



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ISPS-US 24TH ANNUAL MEETING

BRIDGING THE DIVIDES: FROM FRAGMENTATION TO CONNECTION IN PSYCHOSIS AND SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 7 - 9 | CHICAGO, IL / ONLINE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO



Ours is a fractured time. Splits and fissures run through every aspect of our experience, internal and external, personal, familial, and social. In the realm of mental health, and particularly in the understanding and treatment of psychosis, these divides are especially palpable. There are widening clinical ideological rifts, disconnection between the realities of those experiencing symptoms and those providing care, and a chasm between what we dream to be possible in the mental health system and what currently exists.

As we face the deepening divides in our country and in our world, and witness the impacts of concentrations of wealth, power and control upon our daily lives, we recognize the process of healing is not only personal but collective. Individuals working to integrate or recover from experiences of extreme states have often led the way in confronting fragmentations -- psychical, racial, economic, gender-based, cultural -- and in formulating responses that are both creative and effective.

The ISPS-US 24th Annual Conference will offer an opportunity to hold these responses together in community, and to explore ways to address and transcend their interlocking reverberations in psyche, family and society. Through dialogue, collaboration, and advocacy, we will work to bridge the gaps between perspectives, disciplines, and lived realities in psychosis care and beyond.

We hope you will join us to celebrate ISPS-US as a growing hub for transformative thought and action. See you in Chicago in November, 2025!

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL AT WWW.ISPS-US.ORG BY JUNE 1, 2025

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Please understand that we cannot accept every proposal. Proposals will be judged by their abstracts. Please note that the conference is hybrid and you may select to present either in-person or virtually. More in-person sessions are available than virtual so we encourage you to join us, if possible, in Chicago for the full conference experience. All accepted presenters must pay the registration fee, request a scholarship, or elect to volunteer at the conference. Scholarships are available at 100% registration discount for BIPOC (Rodney Waldron Scholarship) and 80% discount for people with low income (<200% of FPL). 2025 registration costs will be on a sliding scale from \$100–400 in-person and \$45–180 online. Volunteers committing at least 4 hours of work get in free. Scholarships are not guaranteed and must be requested early when registration opens. Please keep ISPS-US informed of any changes. More details and the submission form are available at www.isps-us.org/conference

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

- INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS (1 hour) include 15–20 minutes for discussion.
- PANELS (1–1.5 hour) can include 2–5 presenters, and 15–20 minutes for discussion.
- ALTERNATIVE FORMATS are conversation hours, creative workshops, videos, book talks, etc. POSTERS will be displayed and presented on Saturday. Prize for best student poster!

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(Posters only require items 1 through 6. Presenters who do not wish to have their presentation qualify for continuing education (CE) credit may omit item 12.)

1. Agreement by all presenters to pay the registration fee or request a scholarship if the proposal is accepted.
2. Intention to present in-person or online
3. Title of presentation (maximum of 15 words).
4. Type of presentation (individual presentation, panel, alternative or poster).
5. Abstract (maximum of 300 words).
6. The following for each presenter:
 - Title, name, address, phone, e-mail and, if applicable, degree and institutional affiliation(s)
 - Brief biographical statement
 - CV or resume (maximum of 3 pages)
 - Note: Every presenter must complete an online conflict of interest disclosure, if your proposal is accepted
7. Contact person if more than one presenter. *You may not add presenters after August 31st.*
8. Audio/visual requirements (we do our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee all equipment).
9. Either of the following:
 - I DO give permission for my presentation to be combined with other talks on similar topics.
 - I DO NOT give permission for my presentation to be combined with other talks on similar topics
10. Either of the following statements:
 - I DO give permission for my presentation to be videoed and posted for free on YouTube by ISPS-US.
 - I DO NOT give permission for my presentation to be videoed or distributed by ISPS-US.
11. Expected experience level of target audience:
 - INTRODUCTORY: No prior knowledge of specific content required.
 - INTERMEDIATE: Some prior knowledge, but no in-depth knowledge, required.
 - ADVANCED: Significant knowledge of the specific topic required.
12. Three learning objectives, including measurable goals, stating what the participant will be able to do to demonstrate learning.
13. Three or more bibliographic references that support the validity of the presentation content, from 2020 or later.
14. Would you like to be considered for the Bert Karon Memorial Prize?* Presenters who would like to be considered should submit a draft or summary of their presentation by September 30

**Dr. Bertram Karon represented the heart and soul of ISPS-US, and inspired generations of psycho-therapists to defy the prevailing belief that people with psychosis could not be helped through psychoanalytic psychotherapy. ISPS-US has chosen to honor Dr. Karon's towering contributions by creating an annual award for the presentation that best exemplifies his humane and spirited quest to promote psychotherapy for psychosis.*



DEADLINE AND HOW TO SUBMIT

Proposals must be submitted online at www.isps-us.org by June 1, 2025. Incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted. Proposals will not be accepted by mail or email. Questions about the submission process should be emailed to contact@isps-us.org. Questions regarding the content of proposals should be sent to Nancy Burke, ISPS-US Vice President at nbur@northwestern.edu