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Call for Submissions

Special Sessions: The Opioid/Drug Crisis

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Description

The United States is in the midst of a drug crisis of unprecedented magnitude. It developed slowly at first, but has exploded across the country in recent years. It is exacting a huge human and financial cost. As the crisis has accelerated, it has begun to decimate some areas. While Central Appalachia might be seen as “Ground Zero” for the opioid crisis, it now affects areas across the country, though rural communities have been especially vulnerable.

While there have been scattered papers presented at regional science meetings, there has been little focus on the drug crisis, though two sessions were held at the 2018 meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association.

I would like to organize one of more sessions for the 2018 NARSC conference. My goals are to help those working on this topic to engage with each other, but also to inform others in the hope of spurring additional interest in pursuing research. Papers and presentations ranging from mostly descriptive research to high-level statistical analysis are welcome, and at any geographic level that may shed light on local, state, or some larger regional aspect of the crisis. While the main focus may be on opioids, papers more broadly related to some local/regional/spatial aspects of drugs or substance abuse are welcome.

Submission

If you would like to present a paper, please submit your abstract to <http://www.narsc.org/newsite/conference/online-abstractsession-submission/>

Once submitted, you will be given a unique ID number. Send this ID to me via email, along with title, abstract, author information and contact details as soon as possible.

The deadline for abstract submission is July 1, 2018.

If you will not have a paper to present, but would be interested in participating as a discussant, let me know.

Please forward this announcement to colleagues that may be interested.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Brian