

Call for Proposals:

Cultural Impact Conference (CIC)

Post 2020 Era: Implications for Social Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Mental Health

April 12, 2022, Chicago, IL and Online

The aim of CIC 2022 is to explore how the events of 2020 and beyond have shaped our world through the lens of social justice, equity, inclusion, and mental health and how we can draw on lessons learned to create a more equitable and socially just world.

The year 2020 will most likely be remembered for the COVID -19 pandemic. It has touched every facet of our lives: home, family, workplace contexts and people of all races, cultures, genders, sexual orientations, socioeconomic status, and religion. Across the globe we have seen the very best and the very worst of humankind. The world has grappled with trauma, grief and loss on a scale previously unimagined, but it has also highlighted individual and community resilience and been a catalyst for innovation in education, research and practice within the field of psychology.

The intersection between work and family has never been so apparent, as we have all tried to adapt to living, working and schooling in a shared space. The pandemic has highlighted the disparities that exist in community resources at a national and global level.

The pandemic created a “society wide experiment” that has blurred the boundaries between the different facets of our lives and created opportunities for seeing and doing things differently. We have been challenged to change our ways and innovate. So, what have we learned? Where do we go from here?

This conference provides an opportunity to come together to better understand how the psychology community has responded to the unique challenges of the past year and how this learning can be harnessed to create sustainable change for the future.

Conference objectives

The objectives aim to embrace the workplace, education, community from a national and global perspective.

Participants will be able to:

- Explore similarities and differences in terms of social justice, equity, and inclusion and its impact on mental health, mental health, education, behavioral health, or business practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Address mental health and well-being with a diversity/equity/inclusion lens.
- Identify individual, community and social prevention and intervention methods to promote mental health wellness.
- Apply research, theory and innovative practice initiatives to the workplace, education and community.
- Create interprofessional coalitions to engage in systemic sustainable change.

Proposal Application Process:

CIC 2022 will be a hybrid format. Proposals may be for on ground or virtual presentations.

We are accepting proposals for presentations, workshops, round tables, poster presentations and ‘small talks.’ Faculty, staff and students across all campuses and departments of TCSES are encouraged to submit. Details about different session format are included below.

Submissions are welcome any time, and due **August 1, 2021**. Please submit your proposal using the CIC Online proposal form by clicking on [CIC 2022 Proposal Form](#) here. Proposals submitted via email will not be reviewed. You will be notified if your proposal is accepted by **October 31st**.

Submissions should include the following information.

- Name and affiliation of presenters, proposed session format.
- Please include a short bio for each presenter that can be included in the conference program (150 words)
- Abstract with 300 words. This abstract will appear in the conference program if the proposal is accepted.
- Do you intend to apply for CE/CEU credits for your session? Y/N
- Preferred format (In person in Chicago, Virtual Only, or Hybrid)

If you intend to provide Continuing Education Units for your session (Workshops and Panels only) the organizer will reach out for additional information if the proposal is accepted.

Workshops (60 minute)

Workshops (CEs or Not)-An educational program that focuses especially on techniques and skills in a particular field or topic. The program includes exploration on some subject, development of a skill or technique, or overview of a creative project, etc. The goal of the workshop should be improving the skill of a subject through intensive study, research, practice and discussion.

Micro-Webinars (15 – 20 minutes)

Presentations between 15 and 30 minutes in length. They do not qualify for CEs/CEUs.

Panel discussions (60 minutes)

A discussion about a specific topic amongst a group of panelists with varying perspective. This usually includes a designated moderator to assist with the event.

Poster presentation

Poster presentations provide a way to communicate your reach or your understanding of a topic in a short and concise format. It usually includes two elements- a poster and a brief (usually no more than 2 minutes)



explanation. Students are highly encouraged to participate. Students have an opportunity to participate in a poster competition.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the CIC committee at cic@thechicagoschool.edu.