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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference “Paying It Forward: Transforming Research into Practice” Atlanta, Georgia October 8 – 10, 2015

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The Black Doctoral Network Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the 2015 conference themed “Paying It Forward: Transforming Research into Practice.” This year’s conference will bring the concept of “paying it forward” into analytical focus and consider its practical application for academics and professionals. The notion of “paying it forward” is most generally understood as anonymous acts of kindness and generosity that result in a chain of serial reciprocity—acts of kindness are performed for strangers who in turn perform acts of kindness for other strangers beginning a perpetual chain of generalized reciprocity. How can we utilize the concept of “paying it forward” as academics in our respective fields? The goal of this year’s conference is to explore what academics and professionals can do to support the next generation of students, thinkers, and doers, as well as how we can use our expertise for social activism that makes an impact on local, national, or global levels. We ask: What do you do in your work to mentor, support, or engage with other scholars or the general public? How does your research contribute to making an impact in this world? The 2015 Black Doctoral Network 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 INFORMATION:**

**Submission Deadline: Sunday, March 15, 2015 at midnight EST.**

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

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 3 but no more than 5 presenters.



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Submitting Author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract. Acceptance announcements will be sent via email on **April 24, 2015** to the submitting author. Accepted presenters **must** register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **May 31, 2015**. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by May 31 will result in rescinding acceptance.

The abstracts should be related to the conference theme and we have previously accepted topics such as:

- 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. Each accepted presenter is allowed 15 minutes to present their paper.

### **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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