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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
**ISPS-US 23RD ANNUAL MEETING**

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Decades following the peak of de-institutionalization in the United States, outcomes for those labeled with psychotic disorders remain unacceptably poor. Long-term poverty, unemployment, criminalization and incarceration, housing precarity and coercive intervention remain more the norm than not for millions. These deeply entrenched and longstanding disparities also disproportionately affect those who face additional forms of marginalization and discrimination. Meanwhile, the utopian ideals of the recovery movement have not led to the ground-breaking change we had hoped. Public stigma against individuals labeled with schizophrenia has markedly worsened, and lived experience integration and leadership has stalled at all levels.

Despite these challenges, pockets of hope and inspiration are emerging and persevere. From community-driven grassroots initiatives to research and academic endeavors, dedicated individuals are reshaping the landscape of mental health care, interrogating the cultural imaginary of how we understand, perceive, and respond to experiences labeled "psychosis." By acknowledging and amplifying these voices of change, we can harness our shared energy and wisdom to foster a new era of collaboration and transformation in the field.

This ISPS-US Annual Conference aims to generate substantive conversation about the current state of psychosis and inspire thoughtful conversations about future change. Panels and presentations will feature leaders across the areas of activism/advocacy, research, policy, and clinical practice.

The conference will be hybrid; you may attend and present either online or in person. However, there are limited virtual spaces. Scholarships will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for those without the means to attend otherwise. A pre-conference event will be held at the University of Pittsburgh on November 1st, with the full conference to take place at Duquesne Union at Duquesne University on November 2nd and 3rd.

See you in Pittsburgh!

#### **2024 Conference Planning Committee**

Nev Jones, PhD, University of Pittsburgh (Conference Chair)  
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## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL AT**

**[www.isps-us.org](http://www.isps-us.org)**  
**BY JUNE 3, 2024**

# 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 Pittsburgh 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). 2024 registration costs will be on a sliding scale from \$90-300 in-person and \$40-120 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](http://www.isps-us.org).

## 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. See [isps-us.org](http://isps-us.org) for examples.
13. Three or more bibliographic references that support the validity of the presentation content, from 2017 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](http://www.isps-us.org) by June 3, 2024. 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](mailto:contact@isps-us.org). Questions regarding the content of proposals should be sent to Meeting Chair, Nev Jones [NEVJONES@pitt.edu](mailto:NEVJONES@pitt.edu)