

The 8th Bullying, Incivility, and Violence in Adult, Higher, Continuing, and Professional Education Pre-Conference

In Conjunction with
The 2024 Adult Education Research Conference (AERC)
University of Georgia, Gwinnett Campus
Athens, Georgia
June 12, 2024 (All Day)
In-Person & Virtual Conference

Promoting Ethics and Professionalism through Adult Education Research to Help Eliminate Bullying, Incivility, and Violence for All

Call for Proposals
Submission Deadline Extended: April 20, 2024

Overview and Purpose

Although we hope for our society to be civil, peaceful, and safe for all, the reality is that bullying, incivility, and violence exist everywhere including adult, higher, continuing, and professional education. Previous research indicated that bullying, harassment, incivility, and violence permeate contemporary educational systems and that there has been an increasing number of incidents of bullying, harassment, incivility, and violence in educational settings and workplaces as reflected in society at large (Misawa, 2021; Twale, 2018). Such a climate can cause hostile and inaccessible environments for educators, practitioners, and learners. These malicious incidents negatively impact the lives of those who experience the brunt of these cruel acts as well as the lives of those who witness the events (Misawa, 2016). Through adult education research, educators and practitioners should be able to understand the phenomena and should be primed to reduce and eliminate such negative behaviors and create and sustain a safe climate for all.

This year's pre-conference is titled, ***Promoting Ethics and Professionalism through Adult Education Research to Help Eliminate Bullying, Incivility, and Violence for All***, and focuses on providing an opportunity for scholars, practitioners, and learners to have a critical dialogue about empirical, theoretical, and practical issues of bullying, incivility, and violence in adult, higher, continuing, and professional education. Example topics include, but are not limited to:

- Academic and/or workplace bullying
- Racism, sexism, transphobia, heterosexism, or ableism in higher education
- Ethical Leadership and Ethical Practice in higher education
- Trauma responsive practice
- Social justice research and practice in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)
- International comparisons of educational or workplace policies regarding bullying, incivility, and violence
- Sexual assault or hazing on university campuses

- Shared experiences from faculty, practitioners, and/or graduate students
- Intersectionality and positionality in adult education research and practice
- Creating LGBTQ-friendly campus cultures

Types of Proposals

Proposals are encouraged for paper presentations focused on the topical areas of bullying, incivility, and violence in adult, higher, continuing, and/or professional education. Graduate students, early-career researchers and practitioners, and seasoned researchers and practitioners are invited to submit proposals for the following types of presentations:

- Empirical research
- Theory/model development
- Research methodology
- Theorizing from the literature
- Practical applications

Instructions for Proposal Submission

Please submit your proposal **on or before April 20, 2024** via email to the chair of the pre-conference committee:

Mitsunori Misawa, Ph.D.
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Email: mmisawa@utk.edu

Your proposal should be two pages long:

Page one: One typed cover sheet that includes title, your name, phone number, email address, and the following signed warrant statement:

I warrant that if my proposal is accepted, I will submit electronically a three- to eight-page single-spaced, typed paper for inclusion in the Pre-Conference Proceedings. I will email this paper to mmisawa@utk.edu by May 25, 2024. I understand that if this paper is not submitted by May 25, 2023, then my paper will not be included as part of the 8th Bullying, Incivility, and Violence in Adult, Higher, Continuing, and Professional Education Pre-Conference proceedings, and instead, only my abstract will be included.

Page two: One typed, single-spaced, one-page abstract, not to exceed 350 words. The abstract must include the following information:

- Proposal title
- Abstract (No more than 350 words)
- 3-5 keywords

Please note that all received proposals will be submitted for a blind peer review process.

Again, the proposal submission deadline is April 20, 2024. Notification of our decision regarding your proposal will be sent on or before April 25, 2024. Accepted proposal authors will be provided information and instructions for full-text paper submissions.

Steering Committee:

Mitsunori Misawa (Chair) – The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Patricia Higgins – The University of Tennessee, Knoxville