

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Bullying, Incivility, and Violence in Adult, Higher, Continuing, and Professional Education Pre-Conference

In Conjunction with  
The 2022 Adult Education Research Conference (AERC)  
Norman, Oklahoma  
June 9, 2022 (All Day)  
In-Person & Virtual Conference

*Transforming Academic Culture through Adult Education Research to Help Eliminate Bullying, Incivility, and Violence for All*

**Call for Proposals**  
**Submission Deadline: March 15, 2022**

## **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, ***Transforming Academic Culture 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
- 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 March 15, 2022** via email to the chair of the pre-conference committee:

Mitsunori Misawa, Ph.D.  
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Email: [mmisawa@utk.edu](mailto: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](mailto:mmisawa@utk.edu) by May 15, 2022. I understand that if this paper is not submitted by May 15, 2022, then my paper will not be included as part of the 6th 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 March 15, 2022.** Notification of our decision regarding your proposal will be sent on or before March 25, 2022. 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*

*Nathan Vann – The University of Tennessee, Knoxville*