

# **Call for Papers: Fourth Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Faculty Symposium**

**April 4, 2012  
Marywood University**

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## Faculty Research Symposium Call for Papers

The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development, a collaborative applied research center (formerly known as the Joint Urban Studies Center), is pleased to announce the fifth annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Faculty Research Symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to bring together faculty and student investigators who are engaged in original research, in a forum where the faculty may share their research with colleagues from the Institute's member institutions. Students have an opportunity to present research with their respective faculty member. Submissions may be research on *any* topic, and The Institute's Academic Advisory Council will make every effort to organize panels around the topic.

**A faculty-student research award and a best paper award will be included. Guidelines for each award are detailed on page five and six. Students are welcome to stay for the entire event but must preregister.**

Last year's event featured over 30 presenters covering over a dozen disciplines. The luncheon keynote speakers included was sustainability expert Dr. Peter Bardaglio. The abstract from the 2011 event can be viewed at [www.institutepa.org](http://www.institutepa.org). Additionally, Public Voices Journal is publishing a directed peer reviewed journal from selected submissions presented at the event. The Journal will be published in spring 2012.

**The deadline for submitting an abstract is February 15, 2012**(no exceptions). Submission of an abstract and a statement of the mode of presentation (poster/exhibit only, oral presentation, or performance,) are required. If a submission has multiple authors please provide contact information for each. If submission is faculty/student research please provide faculty member contact information and student researcher contact information. Submission is via email to [info@institutepa.org](mailto:info@institutepa.org) **Guidelines for submissions and presentation criteria are on page four.**

### **Timetable:**

<b>February 1, 2012</b>	<b>All submissions must be received</b>
<b>February 2, 2012</b>	<b>Abstract Review Period begins</b>
<b>February 20, 2012</b>	<b>Announcement of Presenters</b>
<b>February 24, 2012</b>	<b>Acceptance by Presenters</b>

This **free** Conference will be held in April 4, 2012 at the Marywood University. The approximate\* schedule is as follows:

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>8:35 a.m.</b>	<b>First Concurrent Session (2-4 depending on paper volume)</b>
<b>9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Break, Refreshments, &amp; Speaker</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Second Concurrent Session (2-4 depending on paper volume)</b>
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Additional Concurrent Sessions (if needed)</b>
<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Additional Concurrent Sessions (if needed)</b>

The Institute encourages all faculty members to consider attending this free conference. This is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from other universities that support the Institute. As an added incentive, the proceedings of the conference will be published by the Institute in electronic form.

## **Abstract Guidelines**

All submissions should follow this format. Abstract is to be in Times New Roman, 12 pt., justified.

- 1. Name of faculty presenter[s]**
- 2. Name of student presenter[s] (if applicable)**
- 3. Institution[s] Name**
- 4. Email address**
- 5. Telephone**
- 6. Type of presentation-[i.e. poster-viewing only, oral, exhibit, performance]**
- 7. Special requests-[i.e. technology including internet access, PowerPoint, video, etc...]**
- 8. Do you want to have your research judged for the “best paper award”? Yes or No [please specify]**
- 9. Do you want to have your research judged for the “best student faculty award”? Yes or No [please specify]**
- 10. Title of Research**
- 11. Abstract-not to exceed 250 words**

## Symposium Application

Faculty member name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Institution name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Student name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Institution name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of presentation (poster, oral presentation, performance, exhibit, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Special requests \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want to have your research judged for the “best paper award?”**

Yes  No If yes, see criteria and submission requirements on page 7.

**Do you want to have your research judged for the “best student faculty research award?”**

Yes  No If yes, see criteria and submission requirements on page 8.

Title of Research \_\_\_\_\_

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**Abstract**

## **Presentation Criteria**

- 1. Oral presentations are for no longer than 15 minutes***
- 2. Group Q&A held at the end of each session***
- 3. If presenting with PowerPoint or any other media, the complete presentation must be provided to The Institute staff by close of business on March 19, 2012 in order to preload presentations.***
- 4. Moderator will introduce each presenter.***
- 5. Presenters are required to adhere to the time keeper's discretion.***
- 6. Headshots of researchers must be provided in JPEG format by close of business on March 9, 2012***
- 7. Poster presentations must be submitted in both a . Jpeg file or . Pdf file to The Institute staff by close of business on March 19, 2012. Those presenting a poster need to bring their own materials for supporting the poster. Please be sure to designate on the application whether the poster is for viewing in the exhibit hall or for use in an oral presentation.***

**Participants who fail to follow guidelines and submission dates could lose their slot in the conference.**

## Best Paper Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize the writing of outstanding papers presented at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Faculty Research Symposium. The award consists of a plaque signifying the name of the recipient and the award. The recipient will be required to attend the buffet luncheon, held in conjunction with the Symposium, to receive the award.

**Criteria:** The paper must be presented at the symposium to qualify for the award, and will be based on the abstract submission and presentation. The winning paper will be based upon the following considerations:

- Well written, with clarity of organization and expression
- Scholarly, reflects rigorous thought and/or research
- Provides recommendations for significant improvements in the quality of life in Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Faculty member must be present for award ceremony
- Presentation should follow guidelines of symposium including time allocation, presentation format, and submission requirements
- Full paper must be provided with abstract submission
- Not to exceed 25 pages
- Submitted electronically to [info@institutepa.org](mailto:info@institutepa.org) in PDF format
- Submitted no later than March 19, 2012 in order to be considered

### Grading Scale 1 -5

5 = Excellent

4 = Very Good

3 = Fair or Average

2 = Below Average

1= Poor

## **Best Student Faculty Award**

The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize the research and writing of outstanding papers presented by faculty and students at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Faculty Research Symposium. The award consists of a plaque signifying the name of the recipient and the award. The recipient will be required to attend the buffet luncheon, held in conjunction with the Symposium, to receive the award.

**Criteria:** The paper must be presented at the symposium to qualify for the award, and will be based on the abstract submission and presentation. The winning paper will be based upon the following considerations:

- Well written, with clarity of organization and expression
- Scholarly, reflects rigorous thought and/or research
- Provides recommendations for significant improvements in the quality of life in Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Student and faculty member must both be present for presentation and award ceremony in order to be considered for the award
- Presentation should follow guidelines of symposium including time allocation, presentation format, and submission requirements
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