



Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc.

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51st Annual Conference – Virtual
March 18-19, 2021

Theme: “The Changing Face of Higher Education: The Role of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Current Climate and Beyond”

Deadline: Friday, February 19, 2021

Call for Presentation Proposals

PBCOHE was founded in 1970 by K. Leroy Irvis (Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives) with the mission to ensure that underrepresented minorities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would have access to a quality education. While the focus remains constant, different sub-themes and issues continue to be brought forth.

The annual conference theme for 2021, “**The Changing Face of Higher Education: The Role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in The Current Climate and Beyond,**” invites us to consider how current events are having an impact upon the important work that we complete. For example, diversity, equity, and inclusion work has gained prominent attention in the wake of backlash against police brutality against people of color. While we are happy that our work is being revered, we are saddened that it has come at this cost. As our students and colleagues process these images, we often bear the responsibility of working through this trauma with them. How can we do this in a way that brings awareness and change, while at the same time allows us to maintain our emotional dignity?

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us all to pivot from primarily in person learning to hybrid or fully online methods of instruction and support. At the same time, this shift has shed light on the fact that many students of color do not have access to the resources necessary to be successful in online environments. How can we advocate for our students to ensure they are able to be productive?

New national leadership is poised to inherit a country that is divided along racial, sexual, political, educational, socioeconomic, and other lines. How can we bring these important issues to the forefront to promote progress?

We invite you to consider the changing face of higher education and submit proposals that address these challenges as well as any other current events. We look forward to reviewing your work.

Please complete the attached fillable form and send your proposal to pbcoheofficial@gmail.com.

We invite you to submit proposals to present at the conference addressing the theme. Some areas of consideration may include:

- Equal Access to Employment
- Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Literacy
- Higher Education and K-12 college access, challenges, and opportunities
- Self-Care, Mindfulness, and Well Being
- Diversity and/or Inclusion Campus Needs and Campus Climate
- Best Practices for implementing DEI in a virtual environment

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This presentation is being submitted as a:

____ Research Presentation - *a traditional workshop, the topic of which is the presenter's current or completed research on the conference theme*

____ Best Practice/Skill Development Workshop - *a traditional format workshop of sharing insights and expertise designed to enhance knowledge and skills of attendees on the conference theme*

PROGRAM TITLE: (Maximum of 50 Characters and spaces)

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS (FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM - 50 Word Maximum)

LEAD PRESENTER (*Contact Person*):

Name: _____

Position: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ Business Phone:(____) _____

FAX: (____) _____ E-mail _____

PRESENTER II (If necessary):

Name: _____

Position: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ Business Phone:(____) _____

FAX: (____) _____ E-mail _____



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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:

Please include presentation learning outcomes, summary of information, best practice(s), research to be presented, presentation method (panel, lecture, large/small group discussion, demonstration, media), relevance to the conference theme, targeted audience and description of accompanying AV, materials or handouts. Please limit description to 150 words.

CONFIRMATION OF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:

If this proposal is accepted I/we will attend the conference and pay the early registration fee. I/we understand that this program may be replaced if I/we do not register in the timeline prescribed.

Presenter(s) Signature(s) _____ Date _____

NOTE: Please provide all requested information on this proposal form. Please **do not use** "attachments" in lieu of a completed proposal form. *(The exception to attachments, if more than two people will be presenting.)* A "brief"/one page vita/resume for each presenter must be included. The vita/resume should include presenter's name, address, phone, e-mail, fax plus recent work experience, educational history, and professional contributions such as publications and/or presentations. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submit this completed Presentation Proposal form and a copy of each presenter's brief vitae/resume via email by Friday, February 19, 2021 to pbcoheofficial@gmail.com

**IF PRESENTATION IS ACCEPTED, REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED.
IN KIND, WE EXTEND A ONE-YEAR PBCOHE MEMBERSHIP.**

*****All Proposals can be submitted for consideration in the PBCOHE Journal*****

Acceptance notices will be emailed/mailed by February 25, 2021