



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS: FACING RACE 2010

Thank you for your interest in being a part of Facing Race 2010. We are happy to entertain a proposal from you and we are looking forward to our most dynamic set of workshops and presenters ever.

The Applied Research Center (ARC) is inviting submissions for workshop proposals for the 2010 Facing Race conference, a leading multi-racial national gathering on racial justice. This year's conference will be held September 23-25, 2010 in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

We are expecting this conference to be our largest ever, with audience members topping 1,000. The Facing Race conference has become a major hub for leading racial justice activists, thinkers, writers and artists to meet, learn together, explore innovative strategies and celebrate successes. Highlights of the conference include a keynote speaker, several provocative plenary discussions, a variety of interactive workshops, the RaceFlix film series, and several social and cultural activities.

Approximately 30 workshops will be selected and featured at Facing Race 2010. Due to the limited number of workshops and growing interest and attendance, we expect the workshop selection process to be very competitive. We encourage early submission of workshop proposals to give us ample time to review them.

Themes: There will be four thematic tracks focused on addressing racial equity:

1. Issues and policy campaigns,
2. Media and communications
3. Organizing and advocacy, and
4. Arts and culture

Note: All workshops topics may not fit these themes; other proposed topics are welcome.

Content: Workshops emphasize the following five priorities:

- 1) Challenging structural racism and reframing dominant cultural ideas and patterns
- 2) Popularizing racial justice – consciously promoting equitable impacts and inclusion
- 3) Showcasing solutions, model policies, innovative practices and successful strategies
- 4) Developing strategic connections across constituencies and issues, and
- 5) Developing young leaders, especially leaders of color and anti-racist whites

Format: Workshops foster learning, interaction, connections and strategic action. Lively and participatory formats are encouraged, while long lectures and panel presentations are discouraged. To facilitate more interaction amongst participants and presenters, we ask that at least half of the workshop time be devoted to discussion. Workshops last 90

minutes and generally include the following components:

1. Awareness: A brief overview of the context, highlighting key race-related developments and debates relevant to the topic, including information on significant trends, innovative ideas, promising practices, and lessons.
2. Analysis: An interactive component allowing participants to ask questions, reflect on the content presented, and share their experiences and ideas.
3. Action: A strategic component to identify options, opportunities and strategies for advancing racial justice, (with an emphasis on concrete follow-up steps and cross-constituency collaboration)

Facilitators/Presenters: Workshops should involve no more than two facilitators/presenters. Though we encourage a highly diverse mix of presenters based on race, age, gender and geographic area, some priority will be given to workshops lead by young people (18-35) and people of color. Multi-racial and multi-generational facilitation teams are encouraged. Facilitation teams that represent more than one organization will be given favorable consideration. One of the two presenters should be designated as the "workshop leader" who will be responsible for planning and facilitating, starting and ending on time, sticking to an agenda, asking provocative discussion questions and encouraging audience participation.

Proposal Process and Timeline

- Use the attached workshop proposal form for submitting your proposal.
- Proposals must be submitted by **March 15, 2010**.
- Final workshop selections will be made by the ARC staff, board and conference advisors, based on how well the proposals meet the content and format priorities and other considerations such as race, gender, age, issue and geographic representation.
 - Selection decisions of workshops will be made by April 30. Workshop proposals may be accepted as is, declined, or accepted with conditions (for example, we may suggest a different title, workshop description, agenda, or co-presenter)
 - Deadline to respond to conditions/requested revisions: May 15, 2010.
- All workshop leaders/facilitators must be registered for the conference by June 30.

Workshop proposals should be submitted to facingrace@arc.org. For additional information, contact Gina Acebo at (510) 653-3415 x4919.

Benefits:

- Workshop facilitators/presenters are provided free registration to the conference.
- If needed and requested, we can offer travel and lodging assistance to workshop facilitators/presenters who live away from the Chicago area where the conference is being held.
- If you and your organization/institution are able to cover your own travel and lodging expenses, we will gladly include you or your organization/institution on our conference sponsorship list and will still provide free conference registration. Your help with expenses – which allows us to provide more scholarship assistance to low-income and young participants – is encouraged and appreciated.



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Facing Race 2010 Workshop Proposal

Name of person submitting proposal:

Email:

Phone:

Proposed Workshop Title:

Proposed Workshop Summary (using up to 100 words):

Proposed Workshop Facilitators/Presenters (we encourage no more than two people)

| | 1. Workshop Leader/Presenter | 2. Additional Presenter |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Name | | |
| Organization/Affiliation | | |
| Title/Position | | |
| Race/ethnicity | | |
| Gender identity | | |
| Approximate Age (e.g. 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, etc) | | |
| Address | | |
| Email | | |
| Phone | | |

Proposed Workshop Agenda (lasting 90 minutes)

| Topic | What you will do and how will you do it | Who will do it? | How long? |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 Welcome and Introduction | * Introduce presenters, topic and agenda | | 10 min. |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. Closing | Acknowledgements | | 5 min. |

Total Time: 90 minutes

What will participants learn or gain from this workshop?

Travel Assistance: (check one)

- Both presenters would need travel and lodging assistance
- One presenter would need travel/lodging assistance, the other would not
- We could cover the travel and lodging costs of both presenters, in order to make more funds available for conference scholarships for low-income and young participants, and would be interested in being listed as a conference cosponsor

Please attach short bios (up to 65 words) for each facilitator/presenter.

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