



Call for Presentation Proposals Health & Wellbeing Strand

37th Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity

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Submit proposals online by **December 1, 2021** at pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu

In light of recent events in our nation and across the world, health and well-being are more important than ever. Much more intricate than the absence of disease or “dis” ease, well-being includes the presence of positive multifaceted factors including physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. We welcome presentations that build skills, share best practices, encourage innovation, create safe spaces for engaging dialogue, and/or bridge research and practice. Proposals will be accepted for the following topics:

Disability and Health

There are many challenges and obstacles that impact the access and provision of quality health services for those with disabilities. Recently, people with disabilities often faced extra barriers, such as the lockdowns and quarantine requirements that disrupted their support and access to care. We welcome presentations that explore the systematic ways of identifying challenges and obstacles. Additionally, we welcome presentations that explore ways of advocating for timely and appropriate reduction or removal of obstacles and challenges that impact personal and collective access and provision of health care services to those with disabilities. We are also looking for presentations that address how tele-health care can be effectively promoted for people with disabilities as well as their caregivers and service providers.



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Mental and Emotional Health & COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly increased the mental and emotional distress of many people. A big factor is the social isolation that comes with lockdowns and quarantine requirements. People with disabilities often face extra challenges due to disruptions in their supports and access to care. We welcome presentations that explore how COVID-19 has impacted personal and collective mental and emotional health, and how better health can be effectively promoted, for people with disabilities as well as caregivers and service providers.



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Well-being and Flourishing

Flourishing is about discovering a deep sense of well-being, essential to thriving during these uncertain and stressful times. More than just happiness, the elements of positive emotions, engagement or flow, relationships, meaning, and accomplishment are each important on their own but in combination create personal well-being. The Well-being and Flourishing topic welcomes presentations that highlight best practices, research, and innovative ideas around human flourishing and well-being at the intrapersonal, interpersonal, community, or global level.



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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 or prcall@hawaii.edu.

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