

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference

*“Black Scholarship Matters:  
Intellectualism, Race, and the Public Sphere”*

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
OCTOBER 26 – 28, 2017**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Black Doctoral Network Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the 2017 conference themed “Black Scholarship Matters: Intellectualism, Race, and the Public Sphere.” This year's theme addresses the state of Black intellectualism and scholarship in a socio-political climate of anti-intellectualism in the U.S. and beyond. Papers that will reflect on this theme are especially encouraged, but we accept submissions on any topic. The Conference will be an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics and professionals from the social sciences, STEM, and humanities to address how we can positively impact and inform each other's work and engage with our communities. Submission of abstracts from graduate and doctoral students, recent Ph.D. graduates and academic professionals across disciplines are welcome.

**Submission Deadline: Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 11:59PM EST.**

To submit an abstract visit: [blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit](http://blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit)

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION:**

We accept abstracts from (1) **individuals** who wish to present on a panel and from (2) **groups** who want to create their own panel. Abstracts should be no more than **300 words** typed, double spaced, using a 12pt font. Submissions should be **anonymous** – please do not include your name or the name of your institution on the document. Include the title of your abstract and note whether it is an **individual** or a **group** submission. All group submissions require at least three presenters.

Submitting author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract. Acceptance announcements will be sent via email in **late April** to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters **must** register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **June 2, 2016**. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by June 2<sup>nd</sup> will result in rescinding acceptance.

### **We accept abstract submissions from any discipline or topic, including:**

- African / Latino Diaspora
- Art, Performance and Music
- Business, Entrepreneurship, and Consumerism
- Community Planning and Development Projects
- Discrimination
- Diseases, Vaccines, and Nutrition
- Gender and Cultural Difference
- Health, Economic, Social Disparities
- Mentorship
- Poverty
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)
- Service Learning and Civic Engagement
- Structural Inequalities
- Urban and Higher Education
- Youth and Family Dynamics
- Youth Programming

## **PRESENTATION DETAILS:**

Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods and conclusions of your research. You may not submit or take part in more than one presentation; presenters may give one and only one paper at the conference. Individual presenters will be assigned to a panel and will have 15 minutes to deliver their presentations. Group presentations will be given 75 minutes to deliver their presentations.

## **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

In addition to interdisciplinary panel presentations, this conference will have interactive roundtables. Professors and corporate professionals from various fields will converse and give insight on the need for interconnectedness throughout the academy and community. Workshops on handling job talks, grant writing and proposals, balancing relationships, and stress and time management will also be addressed.

**For questions regarding the Call for Papers please contact:**

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