasible with $1,000, and 3. the creativity of the research. The authors of the 3 highest-rated proposals will be invited (by April 15) to record a 5-minute presentation prior to the conference (must be submitted by May 15, 2021).

The presentation recordings will be available to conference attendees- including a panel of three judges – prior to the conference itself. During the Grant Competition session at the conference, the judges and audience members will have 30 minutes to ask the authors questions (10 minutes for each proposal). The judges will then rank the proposals, and the audience members will vote on which proposal should be funded. The grant recipient will be determined by 50% judges' ranking and 50% audience choice and will be announced at the ISRI Business Meeting.

Components:
- Title
- Author information (up to three authors, all must be early-career researchers, please indicate anticipated year of graduation or year of receipt of PhD)
- 100-word maximum short abstract, for the conference program
- 500-word maximum long abstract, without author information, for review purposes. Long abstracts should describe why the study is needed, what research questions the project will address, what activities will be done for the project, and a brief description of how the grant funds would be spent.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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For more information about the conference and to submit proposals, please visit www.identityisri.org