The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA) invites poster submissions to be considered for presentation at the 2018 APsaA National Meeting, which convenes February 14-18, 2018 at the New York Hilton, New York City. The 2018 Poster Session will be held on Friday, February 16.

Poster first authors who are new or early career investigators are eligible for consideration for the 2018 American Psychoanalytic Association Poster Award ($500- ). The Award will go to the poster recognized as most noteworthy, judged on the basis of substantive significance, innovation, and quality of presentation.

Purpose and Focus of APsaA Poster Session

- Poster topic focus may be as follows:
  - Conceptual and/or empirical relevance to psychoanalytic and psychodynamic theory, technique, aspects of practice, and effectiveness of psychodynamic psychotherapy and psychoanalysis;
  - Contributions from multiple disciplines are welcome, including research questions in ‘neighboring fields’ – such as clinical, developmental and social psychology, family psychology, neuroscience, anthropology, sociology, literary criticism, historical studies, history of ideas, and art history;
  - Methodologies appropriate to the discipline, data, and question (e.g. small-sample, single-subject, descriptive, and clinical research designs) are all acceptable.

- The Poster Session is intended as a forum to present and share with meeting attendees:
  - New, unpublished data;
  - New analyses of these data;
  - Newly designed ongoing studies;
  - Scholarly conceptual analyses and interpretations.

- Posters that have been/will be presented elsewhere are not eligible for submission.

Preparing and Submitting Poster Items

- **Poster Description:** This is not to exceed 1,500 words, including title, and should be double-spaced. The submission must include sufficient data so that reviewers may evaluate it.
  - Include purpose/thesis, background/relevant questions, methods,
findings, discussion and key references.

- Up to 2 tables or figures may be included - diagrams, pictures, graphs and illustrations of methods and results, etc.
- Do NOT include author names on this document.

- **Poster Abstract**: This is not to exceed 500 words, including title and all authors (in the order of authorship). This abstract should be written for the general clinician audience, with an interest in research. Please 'translate' newer techniques or terminology if needed.

- **Poster Face Sheet**: Attached for download; complete and return.

Submit the Poster Description, Poster Abstract and Poster Face Sheet - by email to: smg@austenriggs.net - Samantha Grzelak, Executive Assistant to the Medical Director/CEO, Austen Riggs Center

Receipt will be acknowledged by email. For those who are unable to submit by email, please contact Ms. Grzelak at 413-931-5273.

**The deadline for submissions is 12 midnight (Eastern Time) on OCTOBER 2, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

**Process of Review of Poster Submissions**
Posters will be reviewed by a Selection Committee who do not have knowledge of submitters’ identities. Three criteria will govern review:
- Clarity of formulation or conceptualization,
- Adequacy of methods,
- Appropriateness of interpretations made

You will be notified of the review decision by November 10, 2017. Notifications will go the submitter by email unless another notification mode is requested.

**If Selected: Preparing Your Poster, and the Poster Session**
- Posters will be displayed on 4’ by 8’ pin boards and should be designed to fit within these parameters. Pushpins will be provided to mount posters.
- Use text font to be visible from a comfortable reading distance.
- Posters will be displayed from 11.15am – 4.00pm on Friday February 16, 2018 (set up in the morning prior to this session). The presenter must at the poster to answer questions for this entire period.
- The winner of the American Psychoanalytic Association Poster Award will be notified at the Meeting.
- Further information on the Poster Session will be provided if your poster is selected for presentation.
Potential Opportunity for Publication in JAPA

- If indicated in the Poster Face Sheet, after the Poster Session the Presenter may prepare a manuscript from the Poster to be considered for potential publication by The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association (JAPA). However, if you are interested in this opportunity be sure to review the JAPA guidelines/requirements at the end of the Face Sheet. There is no guarantee of publication in JAPA.

Terms and Conditions for Poster Submissions

- Membership in the APsaA is NOT required to submit a presentation for consideration.
- Posters that have been/will be presented elsewhere are not eligible for submission.
- The Poster Session will be open to the press. Submission of a poster presentation for review implies permission for media coverage.
- APsaA reserves the right to accept no changes in a submission once it is accepted for presentation.
- Selection decisions are final.
- Poster submission is taken as an agreement to present an accepted format at the scheduled time.
- Poster Session acceptance does NOT include registration for/ access to sessions of the APsaA 2018 National Meeting, for which separate registration and associated fees will be required.

Questions?
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