

Call for Presenters

(Submission Deadline: 5pm, December 7, 2020)

MGS 45th Annual Conference

A Two-Day Interactive e-Learning Experience

AGING IN MINNESOTA:

Forging a New Narrative

April 29 – 30, 2021; 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

MGS will host its 45th Annual Conference virtually on April 29 & 30, 2021, with a pre-conference on April 28th focused on research. The conference will be a two-day interactive e-learning experience. Historically, MGS in-person conferences consistently attracted 500 participants from across the state. In April 2020, in response to the pandemic, the conference switched to a virtual format attended by 1,550+. The target audience is aging services and healthcare professionals; city, county, state and organizational policy and program managers; higher education faculty, researchers and students in fields related to aging studies; and active retirees. We anticipate up to 1,000 participants. Our virtual exhibit hall will feature multiple sponsors and exhibitors.

The Conference Committee is seeking experienced presenters for virtual mini-courses that complement the overall conference theme (see attached schedule).

- 1) The conference schedule attempts to replicate the experience of attending an in-person event.
- 2) Presenters representing diverse cultures and communities are encouraged to submit.
- 3) Each day features both 2-part (2.5 hours total) and stand-alone (75-minute) mini-course sessions.
- 4) The sessions are to be designed to facilitate conversations and interactive dialog (break-out rooms encouraged) rather than lecture.
- 5) MGS does not provide financial stipends for presentations.

Due to world events impacting aging services - pandemic and social justice issues among others - we are looking for more in-depth content complementing the theme: **Forging a New Narrative.**

Mini-course topics are sought for the following areas.

- Mindfulness – Self care
- Supporting caregivers
- Managing and embracing change
- Discussions on implicit bias & racism
- Ageism in society
- Rural program/health service experiences
- Elder abuse prevention – elder justice
- End of life care
- Coping with grief & loss
- COVID lessons and opportunities
- Aging processes (biological, cognitive, behavioral)
- Trends in providing older adult services
- Technology innovations

MGS Conference Committee is seeking experienced presenters who are able to create engaging, interactive learning experiences through the Zoom platform, using breakouts, videos, and other features. We anticipate up to 300 attendees in each session.

As you prepare your proposal, our challenge is to ensure that participants leave with a deeper understanding of *inclusion, equity, and ethical considerations in the time of a public health crisis*.

Complete and submit the [Online Proposal](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MGSconference) (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MGSconference) before 5 pm, December 7.

These are the questions you will be asked to submit: (more details will be requested from those selected to present).

- 1) Session title.
- 2) Presenter(s): name, title, degree, organization, and contact information.
- 3) One paragraph description of your proposed topic.
- 4) 2-3 learning objectives.
- 5) List your methods of virtually engaging participants.
- 6) Which session length do you prefer?
- 7) Which day do you prefer?
- 8) Do you have access to utilize a Zoom Large Meeting Platform for your presentation?
- 9) Your name and contact information (if you are not a presenter).

Questions: contact Julie Wilson, MGS Conference Chair, juliewilson0706@gmail.com; Ph: 612.875.9618

For more details about the Minnesota Gerontological Society, go to www.mngero.org

MGS Conference - Thursday, April 29, 2021

Schedule	Program	Details	Platform
8:15 – 8:30	Log-in and daily schedule	Zoom features, Logistics, Overview	MGS Zoom Large Mtg
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome, Introductions	MGS Conference Chair	MGS Zoom Large Mtg
8:45 – 9:45	Keynote with Q&A	Featured Speaker or Panel	
9:45 – 2:30	Exhibit Hall open all day		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
9:45 – 10:30	Sponsor Events Exhibitor Hall		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
	Networking	Small Group discussions w/ facilitator	Breakout Rooms or separate links
	Trivia Games		Links to games
	Holistic Offerings	Yoga, Mindfulness or Stretching	Links to YouTube
10:30 – 11:45	Mini Courses	Three concurrent programs	
	Mini-course 1 – part 1	First part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 2 – part 1	First part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 3	Stand-alone session	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch Break		
	Sponsor Events Exhibitor Hall		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
	Networking	Small Group discussions w/ facilitator	MGS Zoom Large Mtg with Breakout Rooms
	Bingo Game		Link to Bingo
	Holistic Offerings	Yoga, Mindfulness or Stretching	Links to YouTube
12:30 – 1:45	Mini Courses	Three concurrent programs	
	Mini-course 1 – part 2	Second part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 2 – part 2	Second part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 4	Stand-alone session	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
1:45 – 2:30	Networking	Small Group discussions w/ facilitator	MGS Zoom Meeting with Breakout Rooms or separate links
	Sponsor Events Exhibitor Hall		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
	Holistic Offerings	Yoga, Mindfulness or Stretching	Links to YouTube

MGS Conference - Friday, April 30, 2021

Schedule	Program	Details	Platform
8:00 – 2:30	Exhibit Hall open all day		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
8:15 – 8:30	Log-in and daily schedule	Zoom features, Logistics, Overview	MGS Zoom Large Mtg
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome, MGS Gero of Year Award, Scholarships	MGS President Gerontologist of Year (5 minutes) Scholarship winners – separate link	MGS Zoom Large Mtg
8:45 – 9:45	Panel with Q&A	Moderator + 3 Panelists	
9:45 – 10:30	Sponsor Events Exhibitor Hall		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
	Networking	Small Group discussions w/ facilitator	Breakout Rooms or separate links
	Trivia Games		Link to Games
	Holistic Offerings	Yoga, Mindfulness or Stretching	Links to YouTube
10:30 – 11:45	Mini Courses	Three concurrent programs	
	Mini-course 5 – part 1	First part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 6 – part 1	First part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 7	Stand-alone session	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch Break		
	Sponsor Events Exhibitor Hall		Separate Sponsor & Exhibitor Links
	Networking	Small Group discussions w/ facilitator	MGS Zoom Large Mtg with Breakout Rooms
	Bingo Game		Link to Bingo
	Holistic Offerings	Yoga, Mindfulness or Stretching	Links to YouTube
12:15 – 1:30	Mini Courses	Three concurrent programs	
	Mini-course 5 – part 2	Second part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 6 – part 2	Second part of a 2.5-hour course	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
	Mini-course 8	Stand-alone session	Zoom Meeting w Breakouts
1:30 – 2:30	Closing Session – Legislative-Policy Update	Speaker or Panel Call to Action	MGS Zoom Large Mtg