



RACE, RELIGION & SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

2022 Theme: Harm, Healing & Hope

Call for Proposals

Tri-Faith Initiative and UNO's Religious Studies department invites submissions for the first annual Race, Religion, and Social Justice Conference that will be held on Thursday, June 9 on the Tri-Faith Commons in Omaha, NE. The conference will address intersections between race, religion, and social justice across different segments of society.

We are seeking papers and presentations that address topics associated with Harm, Healing, and Hope. We invite nonprofit and civic leaders, diversity, equity, access, and inclusion (DEAI) practitioners, community members, and scholars to present proposals related to the following topics:

- Resiliency and wellness
- Diversity, equity, access, and inclusion (DEAI)
- Youth and education
- Immigration and refugees
- Institutional responses
- Arts, theater, and creative initiatives

Sessions will be focused on professional learning and community engagement and provide key takeaways for participants. Please note that applicants should be prepared to present virtually, should health considerations necessitate a virtual conference.

We welcome the following types of presentation formats:

Education Sessions (15-minute time slots or 45 minute full panels)

Presenters share their work, innovations, or new opportunities. The presenters are responsible for leading the conversation, providing new and varying perspectives, and offering practical applications of their work. The education sessions can be held as brief individual presentations (à la TED Talks) or panels.

Conversation Sessions (45-minute time slots)

Presenters lead a facilitated conversation in which participants will discuss an issue or challenge, in order to help examine or solve the problem. The proposal should include the conversation topic and engaging questions for discussions. This session type should be highly interactive with planned activities for participant engagement, and the proposal should describe specific activities and well as specific discussion questions.

Workshops (45-minute time slots)

Presenters engage participants in an activity or performance related to the conference topics. Workshops should be structured with collaboration between the presenter and participants and between participants. In the proposal, please clearly describe the activities and/or interactive performance in which participants will engage.

Academic and Community Posters

Presenters will develop a visual presentation (print or digital) that directly engages a conference topic. They will be available to discuss their presentation with conference participants. Tables will be provided.

Visual and Performing Arts

Presenters will develop a creative display of visual or performing arts that directly engages a conference topic. They will be available to discuss their presentation with conference participants. Space requirements and other accommodations may be specified in proposal.

Proposals will require the following information:

- Presenter name(s)
- Professional bio (including experience and profession)
- Title of proposal
- 200-word summary
- Key takeaways
- Presentation style

Please submit your proposal by March 14, 2022 at trifaiith.org/RRSJ-CFP.

If you have any questions, please email RRSJ@trifaiith.org.

In solidarity,

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