

# MINNESOTA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

*“Our mission is to bridge research and practice in the field of aging, with emphasis on developing and supporting tomorrow’s leaders.”*

## Call for Presenters

**(Submission Deadline: October 29, 2021 at 4pm)**

## 2022 MGS 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

### A Two-Day Interactive Hybrid Experience

# Emerging Voices

Thursday - Friday, April 7 – 8 , 2022

University of St. Thomas – St. Paul, MN

MGS will host its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on April 7 – 8, 2022, with a pre-conference on April 6<sup>th</sup> focused on research. The conference typically attracts more than 500 participants from across the state. This year’s conference plans to be hybrid – both onsite and virtual. We are excited to announce our new onsite venue this year, one of our educational partners, the University of St. Thomas. The target audience is professionals who work with older adults in Minnesota. Typically, attendees are 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. In addition, about 30 sponsors and exhibitors will be on display. The unique role that MGS plays in our field is bringing together professionals and students in all fields related to our work with older adults. The networking opportunities and relationships are a hallmark of our event.

This year MGS is responding to the unprecedented times we are living in. We would like to hear from our research and practice community to inform us on innovations in research, practice, education/training, and policy initiatives that are occurring around our state, and beyond. Our theme this year implies this desire – **Emerging Voices**.

The Conference Committee is seeking presenters for break-out sessions that complement its theme. The 2022 MGS Conference will challenge attendees to:

- 1) *Learn of emerging research in our field and those that impact our field.*
- 2) *Learn of innovative and inclusive practices to address our changing culture: whole person supports, economic and policy initiatives, education and training, and workforce strategies (including self care).*
- 3) *Engage with emerging voices and thought leaders to increase knowledge and opportunities to meet the challenges of our times.*

Presenters representing diverse cultures and communities are encouraged to submit.

We are currently planning on three sets of 60-minute break-outs with three separate sessions in each set (9 total sessions). Speakers are encouraged to facilitate conversations and audience participation during their presentations. We anticipate 50 to 150 onsite attendees (and more virtually) in each session.

**Proposal submission deadline: Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 4pm**

Submit the following: (more details will be requested from those selected to present)

- 1) Presenter(s): name, title, organization, and contact information for each
- 2) Session title and brief one paragraph description of your proposed topic;
- 3) 2-3 learning objectives.
- 4) List your methods of engaging participants.
- 5) Describe how you will incorporate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion into your presentation.
- 6) Indicate if you have a day preference (or am/pm)
- 7) Your name and contact information (Primary Contact)

**Complete and submit the [Online Proposal](#) before 4 pm, October 29.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MGSconference2022>

**Questions? Contact: Julie Wilson, MGS Conference Coordinator at [Julie@mngero.org](mailto:Julie@mngero.org) Mobile: 612.875.9618**

**For more details about the Minnesota Gerontological Society, go to [www.mngero.org](http://www.mngero.org)**

**NEW in 2022:**

MGS presents hour-long monthly webinars designed to inform, educate and engage community members who often participate in the annual conference. As part of the RFP review process, proposals may be identified that could be more appropriate for these events throughout the year. In 2022, an intentional process to consider conference proposals for webinar inclusion is planned.