

Announcement and Call for Papers
8th Annual Research Symposium
Sponsored by the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology

Changing Lives through Research



April 11, 2013
8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Prairie View A&M University
College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology
Don K. Clark Building
Prairie View, Texas

The 8th Annual Research Symposium, sponsored by the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology at Prairie View A&M University, is accepting abstract submissions for posters, papers, panel discussions, and workshops. The theme for this year's event is ***Changing Lives through Research***, and as such, we welcome presentations, workshops, and panel discussions that have the potential of affecting people's lives. The purpose and goal of the symposium is to highlight both student and faculty research spanning all academic disciplines. Thus, we invite submissions from faculty and students (undergraduate and graduate) from all disciplines across all colleges, universities, and centers.

Keynote Speaker:

Ron Peters, Dr.PH. is our keynote speaker for this year's event. He is an Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health. Dr. Peters has held faculty appointments at the University of Houston Department of Health and Human Performance, Houston Baptist University Center for Health Studies, the Department of Health and Human Performance at Prairie View A&M University, and Texas Southern University's Department of Health Sciences. He also served as the Director of the Historically Black College and University Applied Research Initiative with the Southwest Prevention Center, and he was the principal investigator of the National Institute of Justice funded "Houston Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring" program. Dr. Peters has published over 80 peer-reviewed papers and he has received over 5 million dollars in federal grants to investigate health behaviors among incarcerated and vulnerable

populations. His research has been featured on *ABC News, CBS News, CNN, ESPN, National Public Radio, NBC News, NFL Live, USA Today* and myriad other national and international media publications. Dr. Peters' teaching and service awards include the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Golden Key Honor Society, African American Alumni of the Year from Virginia Commonwealth University, and Legend in Education Award from the Ivy League Education and Charities Foundation. In addition, he is an inductee into the Texas Council of Alpha Chapters' Hall of Fame and a National Officer for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Participation Options: We welcome abstract submissions for posters, papers, workshops, or panel discussions.

Posters: Poster sessions will be 50 minutes in length. Presenters are required to attend their assigned session to discuss the findings of their research with symposium attendees. We will provide easels to presenters for displaying posters.

Papers: As an alternative to a poster presentation, participants may submit abstracts for a paper presentation of their research work. We will group accepted papers together by similarity of content into sessions. Presenters in each session will have 15 minutes for their individual paper presentations. Each session will also include a 15-minute question and answer period, led by a session moderator. Presenters should prepare a PowerPoint slide presentation. We will provide presentation equipment.

Workshops/Panels: Workshops or panels discussions are arenas where individuals with expertise in the topic area can discuss specialized topics. Student-focused mentoring workshops (i.e., dissertations, theses, career advice, etc.) provided by faculty or upper-level students are encouraged.

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper and Poster Competition:

Paper competition: One undergraduate and one graduate student will receive an award for best student paper presentation. Students who wish to enter the competition should submit their completed paper (maximum of 25 double-spaced pages, written in APA Style, to include a title page, a review of the literature, a methods section, a results section, a reference section, and if necessary, figures, tables, and graphs) by 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2013. On the title page, presenters should indicate whether they are a graduate student or an undergraduate student. Submit papers in PDF format to Dr. Jennifer Rockett at jrockett@pvamu.edu.

Poster competition: One undergraduate and one graduate student will receive an award for best student poster presentation. During the poster sessions, judges will evaluate the appearance and quality of the poster, the quality of the research methodology and design, the content of the poster, and the student's presentation style.

Deadline for Abstract Submissions

All abstracts should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013 for consideration in the programming. ***We will not accept late submissions.***

Abstract Submission Content (submitted in PDF format):

- Name and contact information for lead presenter (please also indicate whether the presenter is a graduate or an undergraduate student)
- Co-presenters names and contact information
- Submission type: Paper, Poster, Workshop, or Panel
- Indicate whether or not you wish to enter into the paper/poster competition
- Title of work
- Abstract (maximum of 300 words)

Submit abstracts to Mr. Michael Royster at mdroyster@pvamu.edu. All submissions should adhere to the format described above.

The committee will notify proposal submitters regarding the acceptance of his/her abstract for presentation at this year's event by February 28, 2013.

Area and Accommodation Information

If you are coming from out of the area and would like information on area accommodations, please contact Ms. Grady Paris at gmparis@pvamu.edu or (936) 261-5211.