

# CALL FOR PAPERS / PROPOSALS

## International Conference on Spirituality and Social Work

“Spirituality and Scarcity:

The Role of Spirituality in Practice and Research in Scarce Times”

*Co-Sponsored by  
the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work and  
the Society for Spirituality and Social Work (USA)*

June 24 to 26, 2010

University of Calgary  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

This international conference will bring together academics, practitioners, and students to discuss and explore the important roles spirituality plays in responding to problems and challenges that come about in response to economic, environmental and social decline. Sessions will include

- scholarly papers and presentations
- keynote speakers
- experiential workshops
- posters.

A joint conference provides an exciting opportunity for an exchange of scholarship and knowledge between Canadian, American, and international participants from various disciplines to stimulate dialogue and the sharing of resources on the role of spirituality in research, professional education, social work practice, and social action.

Abstract submissions are invited for an academic paper, poster or experiential workshop. Papers will be allocated 30 minutes (plus 15 minutes for discussion); experiential workshops allocated 90 minutes. Proposals from students are welcome. The deadline for proposals is **September 15, 2009**. Details for abstract submission can be found at [www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca](http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca).

Please submit proposals via email to Dr. John Graham or Dr. Jeannette Waagemaker Schiff at [cssw@stu.ca](mailto:cssw@stu.ca). All submissions will be subjected to peer review and notifications will be sent out no later than December 15, 2009. Papers based on presentations can be submitted for inclusion in conference proceedings. (Papers from previous conferences are available at [www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca](http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca). Papers based on conference presentations can also be submitted for peer review and consideration for inclusion in a special issue of a scholarly journal.

Submissions are invited on diverse topics related to the conference theme, such as:

- research into the role of spirituality to address problems created by economic decline
- case examples of effective ways to incorporate spiritual dimensions in counselling and advocacy
- research and interventions which demonstrate that spirituality is a critical factor in effective responses to the human consequence of environmental decline and scarcity of resources.
- spiritual practices that have been of assistance to members of marginalized groups
- curricula to help students develop sensitivity to and respect for spiritual diversity

Workshops are expected to engage participants in varied activity. Papers / presentations may discuss research or practice issues and will include a time for discussion with attendees.

Conference information and registration is available on the website [www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca](http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca). For questions or further information, contact Dr. John Graham at [jrgraham@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jrgraham@ucalgary.ca) or Dr. Jeannette Waagemaker Schiff at [schiff@ucalgary.ca](mailto:schiff@ucalgary.ca).

Please note that presentations may be given in English or French.