



WOMEN'S HEALTH & CHILDBEARING RESEARCH SECTION

CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM (ROUNDTABLE) ABSTRACTS

**SYMPOSIUM TITLE: The Future of Women's Health and Childbearing Research:
Challenges and Opportunities**

ABSTRACT DUE DATE: Friday, July 19th 2019 by 11:59pm CST

The MNRS *Women's Health & Transitions in Childbearing Research Section* is pleased to offer a call for abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium (Panel and Roundtable) titled 'The Future of Women's Health and Childbearing Research: Challenges and Opportunities.' Accepted abstract presenters will first provide a brief panel discussion. After the introductory discussion each abstract presenter will lead a roundtable discussion of audience members interested in their topic. Finally, each roundtable will present on their discussion to give possible solutions to current challenges (i.e. grant funding) and ways to capitalize current opportunities. Each abstract presenter and roundtable participant will also be invited to contribute to a future article sponsored by the Women's Health and Childbearing RIG.

Appropriate topics for this symposium will be structured using the multilevel "Risk Regulator" framework (p. 1661) created by Glass and McAtee (2006) in the article entitled, "Behavioral Science at the Crossroads in Public Health: Extending Horizons, Envisioning the Future." Topics include but are not limited to current research challenges (constraints) and opportunities related to understanding or managing women's health conditions or pregnancy complications (Regulatory Systems) of diverse populations; maternal and related newborn conditions, discriminatory practices, neighborhood/community conditions, behavioral norms, conditions of work, and policies/regulations (Risk Regulators); biomarker discovery for adverse pregnancy or women's health outcomes (Genetic and Biological Substrates); technological health advancements; or other similar topics related to women's health. Examples from own research may be included in abstract submissions.

Please submit 2 copies of your abstract (1 with authors names and contact information listed and 1 blinded) to julie-vignato@uiowa.edu with the subject "WHC Competitive Symposium Abstract Submission" **by 11:59pm CST on Friday, July 19th, 2019**. Abstracts are to be limited to 350 words and include the following: Purpose/Background, Framework, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Abstracts will be scored by a review committee of RIG members according to significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed symposium. A competitive symposium of the top 4-5 abstracts will then be submitted to MNRS for review. Applicants will be notified of outcomes by email in advance of the general call for abstracts. Abstracts that are not accepted as a component of this symposium may be submitted to the general call.

If you have any questions, please contact the RIG co-chairs. Julie Vignato (julie-vignato@uiowa.edu) or Diane Schadewald (schadewa@uwm.edu).