

CALL FOR PAPERS (Deadline MAY 1, 2009)

New England SPR Conference (NESPR)
Williams College, Williamstown, MA
October 2-3, 2009

Practice Research: Sustaining Collaborations

Conference Preview

- Friday evening poster session/wine and cheese reception
- Saturday Keynote Address: Bill Stiles (Miami University) *"Beyond the Dodo Bird Verdict"*
- Panels, individual papers, posters and open discussions, including new practice-research consultation format
- Special rates for students and practice-research collaborative groups
- Continuing education credits for select sessions



Welcome: Conference Details

The first ever New England Regional Group Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research (NESPR) will be held Friday evening, October 2nd and throughout the day on Saturday October 3rd, 2009. We are delighted to have Bill Stiles (Miami University) delivering the keynote address, *"Beyond the Dodo Bird Verdict."* We warmly invite your participation and submission of proposals for panels, individual papers, posters and open discussions (roundtables), as defined on the proposal submission form below. The conference theme is **Practice Research: Sustaining Collaborations**. The conference will be a forum for sharing results and ideas from all kinds of therapy research, with a special (but not exclusive) focus on research on therapy as practiced in community settings and on supporting and inspiring sustainable practice-research collaborations.

The conference is co-hosted by Williams College and the University at Albany/SUNY. It will be held at Bronfman Science Center, on the picturesque Williams College campus, at the height of the colorful New England autumn season. The campus is a 5 minute walk from the Williams Inn and a 5 minute drive from several other lodgings. It is easily accessible by car from Vermont, Albany (1 hr), New York and Boston (both 3 hours) or by bus which stops right at the Williams Inn. Registration costs include the Friday reception, as well as lunch and refreshments on Saturday. The rates reflect our commitment to making the conference affordable and welcoming to all. Registration costs and lodging information may be found below. Continuing education credits (sponsored by Division 29 of the American Psychological Association) will be available for

attendance at select sessions, as well as reduced fees and a limited number of travel awards to students who present a paper or poster, so please encourage your students to participate.

Please consider submitting a [presentation proposal, due MAY 1, 2009](#) (see Submission Form in attachment). Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 30th. If you plan to attend the conference (whether or not you will be presenting), please also complete and send in the registration form as soon as possible. We will send a copy of the program to all registered participants in late August.

The regional SPR meetings are a unique venue for practicing therapists and researchers to share current and planned psychotherapy research, insights, strategies, and solutions. We are delighted to invite you to join us in this wonderful tradition again this year. As with all SPR events, this meeting is open to everyone, so please invite interested colleagues and students.

We hope you will attend and look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Warmly,

The NESPR Organizing Committee

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Presentation Submission Form

Deadline MAY 1, 2009

Please submit by email to: Laurie Heatherington, at laurie.heatherington@williams.edu

Name _____ Institution _____

Full mailing address & phone of first author _____

_____ Email _____

Title of Presentation (*for panels, this is the title of the overall panel*)

Co-Authors & affiliations _____

Preferred Format (see format descriptions below):

Individual paper ___ Panel ___ Poster ___

Open discussion (Roundtable) : *Regular* format ___ *Consultation* format ___

If Paper or (regular format) Open Discussion, are you interested in your presentation being eligible for CE credits? If so, we will be in touch with you with further instructions if your presentation is accepted. We strongly encourage this, in keeping with our theme.

Yes, interested ___ No, not interested ___

Abstract:

Please submit an abstract (250 words maximum) of your submission. For panels, please include an abstract/overview of the entire panel, as well as abstracts for each paper in the panel. For empirical studies, please include aims, methods, results and discussion.

Keywords:

Please include 3-4 keywords related to your submission.

Format descriptions:

Individual Papers: Individual papers are usually summaries of completed studies or projects. Where possible we will attempt to schedule papers of similar topics together, so please be sure to complete the keyword section of the submission form. Should a large number of paper submissions be received by the scientific program committee, you may be asked to present your work as a poster.

Panel: This form of participation is ideally suited for the presentation of thematically related studies. We prefer heterogeneous panels representing up to 3 topically related studies, rather than breaking up one study into several small presentations. Panels should have a chair (usually the convener of the panel) and may have a discussant, preferably someone not directly involved with the studies. In the typical spirit of SPR presentations, please leave ample time for discussion with the audience.

Poster: Posters are appropriate for a full range of research reports, including completed studies, pilot data and literature reviews, and offer a unique opportunity for viewers to pay detailed attention to arguments and graphic presentation of data and to have one-on-one discussions with the presenters.

Open Discussion: This is an opportunity to assemble a few people to stimulate an open discussion of a topic of wide interest.

Regular format: Those presenting (up to 5) will briefly address the issues or positions to stimulate interactive discussion rather than present formal talks. The focus of the discussion may be empirical, theoretical, methodological, or research-practice related issues.

Consultation format: This format is new, and designed to give students, as well as others, a chance to present **proposed** research informally for consultation with others. This format provides an opportunity to have researchers and clinicians think with you about the study while it is still in the design stage. We are especially excited to try this format, and in keeping with the conference theme we will try to provide group moderators who are practitioners and researchers. To submit, please describe the aims and preliminary design of your study in the 250 word abstract.