



## ResilienceCon 2019 Call for Conference Submissions

**GENERAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED!!  
NOW NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

**~~General Submission Deadline: November 16, 2018, 11:59 PM CST~~  
Late-Breaking Submission Deadline: February 15, 2019, 11:59 PM CST**

### Conference Dates: April 14-16, 2019

We are excited to announce the 2019 Call for Submissions! ResilienceCon focuses on strengths-based approaches for research, prevention, and intervention on violence and other adversities. ResilienceCon also “disrupts” the usual (stale) conference format to create a more interactive and collaborative environment. When great minds get together, they should talk to each other!

For 2019, we will be offering two submission deadlines: The general submission deadline will be **November 16, 2018, 11:59 PM CST**. We also recognize that the results of some of the most exciting research may not be available until closer to the actual conference, so we will also be offering a Late-Breaking submission deadline! This deadline will be **February 15, 2019, 11:59 PM CST**, and is for timely research with up-to-date results. Submissions for the Late-Breaking deadline should be on new research that has not yet been presented at other conferences, ideally for studies that are completed after the general submission deadline.

Other things to know: We now have **EIGHT** scholarships for scholars and advocates! Also all attendees can participate in the First Pages pitch session!

### Program Topics

We invite submissions on all aspects of resilience and adversity, including:

- Resilience and the social ecology, including protective characteristics of individuals, families, schools, and communities
- Strength and resilience among people and communities of color
- Cross-cultural and international research on strengths or resilience
- Community-based participatory research to promote health and well-being
- Developmental or other longitudinal studies of strengths or resilience
- Resilience and schools, including school climate and social networks
- Resilience across the full spectrum of sexual and gender identities
- Community resilience and addressing health disparities and other systemic issues
- Resilience among individuals with disabilities
- Resilience and rehabilitation in criminal justice and other offender settings
- Promoting resilience among active military personnel and veterans
- Exploring well-being, health, post-traumatic growth, and other resilient outcomes
- Resilience and self-care for professionals

- Strengths-based approaches to prevention and intervention, such as social and emotional learning (SEL), cultural connectedness, redefining masculinity, bystander programs, mindfulness, narrative, and trauma-informed care
- Policy initiatives to promote resilience

## Session Formats

All session formats require a title and abstract (300-word limit) for each presentation (organized symposia of 20x20 or retrospectives also require an overview abstract for panel), and 3 learning objectives.

All panels are interview based. They are divided into 3 sections. The first section is 5-7 minutes per presenter (either for a brief opening statement on the topic or a 20X20 short talk), the second is an interview conducted by the moderator, who serves as host and interviewer and not just timekeeper. The third is an open Q&A with the audience. The result is much deeper interactions, both with your fellow panelists and with the audience, that are more transformative (and interesting!) than typical conference presentations.

**Posters.** A poster is a visual presentation of a project. Poster sessions offer opportunities for informal interaction with conference attendees. Poster sessions also offer the opportunity to learn about many studies in a single session. If you are a student or someone else who is working on their first research study, then we recommend the poster format, but more senior researchers may also submit posters. Posters may be submitted and presented in English, Spanish, and French.

***Data blitz option for poster presenters.*** Poster presenters can also indicate whether they would like to be considered for the data blitz. A data blitz gives each poster presenter 3 minutes, using a maximum of 3 slides, to present the key findings from their poster and encourage people to stop by and learn more about their study. The data blitz is primarily designed for students.

**20x20 presentations.** 20x20 presentations are fast-paced slide presentations that are similar in style to TED talks. The name comes from the standardized format: each presentation is 20 slides set on a 20-second automatic advance. So, each presentation lasts exactly 6 minutes, 40 seconds. The 20-second advance favors slides that focus on a few (even one or two) words or images, not densely packed text. Several presentations will be presented in a single panel. Like TED talks, these are good presentations to offer commentary, present a new idea, or offer key highlights from a current research project. Note: 20x20 presentations are best-suited for experienced presenters.

**20x20 symposia.** We welcome teams of 5 to 6 presenters to organize their own 20x20 symposia (with or without a discussant).

**“Hot topic” panel discussions.** A 4-to-7-person panel on a current question in the field. These can be trending topics, controversies, or understudied issues (or all 3). These will be moderated Q&A sessions, with questions prepared and submitted in advance by panelists, the moderator, or attendees. This is a chance to move beyond the constraints of data-driven presentations to talk about theory building, brainstorm about reconciling contradictory findings, or making new connections between research and practice.

**Perspectives.** Perspectives are 12-15-minute talks that *provide an overview and synthesis of at least two different datasets or other data sources (defined broadly, we are open to considering ethnography, history, or other sources of knowledge)*. We are especially interested in discussion of insights that are best appreciated from looking at findings that did and did not replicate, “lessons learned” about methods, or how these results can inspire future research on your topic.

**Perspectives symposia.** Teams of 4 presenters may organize perspectives symposia (with or without a discussant as a 5<sup>th</sup> person).

## Submission Guidelines

[Visit our website](#) to submit online. You will need the following information to submit: Title; 200-300-word abstract; presenter’s name, affiliation, and contact information; co-authors’ names, affiliations, and emails; 3 learning objectives; and conflict of interest certification.

## Other Opportunities

**Life Paths Promising Scholar Award.** We are offering four scholarships for presentations that focus on under-served or marginalized communities. Scholarships include conference registration and 2 nights’ lodging at the Scarritt-Bennett center (dorm-style lodging). Eligibility is limited to current students (graduate and undergraduate), post-baccalaureate fellows, and post-doctoral fellows. For full application details, see the ResilienceCon website.

**Life Paths Promising Advocate Award.** We are proud to announce that in 2019, we will also be offering four scholarships for advocates who are (1) currently working at a non-profit organization serving people/communities who are historically underserved or have experienced violence, marginalization, or distress, and (2) 7 years or fewer professional experience in the field. Scholarships include conference registration and 2 nights’ lodging at the Scarritt-Bennett center (dorm-style lodging).

**First Pages.** We are borrowing this idea from writer’s conferences, where it is often one of the most popular sessions. First Pages is a “pitch session” to help you get your ideas across with the most impact. The first page of many documents is the most important, including the abstracts of scientific papers and the “specific aims” or similar overview of many grant applications. All attendees are welcome to anonymously submit the first page of an unpublished & unsubmitted document (bring these with you—it is not necessary to submit in advance). These will be read or displayed and then analyzed by experienced editors/reviewers and authors.

**Exhibitors/Sponsorship.** We will be offering the opportunity for advocates and other service providers to have booths advertising their services at ResilienceCon 2019, helping to create networks between researchers and advocates. Other sponsorship opportunities will also be available. Please email [lifepaths@lifepathsresearch.org](mailto:lifepaths@lifepathsresearch.org) for inquiries, or visit [www.lifepathsresearch.org/resiliencecon-exhibitors-sponsors/](http://www.lifepathsresearch.org/resiliencecon-exhibitors-sponsors/)

## Conference Setting: Resilience Inside and Out

The Scarritt-Bennett Center offers an exceptionally beautiful and serene environment right in the heart of downtown Nashville. The campus is a combination of historic buildings (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) and tree-lined green spaces. The Scarritt-Bennett Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to social justice and we are supporting many strengths-based initiatives by supporting the Center. We hope the space will promote ResilienceCon goals by providing space (literally) for attendees to reflect on their roles as researchers and practitioners.

Scarritt-Bennett, near Vanderbilt University, is within easy walking distance of restaurants and shops in the vibrant West End and Midtown areas. It is a short drive to Broadway music venues.

There are many local hotels and housing options near the Scarritt-Bennett Center. In addition, there is low-cost housing available on site that is consistent with their mission to provide a place for mindfulness and spiritual reflection. Like many retreat centers, the housing is simple and modest (no televisions in rooms and every two rooms share a bath).

If you prefer a conventional hotel, we have a list of nearby options on our website. There are also many Airbnb or VRBO (vacation rental by owner) options in the area.

Nashville is Music City USA and one of the most vibrant cities in the United States. Experience live music, an increasingly fantastic restaurant scene, world-class shopping, and many museums and landmarks in the vicinity. There are many family-friendly activities as well.

## Chairs of ResilienceCon

Sherry Hamby, Ph.D. (Life Paths and University of the South), Victoria Banyard, Ph.D. (University of New Hampshire), and Nicole Yuan, Ph.D., MPH (University of Arizona) are the Co-Chairs of ResilienceCon.

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