

Call For Participation

Conference Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Location: California State University, Northridge

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INVITATION

The AGBU Hye Geen's Young Circle is organizing its fifth annual conference entitled "The Status of Armenian Communities Living in the United States" which will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010. The conference will take place at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) in cooperation with CSUN's Departments of Women and Gender Studies, Cinema and Television Arts and Armenian Studies along with the Alpha Epsilon Omega Fraternity.

The goal of this year's conference is to explore the power of broadcast media. Specifically, the topics are:

- The portrayal of Armenians in the media throughout the 20th century.
- Prevalent ethnic stereotypes perpetuated in media.
- What can be done to affect the media's portrayal of Armenians and other ethnicities?
- What can be done to counteract the effects and treatment by the media?

Thus, if you are an educator, administrator, researcher, student, or practitioner - in the fields of journalism, communications, political science, social work, psychology, or sociology - take advantage of this professional opportunity to present at this critical and timely conference.

In preparation for the conference, the Young Circle is issuing a call for papers. The deadline for submission is December 15, 2009; the submission must be an outline of the topic, a brief description of the research, its date of completion and a biography along with a photo of the researcher or presenter.

The selected papers will be presented at the conference and published in the 2010 AGBU *Hye Geen* periodical formerly known as *Ganayk Hayots* (Armenian Women).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & PROCESS

The following section provides the submission guidelines and process.

Topics

There are four topics that the organizers would like to have covered in this conference. As such, the proposal should address **one** of the topics below:

- The portrayal of Armenians in the media throughout the 20th century.
- Prevalent ethnic stereotypes perpetuated in media.
- What can be done to affect the media's portrayal of Armenians and other ethnicities?
- What can be done to counteract the effects and treatment by the media?

Submission Deadline

Please submit your proposal via email by December 15, 2009. Submit to agbuhyeqeen.youngcircle@gmail.com. All parts of a proposal will be collected online.

Preparation of Proposals

Proposals should consist of:

1. An abstract of no more than 750 words including citations,
2. A separate 50-word overview, and
3. A list of references cited in the abstract of no more than 500 words (bibliographies should not be submitted with proposals).

Presentation Format

The format for this year's conference is presentation only. Each paper will be allotted a total of 20 minutes for both presentation and question and answer period. The conference sponsors will provide an LCD projector and screen upon request. Presenters should provide their own laptop computer or plan to share a computer with other presenters in their session.

Proposal Types

In your proposal, please explain if you will present an empirical study, a conceptual case, or an innovation paper. All are of equal status. All proposal types should advance the knowledge base about the Armenian community living in the United in your presentation. Details of these proposal types are below:

- **Empirical Paper**
 - An Empirical Paper is research in fields of journalism, communications, political science, social work/social welfare, psychology, sociology, and related areas on the findings of either a quantitative or qualitative research study as it relates to the topics of the conference. Information on the nature of the sample, methodology, and findings must be included. Papers in this category must report on either completed studies/projects or long-term research efforts where a substantial body of data has been developed at the time of proposal submission.
 - Please be sure to include following:
 - Clearly state the research problem,
 - Demonstrate how the research builds on substantive literature,
 - Clearly present specific research question(s) to be answered,
 - Explicate a qualitative or quantitative research method appropriate for the research question, and
 - Guarantee that findings will be available at time of presentation.
- **Conceptual Paper**
 - A Conceptual Paper is conceptual framework on journalism, communications, political science, social work/social welfare, psychology, sociology, and related areas; it provides a series of logically developed and well-substantiated ideas built upon a theoretical base.

- Please be sure to include following:
 - Clearly state the issue or problem of concern,
 - Demonstrate how the issue / problem builds on substantive literature, and
 - Provide a clear conceptual / theoretical framework.

- **Innovation Paper**
 - An Innovation Paper is innovation in journalism, communications, political science, social work/social welfare, psychology, sociology, and related areas; this paper provides a way to share new and creative ways of administering and delivering services. Presentations will need to focus on a "how to" approach that would prepare participants to implement and evaluate the innovation in their own settings.
 - Please be sure to include following:
 - Clearly describe the innovation,
 - Demonstrate how the innovation builds on substantive literature,
 - Demonstrate that the approach, strategy, technique or program is innovative, and
 - Provide a means for evaluating the innovation.

Proposal Review Process

All proposals will be pre-screened in terms of their compliance with the procedural guidelines. The conference sponsors will notify authors about proposals that fail to comply, with an indication of the problem encountered. Non-compliant proposals will not be considered for presentation at the 2010 Interdisciplinary Conference. Proposals that successfully pass the pre-screening process will be sent for review to the Conference Abstract Review Committee.

Notification of Proposal Status

Emails about the status of proposals will be sent to all Primary authors by January 2010.

Presentation Submission

If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you are required to submit your completed paper or PowerPoint presentation to the conference sponsors. Your materials will be included in a CD-ROM distributed on-site to all attendees, unless you indicate refusal of publication in writing to the conference sponsors at agbuhyegeen.youngcircle@gmail.com.

Dissertation & Thesis Forum

The 2010 Interdisciplinary Conference provides an opportunity for individuals who have completed doctoral dissertations or thesis to submit abstracts of their dissertation or thesis for presentation. Abstracts will be judged on the basis of the overall quality of research or the treatment of theoretical or methodological issues in the dissertation or thesis. Dissertation or thesis proposals should present a clear statement of the problem of interest to the field of study, a carefully explicated and appropriately focused methodology and a summary of the principal findings/conclusions. Abstracts dealing with theoretical and methodological issues should clearly state the issue and argue the resolution. Abstracts must meet the criteria for the Proposal Types as specified above.