

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Sixth Annual Qualitative Research Conference

March 2–3, 2007 • University of Missouri–St. Louis

Keynote Speaker:

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**Please submit proposals** as e-mail attachments in Word or Rich Text Format (RTF) to **Brenda Simms** at **quarc07@umsl.edu** by December 1, 2006. An acknowledgement will be sent upon receipt. You will be notified of proposal acceptance by January 15, 2007.

**Qualitative research and social justice** is the theme of this year's QuaRC. Presentations with other themes are also welcome so long as the work engages qualitative research.

Social justice issues intersect with qualitative research in several ways. Your research topic may illuminate some aspect of social injustice in schools, in families, or in society. Your way of working and your methods may be empowering to individuals and supportive of communities. Your research itself may be one strand of a social justice project.

The presentation of this research is also fraught with social justice concerns. Qualitative researchers listen to a variety of participants, and then they craft a story conveying perspectives. But whose story is it? The story is told using the words and insights of study participants. But in the end, whose voice is heard, whose questions are asked, who set the agenda, what was not asked, or not heard? Such approaches as critical race theory, feminist research, queer theory, and disability studies were developed to give voice to those who were often silenced. In addition, teacher research and other modes of participatory inquiry can give voice to the stakeholders and to those outside the culture of power.

**Please consider sharing your research and joining in these conversations at the 2007 Qualitative Research Conference.**

Criteria for Proposals: Presenters must submit both a cover page including *all* requested information and a two-page proposal as detailed below. Please indicate if you need audio-visual equipment, special room setup, or accommodations for special needs of program participants.

**The deadline for receiving proposals is December 1, 2006.**

### Cover Page Must Include:

- Name as it should appear in program
- Institutional affiliation
- Complete postal and e-mail addresses
- Work and home phone numbers
- Type of session (see descriptions below)
- Title of presentation
- Presentation description (3–5 sentences for program)

### Two-Page Proposal Must Include:

- Research method
- Research question(s)
- Description of session you plan to present
- References, background literature (1 additional page maximum)

### Types of Sessions

**Research Roundtables:** These provide an opportunity for those who have research in progress—including dissertations and completed research—to informally discuss work with a small group of conference participants.

**Traditional Paper:** Report of a completed qualitative research project or analysis of an issue arising from research.

**Symposium Group Presentations:** Research team; two presenters and one discussant; other collaborative format.

Note: All presenters must pay the conference registration fee of \$39 for graduate students or \$49 for all others.

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