



# Call for Presentation Proposals Communities Strand

37<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity  
February 28 - March 1, 2022 (HST), virtual conference  
Submit proposals online by December 1, 2021 at [pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu](https://pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu).

Communities offer a sense of belonging and are central to the human experience. Communities can provide: knowledge; connections; inspiration, resources; and support. An engaging community allows us to share and relate with one another and to learn and develop new ideas. Proposals will be accepted for the following topics:

## Autism & Neurodiversity

In recent years, Autism Spectrum Disorder has been more frequently diagnosed. As more is learned about issues related to autism, autistic identity and Neurodiversity have gained attention. The Autism and Neurodiversity emphasis for the 2022 Pacific Rim Conference will concentrate on topics that include but are not limited to: latest research; best practices; community issues; COVID-19 related issues; behavioral issues; physical activity; motor development; health barriers and facilitators; self-advocacy; and successful navigation of transition to adulthood in the areas of employment, continuing education, relationships, and living arrangements.



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## Deaf Community

Recognizing the diversity of deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind communities, the 2022 Pacific Rim Conference will concentrate on the diverse issues and interests, of and for these communities. This conference presents an opportunity for educators, researchers, service providers, community members, allies, and other stakeholders from a wide range of backgrounds to come together to share experiences, research, and pedagogical practices pursuing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the area of Deaf community. We invite topics on advocacy, American Sign Language, communication access, impacts of COVID-19, education, employment and entrepreneurship, language and culture, independent living, legal rights and issues, interpreting, inclusion and intersectionality, and family support.



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## Family Engagement

Engaging with families to empower their children's learning and development continues to be more critical now than ever. Partnerships with families based on mutual trust, equity, and shared responsibility have proved their worth. However, we still need to do more to support the most vulnerable groups in our schools and communities. This topic of the conference welcomes presentations that support and strengthen the three spheres of influence that contribute to student success: Family, School, and Community.



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## Indigenous and Cultural Diversity

The Indigenous and Cultural Diversity focus area for the 2022 Pacific Rim Conference will address issues that contribute to the inclusion of diverse voices and worldviews in our communities. We hope to encourage Indigenous knowledge and culturally diverse perspectives and approaches in the areas of health, science, education, art, politics, sustainability and resiliency. We invite topics on cultural diversity, indigenous worldviews, care for land and water, issues that affect and support Indigenous communities impacted by climate change, access to education and healthcare, as well as approaches to healing, disability challenges within Indigenous communities, and legal issues that affect Indigenous peoples and their self-determination.



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#PacRim2022 will bring together researchers, advocates, practitioners, policy-makers, educators and students, businesspeople, and many others interested in learning and sharing ideas. Learn more about the other available areas: Communities, Education, Employment and Career, Health & Well-being, and Disability Studies & Diversity Issues at [pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu](https://pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu) or [prcall@hawaii.edu](mailto:prcall@hawaii.edu).

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