



# SSEA2017

the eighth conference on emerging adulthood

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

November 2-4, 2017 Washington DC, USA

The Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA) invites proposal submissions for the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington DC.

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### about ssea2017

The 2017 conference theme is *Emerging Adults as Change-Makers Around the World*. 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, a professional society that is continuing to expand through many active Topic Networks and an increasing international presence (see [www.ssea.org](http://www.ssea.org) for more details).

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### invited program

**keynote speaker:** SSEA is excited to announce that Brian K. Barber, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker for the 2017 Conference on Emerging Adulthood. Dr. Barber is a New America Fellow in Washington, D.C., and Professor of Child and Family Studies and Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Youth and Political Conflict at the University of Tennessee.

**presidential address:** Elizabeth Morgan, Springfield College

**master lecturers:**

Ofra Maysel: Caring during Emerging Adulthood

Larry Nelson: Social Withdrawal and Flourishing vs. Floundering

Scott Stanley: Cohabitation and Relationship Development during EA

Elisabetta Crocetti: Identity Formation during Emerging Adulthood

**pre-conference:** Sessions on November 2nd will focus on mental health, identity issues, and more! Check [www.ssea.org](http://www.ssea.org) or like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SSEA>) to stay up to date.

**etcetera:** Invited Panel Presentations on quantitative and qualitative methods for emerging adults research.

**timeline:** submission open: January 15, 2017

<http://www.ssea.org/conference/2017>

submission deadline: March 1, 2017

notification of decisions: April 15, 2017

questions? contact [info@ssea.org](mailto:info@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, 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.*

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## timeline

**submissions open:** January 15

[www.ssea.org/conference/2017](http://www.ssea.org/conference/2017)

**submissions deadline:** March 1

**notification of decisions:** April 15

**questions?** [contactinfo@ssea.org](mailto:contactinfo@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 1<sup>st</sup> and notifications will be granted within two weeks (March 15<sup>th</sup>).

*For additional information related to submissions, travel grants, venue and accommodations, and registration, please visit [www.ssea.org](http://www.ssea.org).*

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## formats

Proposals consistent with the conference theme are encouraged, but all proposals will be given full consideration. Four types of submission formats will be considered (each is described further below): discussion sessions, paper symposia, posters, and individual papers.

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## 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 panelists 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.



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Submissions for Discussion Sessions should include a proposal of no more than 500 words that describes the topic and rationale for the session, includes at least three discussion questions to be addressed by the panelists, and provides 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.

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).

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

## 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.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON DC!**