

Seventh International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry

May 18–21, 2011

<http://www.icqi.org/participation.html>

"We will not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and to know the place for the first time" (T. S. Elliot, No 4 of 'Four Quartets', 1942).

The Seventh International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry will take place at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign from May 17–21, 2011. The theme of the 2011 Congress is "Qualitative Inquiry and the Politics of Advocacy." Increasingly in these troubling political times qualitative researchers are called upon to make their work relevant. They are encouraged to pursue social justice agendas, to be human rights advocates, to do work that honors the core values of human dignity, and freedom from fear and violence. Many oppose any political agenda, calling for non-activist qualitative research, let the chips fall where they will. They are reluctant to put their faith in any project that seeks to transform the nature of human social life. They advocate non-partisan inquiry. They call for objectivity. They question partisanship, and have reservations about any activist role of research in relation to policymaking or practice.

The 2011 Congress will offer scholars the opportunity to debate these issues, to foreground the politics of advocacy, pro and con, to form coalitions, to engage in debate on how qualitative research can be used to advance the causes of social justice, while addressing racial, ethnic, gender and environmental disparities in education, welfare and healthcare.

Sessions will take up such topics as: the politics of advocacy; value-free inquiry; partisanship, bias; the politics of evidence; alternatives to evidence-based models; multiple and mixed-methods; public policy discourse; indigenous research ethics; decolonizing inquiry. Contributors are invited to experiment with traditional and new methodologies, with new presentational formats (ethnodrama, performance, poetry, autoethnography, fiction). Such work will offer guidelines and exemplars concerning advocacy, inquiry and social justice concerns.

On May 18 there will be pre-conference language events and on May 19, morning and afternoon professional workshops. The Congress will consist of keynote, plenary, featured, regular, and poster sessions. There will be an opening reception and barbeque as well as a closing old fashioned Midwest cook-out.

We invite your submission of paper, poster and session proposals. Submissions will be accepted online only from October 1 until December 1 2010. Conference and workshop registration will begin December 1, 2010. To learn more about the 7th International Congress and how to participate, please visit our website (www.ICQI.org).

Keynote speakers

Michal Krumer-Nevo

Director, Israeli Center for Qualitative Research of Peoples and Societies (ICQM)

Department of Social Work Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

John H. Stanfield, II

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Submission and participation guidelines

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* Panel submissions are comprised of at least four but no more than five papers, each with full abstracts and author information. Proposals with incomplete abstract/author information will not be considered. Panels are guaranteed an 80-minute slot with individual presentations expected to run 12–15 minutes.

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* Each panel requires a chair, which will be self-nominated (during the submission process) or assigned by Congress organizers.

* We welcome proposals that broadly cover both traditional and experimental approaches to and practices of qualitative research. Our congress is committed to helping qualitative researchers from all disciplines and all parts of the world participate in an all-inclusive dialogue about the state of the art in qualitative research.

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Text * Plain text.

- * Do ***not*** cut and paste text from an e-mail into the text-block field (not following this requirement will mean data corruption).
- * 100 words only-this is an absolute limit. The text box space is finite.
- * No soft or hard returns.
- * No bullets, hyphens, or other non-text characters.
- * No footnotes; no bibliography.

Abstract Titles Abstract titles should follow the formatting rules found in The Chicago Manual of Style. Here are some general guidelines.

- * Capitalize the first, last, and all major words in between (nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and some conjunctions)
- * Lowercase prepositions, regardless of length (in, over, between, on, above, through)
- * Lowercase the definite and indefinite articles (a, an, the)
- * Lowercase conjunctions (and, or, but, for, nor)
- * Hyphenated words-always capitalize the first and second word (Part-Time)

Examples

- * Faculty Learning Community: Experiences with Qualitative Data Analysis Software Melissa Freeman, University of Georgia
- * In Search of Mother: Defining a Mother-Centered Theory for Understanding the Mothering Practices of Poor and Working Class Black Women Amira Millicent Davis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Authors/Contributors * List authors/contributors with first name, middle initial (followed by a period; optional), and last name (Norman K. Denzin, Jonathan Wyatt, James Salvo)

* Include affiliation for each author-department, university (Norman K. Denzin, Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Submission

Your online submission will be used as the text for the final program and abstract book.