



National Association of Community and Restorative Justice

FAQ – NACRJ Presentation Abstract Proposal Submission Process.

Q: What is the theme of the 2019 NACRJ Conference?

A: The theme of the 2019 NACRJ Conference is “Elevating Justice: Widening the Circle.” Justice is a broad concept. While it encompasses formal justice systems, in its broadest sense “justice” refers to basic concepts of fairness in human relations - balance, equity, fair exchange, harmony, equal treatment, mutual respect and dignity. Justice encompasses how we live together in peace with dignity and respect for one another and the environment despite our differences. It encompasses how we respond to harms and address inequities and injustice. It includes how our institutions relate to us, individually and collectively, in respectful and constructive ways. The 7th NACRJ Conference focuses on elevating this broader meaning of justice by intentionally widening the circle of engagement in meaningful ways that welcome a broad spectrum of voices on restorative justice practices including: survivors/victims, formerly incarcerated people, LGBTQ, racial and ethnic minorities, environmentally-focused and other marginalized perspectives. As we come together in June of 2019, we intend to promote safe, just, equitable and sustainable practices, communities and institutions.

Q: How many proposals are being accepted?

A: Proposals are being accepted for a total of 120 sessions: sixty 90-minute panel sessions and sixty 75-minute, singularly-focused breakout sessions that will occur Friday through Sunday, June 14th through 16th. Approximately 50 people will be accepted for the Shift and Share.

Q. What if my presentation fits into two focus areas?

A. Please choose one focus area that best fits your presentation. There will be the option to select multiple sub-designations.

Q: What is the selection criteria?

A. Applications will be rated on the following criteria:

- Presenter Bio and Presentation Format
- Abstract
- Relevance to the Field
- Interest to Attendees
- Practice or Theory Innovation

Q: When will the application open?

A. The submission application will open September 17th through the online portal, accessed through a link on the [2019 Conference page](#) on the NACRJ website (www.nacrj.org). Conference registration will also open at this time.

Q: When is the application submission deadline for a presentation?

A. The submission deadline is 5pm on November 30th.

Q. When will applicants be notified about the selection committee's decision?

A. Applicants will be notified in January.

Q. Is there a registration discount for accepted presenters?

A. Yes- individual presenters and panelists will receive the early-bird registration rate.

Q: What is a panel presentation?

A: Interested parties are strongly encouraged to reach out across the nation to collaborate with others to propose purposeful panels in one of the three substantive focus areas. Self-organizing to co-create and submit meaningful pre-arranged panel proposals will increase the success of the panel sessions overall. In the past, the NACRJ proposal selection committees have had to organize presentations into panel sessions in order to allow more voices to be heard. Preference will be given to panels of co-presenters that have widened their circle of influence by working with each other in advance.

Q: What if my proposal is not accepted for a breakout session?

A: Based on the anticipated volume of applications from past conferences, the breakout session selection committee may recommend that your session be merged with that of other similar presenters/proposals into a thematic panel, or have it become one of the Shift and Share presentations.

Q: What if I don't want to be part of a panel or Shift and Share?

A: All applicants will have the option to "opt-out" of being organized on a panel when submitting their proposal. The same applies for the Shift and Share.

Q: What is a Shift and Share?

A: The Shift and Share session replaces the traditional Poster Session. Shift and Share, also known as Pecha Kucha, is a 6-minute presentation, with 20 slides shown for 20 seconds each, followed by 4 minutes of Q&A, before the small-group audience rotates to the next presenter. There will be roughly 6 rotations, therefore 6 different audiences to present to. If you have a program or practice you want the NACRJ world to know about, this would be an ideal and fun way to get your information out.

Q: What do I need to present at Shift and Share?

A: You will need to provide your own battery powered computer capable of lasting ~2 hours. There will not be access to an outlet. There will not be the ability to project images.