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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

May 10, 2017

The fifteenth IERC *Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium* will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 9–10, at the NIU Conference Center in Naperville, IL. This year’s IERC symposium will be held in tandem with the Illinois Association of Institutional Research annual conference (more to come). We invite you to submit a proposal for a paper presentation or a poster presentation to a friendly community of scholars, policy makers and other education stakeholders from Illinois and beyond. This unique forum provides education practitioners, policy makers and researchers the opportunity to learn from one another about education research from early childhood through higher education and the workforce and engage in rich dialogue.

The IERC *Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium* attracts participants from higher education, state education agencies, education research centers, the P-20 Council, and education providers in Illinois and surrounding states. For the poster session, we encourage you to submit a “work in progress” or completed research study. Proposals that have been accepted at national or regional meetings within the past year will also be considered. This is a great opportunity to receive valuable input from education research experts from around the state, and your presentation at the symposium can help facilitate research-informed education policy making and program development in Illinois and the region.

Please forward this information to interested colleagues and students.

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November 9–10, 2017 • Naperville, Illinois

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Proposal abstracts should be no more than 600 words (excluding references) and should summarize the: study goals or objectives, theoretical perspective, research design and analytic approaches, summary of findings, and implications for Illinois education policy.

Submitters should also include:

- the presenter(s) and their professional affiliation(s)
- the presenters' preference for a paper or poster session
- a biographical statement (one paragraph, approximately 100 words) for the presenting author(s)
- other venues where this work will be presented prior to November 9, 2017

The abstracts of the accepted proposals will be published in a compendium that will be distributed electronically. The abstracts may also be included on the IERC website.

Evaluation criteria include:

- the project's relevance to Illinois education policy issues (although may be based on data from other states)
- the methodology and analytic approach is clear and adequate to support the study's goals
- the conclusions and implications are clearly described and supported by the results
- the proposal is based on completed work or the submitter can verify that the results will be available prior to the symposium

Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Deadline for Proposals: Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Proposals and inquiries should be sent by email to ierc@siue.edu

If you have questions, call toll-free 1-866-799-IERC (4372).

Notification of status of proposal will be sent by August 15, 2017.