

Call for Abstracts
6th Annual Social Justice Symposium



Friday – March 23, 2012

Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
University of Arizona

The Social Justice Symposium is a day-long event to engage faculty, students, community members, and health professionals in dialogue to raise awareness and foster social change. The Symposium is run entirely by students at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona. The theme of this year's symposium is *Mind the Gap: Healthcare Disparities Across the Globe*.

The mission of the Social Justice Symposium is to cultivate awareness and encourage action in the pursuit of equal justice for all people in every aspect of our society. Public health is particularly concerned with social justice because the relative (in) equality of all members of a particular society greatly determines the overall health of that society. In highly unequal societies, like our own, certain populations bear a disproportionate burden of disease. The Social Justice Symposium aims to challenge the status quo and inspire action within our communities, both locally and globally, around these inequalities. We are interested in learning about social justice from diverse, multidisciplinary perspectives., not only within public health. Specifically, we want to hear about the ways you personally have become involved in “minding the gap” and enabling social justice solutions to health disparities.

The symposium focuses on the four following objectives:

- To raise awareness and exchange critical analysis about how social injustice and historical trauma impacts health outcomes.
- Demonstrate how cross-sectoral partnerships can effectively address health disparities.
- Engage students, faculty, and community members in discourse regarding ways in which social inequalities harm the health of the public.
- Inspire action, which fosters innovative strategies to promote social equality and improve the public's health.

The Annual Social Justice Symposium has had the great honor of receiving the Peter W. Likins Inclusive Excellence Award twice (2008, 2009) and each year, has grown to reach an even more diverse audience.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences relating to creating change for social justice at our symposium, please send your abstract submission to 2012socialjustice@gmail.com by no later than **5 pm on Friday, February 10, 2012**. Decisions will be made and notifications will be sent by Wednesday, February 15th.

We ask that you please use the following format when submitting your application:

- 250 word limit, not including abstract/section titles (i.e. Objective, Implications for Policy, Practice, or Delivery)
- Times New Roman, size 12 font
- Single-spaced, 1 inch margins
- On the upper right hand corner of your submission indicate the person presenting the abstract, any additional contributors to the project, along with the title of the presentation
- In the subject line of your email, please include your full name and title of abstract

Within your submission include a brief summary of how your presentation relates to social justice and with the main theme of this year's symposium. Presentations should range anywhere from 20-30 minutes in length (we will provide you with a more specific format once all speakers have been selected). Submissions will be evaluated on quality, originality, potential significance to social justice, clarity of writing/presentation, and relevance to theme.

E-mail submissions and/or any questions to the Breakout Sessions Committee:
2012socialjustice@gmail.com