

**29th Annual African Diaspora Pre-Conference**  
**The Way Forward: Black Lives Matter**  
**Adult Education Research Conference (AERC)**  
**The University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma**  
**June 9, 2022**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Deadline: February 1, 2022**

The 29th Annual African Diaspora Adult Education Research Pre-Conference will be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma in conjunction with the 63rd Annual Adult Education Research Conference. The conference theme this year is "**The Way Forward: Black Lives Matter.**" Over the past few years, the Black Lives Matter Movement came to the forefront, awakening many to the inequities and injustices that members of the African Diaspora have experienced in the United States as well as globally. For scholars in the field, many of us are engaged in practices in research focused on the impact this has had on members of the African Diaspora. In addition to examining these practices, we must also develop a research agenda and set of practices that focus on the way forward. The purpose of this pre-conference is to provide a forum in which graduate students of African ancestry can engage in research and critically dialogue about theories, philosophies and practices related to the education or experiences of adults in the African Diaspora. Proposals will be evaluated based on relevance to conference and conceptual clarity.

Please make sure to follow a research format when constructing your proposal. Proposals for paper presentations pertinent to one of the following pre-conference areas are invited:

- 1) Historical research on people of African Descent who are involved in adult continuing education.
- 2) Research on contemporary issues, problems, and concerns relevant to the African Diaspora in the area of adult and continuing education.
- 3) Conceptual or theoretical research relative to adult and continuing education for learners of the African Diaspora.

**Instructions for Proposal Submissions**

**Please submit your proposal via email to:**

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**Proposals should be two pages:** a one-page abstract (not to exceed 600 words) and one-page cover sheet. Proposals must be received by, **February 1, 2022**. You will be notified about the status of the proposal by **March 15, 2022**. This is a blind review process; therefore, it is essential to follow these instructions:

**Electronic Submission of Proposals**

Submit one copy of a typed cover sheet which includes the paper title, your name, address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and a signed warrant statement which states: "I warrant that if my paper is accepted, I will submit **electronically** an eight (8) page (single-spaced, typed) summary for inclusion in the Pre-Conference Proceedings to [jjb@uga.edu](mailto:jjb@uga.edu). I understand that if this summary is not submitted by, **May 16, 2022**, my paper will not be included as part of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual African Diaspora Adult Education Research Pre-Conference Proceedings." Please sign the warrant statement.