



SSEA2015

the seventh conference on emerging adulthood

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

October 14 - 16, 2015 Miami, USA

The Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA) invites proposal submissions for the 7th Biennial Conference. The goal of the conference is to bring together a multidisciplinary and internationally diverse network of scholars to advance the study of emerging adulthood (age range 18-29). All conference sessions will be held at Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay, Florida.

about ssea2015

The 2015 conference theme is *Expanding Emerging Adulthood*.

The theme will be reflected in featured sessions that consider emerging adulthood in a lifespan context, emphasize the cultural context of emerging adulthood, and broaden the topics and methods of research. The theme also reflects the SSEA itself, which is now an established professional society that is continuing to expand through the launch of the Topic Networks and increased internationalization (see www.ssea.org for more details).

invited program

keynote speaker: Brent Roberts, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, *Emerging Adulthood in a Lifespan Perspective*

presidential address: Seth Schwartz, University of Miami, *Unanswered Questions about Emerging Adulthood: An Agenda for Moving the Field Forward*

special event: *Interrogating Emerging Adulthood: Jeffrey Arnett in the Hot Seat*. Turning the tables on the typical academic examinations, three talented emerging scholars will challenge Jeffrey Arnett and his theory of emerging adulthood, posing questions about the nature and generalizability of emerging adulthood.

pre-conference: Sessions on October 14 will focus on mental health, identity issues, and more! Check www.ssea.org or like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SSEA>) to stay up to date.

etcetera: Master Lectures and Invited Panel Presentations on topics such as religion, globalization, narrative identity, and much more. More information on these sessions will be available on the SSEA website (ssea.org).



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selection criteria

1. Focus of the proposal is on emerging adulthood (age range 18-29).
2. Importance of the topic.
3. For empirical presentations, methods must be appropriate for the research question(s). Research using quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods are all encouraged.

For Discussion Sessions, Debates, and Innovative Sessions, the topic and structure of the session must be clearly defined and cohesive.

Please note: There is a limit of two submissions by the same first author

timeline

submission open: January 15 www.ssea.org/conference/2015

submission deadline: March 1

notification of decisions: April 15

questions? contact info@ssea.org

expedited review: To accommodate international travel and special circumstances that may warrant an extended period between decision notification and the conference, we are offering expedited reviews to those whose circumstances qualify. Expedited review will only be granted in situations that would otherwise prohibit a presenter from traveling to the conference. You will be able to indicate this option when you submit your proposal. Proposals submitted for expedited review are due on March 1st and notifications will be granted within two weeks (March 15th).

For additional information related to submissions, travel grants, venue and accommodations, and registration, please visit www.ssea.org.

formats

Proposals consistent with the conference theme are encouraged, but all proposals will be given full consideration. Six types of submission formats will be considered (each is described further below): discussion sessions, debates, innovate sessions (TED & Pecha Kucha talks), symposia, posters, and individual papers.

important: A major goal of the 2015 conference is to promote interaction, discussion, and innovation. Accordingly, we encourage submissions for discussion sessions, debates, and innovative sessions, in addition to the typical symposia, individual papers, and posters. SSEA members are urged to seek partners for discussion sessions or symposia through their Topic Networks where possible (see www.ssea.org). We encourage work in progress and theoretical proposals (best for interactive sessions), in addition to the typical empirical reports (best for posters, individual papers, or integrated symposia).



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format guidelines one

discussion sessions

Discussion sessions are intended to be an interactive forum for an exchange of ideas, rather than presentations of research findings. Discussion sessions may focus on topics that are related to theory, methods, practice, and/or policy. Each session may have a maximum of three panelists and must have a moderator. Each session will be allocated 60 minutes for discussion among the panelist and 30 minutes for discussion with the audience.

Discussion Sessions **should not** include individual presentations from the panelists, and use of Powerpoint slides is strongly discouraged. Rather, the moderator should prepare a series of questions to be posed to the panelists for discussion. Submissions for Discussion Sessions should include a proposal of no more than 500 words that describes the topic and rationale for the session, at least three discussion questions to be addressed by the panelists, and a brief description of the background and expertise of the participants.

debates

Debates have been an important part of SSEA since the first conference. For the 2015 Conference, we are encouraging submissions of debate sessions. Debates should center on a focused topic of broad interest that has two clearly defined "sides" to the issue. A debate submission must include three roles: the two individuals who will debate one another, and a moderator.

Submissions for debates should include a proposal of no more than 500 words that describes the topic and rationale for the debate, including a description of the positions to be taken by the two opposing sides. The proposal should also include a brief description of the background and expertise of the participants.

individual papers

Individual Paper proposals will be grouped into sessions of 4 papers. Sessions will be assigned a Chair by the Program Committee. Each session will be 90 minutes. Presenters will be allotted 15 minutes each; 30 minutes will be reserved for a Q&A period to be led by the Chair.

NOTE: *Some proposals submitted as paper presentations may be accepted as poster presentations.*

Submissions for paper presentations should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) containing the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required).



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format guidelines two

posters

Individual Posters will be presented during general poster sessions. The general poster sessions are unopposed sessions, and therefore offer an opportunity to present work to all conference participants who attend. Reports of empirical studies are well suited for poster presentations.

Submissions for poster presentations should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) containing the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and/or implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required).

paper symposia

A Paper Symposium includes a series of presentations on a common topic. The session may consist of 3 papers and a Discussant who summarizes and comments on the presented papers, or 4 papers and no Discussant. A Chair should be designated from the set of presenters. Paper Symposia will be scheduled for 90 minutes. Each paper and the discussion will be allotted 15 minutes for presentation; 30 minutes will be reserved for a Q & A period to be led by the Chair. Individuals interested in finding other presenters to form a symposium are strongly encouraged to get involved with a relevant SSEA Topic Network or post on the SSEA Facebook page.

Submissions for paper symposia should include a proposal of no more than 500 words (approximately 2 double-spaced pages) for each presentation that contains the following: title, introduction to the research question(s), description of methods, results, brief discussion and/or implications. In addition, proposals may contain up to two figures, tables, charts or graphs (reference list is not required).

Additionally, Paper Symposia must include an integrative statement of no more than 500 words. The integrative statement will include a (i) title of the Paper Symposium, (ii) rationale for bringing the papers together, and (iii) discussion of the themes the papers address.



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format guidelines three

innovative sessions

TED x SSEA and Pecha Kucha emphasize new ideas and themes, and provide the opportunity to present findings that go “off the grid” in the sense that the content can be different from the type of work that would often be included in a traditional presentation or article. For example, these formats may be selected for the presentation of: (a) theory, (b) themes that emerge across multiple studies, (c) provocative findings from the “cutting room floor” i.e., edited out of a paper, (d) insights gained from research interviews, (e) case studies, or (f) experiential reports (e.g., working with emerging adults).

Submissions for these Innovative Sessions should include a proposal of no more than 500 words that describes the topic, rationale, and specific focus of the session in terms of the key themes and ideas that will be covered. The proposal should also clearly indicate if the presentation will be a **TED x SSEA** or **Pecha Kucha** talk.

PECHA KUCHA

(PRONOUNCED PE-CHAK-CHA)

Talks are designed to foster the expression of innovative and novel interpretations of scientific research. This dynamic presentation format originated in Tokyo in 2003, drawing its name from the Japanese term for the sound of conversation (“chit chat”). These presentations conform to a strict style: 20 slides are set to auto-advance; each slide appears for 20 seconds and then automatically advances to the next slide.

Each presentation is exactly 6 minutes and 40 seconds; each is followed by a brief Question & Answer (Q&A) session.

TED X SSEA

Talks borrow the concept and format of TED talks which use storytelling techniques as a means of communicating scientific ideas and information. Originally designed as a way to communicate “ideas worth spreading,” in 18 minutes the presenter tells a story or argues for an idea using minimal or no audio-visuals. When audio-visuals are used, the type is open. Any one or combination of still images, music, or video may be used; interactive elements and demonstrations are also permitted. Each talk is followed by a brief Q & A session.

Those interested in submitting a TED x SSEA Talk are strongly encouraged to view the recordings of two such talks given at the 2013 conference: http://www.ssea.org/conference/conference_archive.htm

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MIAMI!