

CALL FOR PAPERS

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 17 to 19, 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 can play 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 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 and practitioners are welcome. The deadline for proposals is **December 15, 2009**. Details for abstract submission can be found at www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca

Please submit proposals via email to csssw@stu.ca. All submissions will be subjected to peer review and notifications will be sent out no later than January 31, 2010. Papers based on presentations can be submitted for inclusion in conference proceedings. (Papers from previous conferences are available at 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 that show how spirituality can be a factor in effective responses to 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 an 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 <http://www.spiritualityandsocialwork.ca> For questions or further information, contact Dr. John Graham, jrgraham@ucalgary.ca or Dr. Jeannette Waegemakers Schiff <schiff@ucalgary.ca> Presentations may be in English or French.