

## PASSHE Women's Consortium 2019 Annual Conference

Friday, October 4 - Saturday, October 5, 2019

Dixon Center, Harrisburg

**Theme: Women's Health: Balancing the Multi-Dimensional Needs of the Modern Woman's Mind, Body, and Spirit**

The PASSHE Women's Consortium will hold its annual conference at **the Dixon Center, Harrisburg, PA**. Our conference theme this year is **Women's Health: Balancing the Multi-Dimensional Needs of the Modern Woman's Mind, Body, and Spirit**.

Headlines from the past year highlight the need for a frank conversation about women's health and well-being. Political leaders across the country are working to change and eliminate access to healthcare, affordable insurance, and reproductive health options. Women of all ages, races, and socioeconomic statuses must balance their physical, mental, and spiritual needs to maintain good health. They often are caregivers to aging parents and children/grandchildren while also maintaining full-time employment and managing households. Together, we hope to shine a light on the need for women to talk about the issues that are often ignored and misunderstood or not to be discussed in "polite conversation." We hope this conference will spark discussion and action on our campuses to support all women to make themselves and their health a priority.

We invite proposals on the topic of women's health on issues pertaining to all aspects and dimensions of health and well-being. We are particularly interested in how women-led initiatives, locally in our communities and on our campuses, create, participate and inform the larger national conversations about gender, health, and social justice. We are interested in proposals that address established narratives about women's health, as well as stories of new and emerging practices involving the many facets of being female. Possible topics related to this year's theme include but are not limited to the following:

- Balancing the body and mind for optimal health
- Creating change and transformation in our lives
- Access and affordability of hygiene products on campuses
- Being a full-time employee and full-time caregiver
- Social justice and access to care for all women
- Reproductive rights and legislating our bodies
- LGBTQ+ Rights on campus and in the community
- Domestic and sexual violence prevention
- Title IX and campus women's issues
- Campus women's centers and gender justice
- Mental health issues
- Health insurance and the college student

- Stressors affecting college women
- Combatting food insecurity and homelessness
- Substance abuse

Although the consortium encourages submission on this year's theme, we welcome submissions on all topics related to women and gender studies. Faculty, staff, directors of women's centers, pride centers, multicultural centers, WGS programs, and undergraduate and graduate students are all invited to submit proposals. All disciplines and programs are welcome. Those outside the PASSHE system are invited to submit as well.

There are three types of presentations: hour-long individual presentations, hour-long panel discussion, and poster submission.

- Individual presentations submit an abstract of 250 words and bios for the presenter.
- Panel proposals for up to 4 presenters are welcome. Submit a panel abstract of 250 words and bios for each presenter as one submission.
- Poster submissions are also encouraged. Please submit a poster proposal of 150 words and a 50-word bio of the presenter.

Submit proposals and 50-word bio by **August 2, 2019**. Notification of acceptances will be emailed by August 16, 2019.

Proposal submission address: [kelly.davis@millersville.edu](mailto:kelly.davis@millersville.edu)

#### Conference registration fees

- Undergraduate/Graduate students: Free
- Professional Staff: \$35
- Faculty/Administrators/Community members: \$70

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**Conference Marketplace:** If you are interested in being a vendor for a possible female-owned small business marketplace, please contact Kelly Davis.

The PASSHE Women's Consortium is the only organization within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education that acts on behalf of all women—students, staff, faculty, and management. The Consortium's initiatives include an annual conference dedicated to women's and gender issues, and summer leadership institutes for faculty, staff, and undergraduate women. Membership in the Consortium is open to all genders, race, ethnicity, age, and sexual orientation. Visit the consortium's website at <http://passhewomensconsortium.org/>