

North Central AAAE Research Conference

October 14-16, 2020

Virtual conference

CALL FOR RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

*****Paper presentation and research poster*****



Abstract Submission Format

- **Upon acceptance the lead author will be asked to identify their preference for presentation format**
- Prepare abstract in *MS Word* format.
- Use Times Roman or Times New Roman 12-point font.
- Set all margins at one inch.
- So that abstracts can be blind-reviewed, **DO NOT** put your name or other identifying information on/in the abstract.
*For example, instead of your university's name use [University].
- Single-space abstract; but double-space between paragraphs, headings and text, tables and text, etc.
- Center the bolded title of abstract at top of the first page; capitalize first letters of words in the title.
- Start the body of abstract immediately following the title (with bolded, centered heading as suggested below).
- Suggested abstract section headings: Introduction, Theoretical/Conceptual Framework; Purpose and Hypotheses, Objectives, and/or Research Questions; Methods/Procedures; Findings/Results; Conclusions, Recommendations, Discussion/Implications; and References (or another appropriate format for historical, philosophical, or qualitative/interpretive research).
- Use "Table" function command to prepare tables rather than tabs and spaces.
- Place Tables/Figures within body of the paper "shortly" after their first mention in text.
- The abstract should be no more than **2000 words** in length, including all tables/figures but **excluding references**.
- Use "insert, page numbers" command of MS Word to number all abstract pages, including the first page; center number at the bottom of each page. Do not use other footers, headers, or footnotes.
- **In the top right corner of the header, authors should identify one discipline area where this research best fits:**
 - Agricultural Communications
 - Agricultural Leadership
 - Extension Education
 - School-Based Agricultural Education
- Follow manuscript style guidelines as specified by the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.), except as modified above. Per the manual, italicize the names of journals, statistical symbols, titles of tables, etc.; do not use the underline feature in above areas. Turn off all hyperlinks of URL references.

Abstract Submission

- NC-AAAE leadership recognize the challenges associated with research during the COVID-19 shutdowns. **Abstracts must be submitted no later than July 31, 2020 at 11:59pm (CDT)** to be eligible for review. (Note: All submissions and the "blind" review process will be completed electronically). **NOTE: If selected to present at the conference, author(s) may revise the abstract (up to a 3,000 word limit) to address the reviewers' comments.**

Submission Procedures:

- Submit abstract via *FastTrack*TM at <http://aaae.expressacademic.org/login.php>
- If you are not a registered *FastTrack*TM user, you must create an account first!
- Submit an electronic file in *MS Word* of the complete abstract.
- In the *FastTrack*TM submission process, be sure to provide the following information:
 - Title: Provide complete abstract title
 - Author(s): List name of lead author as well as names of all co-authors.
 - Document type: Select "North Central Region"
 - Document topic(s): Indicate "Research Methodology": Historical, Mixed Methods, Philosophical, Qualitative, or Quantitative. Also indicate "Content Focus" most closely corresponding with the abstract (i.e., the National Research Agenda topic)
 - Attach the abstract and click "Submit document"
- Papers and posters- The research manager takes the rank scores and author choice of presentation to determine presentation or poster. Presentation and poster numbers are limited by physical space and conference schedule.

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Modifications to the review process for 2020:

- The peer review process will undergo a pilot to explore a panel process as follows:
 1. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of 9 NC-AAAE members
 2. Two panelists will represent the following disciplines, with one at large member from the research committee:
 - a. Agricultural Communications
 - b. Agricultural Leadership
 - c. Extension Education
 - d. School-Based Agricultural Education
 3. The panel will have authority to solicit invited presentations to ensure the research conference is robust in diverse perspectives.
 4. The research committee will select the panel.
 5. Members of the panel review will be provided a registration for NC-AAAE Conference Registration.
 6. For presentations, a minimum of two sessions will be dedicated for agricultural communications, leadership, and extension education.