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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.

After many years of just scattered research in the regional science community, papers in the regional science literature focusing on the opioid crisis or related issues have increased rapidly in the past year or so. Some recent regional science conferences have included a number of papers on the topic.

I would like to organize one of more sessions for the 2019 SRSA conference. As with previous sessions that I have organized, my goals are to help those working on this topic to engage with each other, but also to inform other scholars 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 (including the title, abstract, author information and contact details) directly to me. This year, SRSA will try to have special sessions (including abstracts) submitted as a group, rather than have each individual from a special session submit an abstract directly to SRSA.

I will confirm receipt of your abstract and that your paper will be included in the opioid/drug crisis sessions.

Discussant

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

The deadline for me to submit completed sessions is January 18. I need information before that date in order to have time to piece together the entire session by the deadline.

Please forward this announcement to colleagues or graduate students who may be interested.

See www.srsa.org/conference for more information. Registration and lodging information will be posted soon.

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