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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS 7th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STIGMA Conference Theme: "Standing Together against Fear, Blame, and Shame"

Howard University, Washington DC, Friday, November 18, 2016 (8 AM- 5 PM) Deadline for Submission: Thursday, September 15, 2016 by 5:00pm (EST)

The overarching goals of this conference are to increase awareness of the stigma of HIV and other health conditions and to explore interventions to eradicate this stigma. The conference also serves to educate healthcare providers and the general public about stigma as both a human rights violation and a major barrier to prevention and treatment of illnesses. We are looking for original work that addresses HIV or other health-related or stigma (such as mental illness) to be presented as a **POSTER** during the afternoon Poster Session. The Best Scientific Abstract Award recipient will receive a **\$1,000 prize** as well as the opportunity to provide a brief **PRESENTATION** of their work separate from the afternoon Poster Session.

Abstract Guidelines: Submit an abstract, **maximum 300 words**, to Victoria Hoverman at **vwatson@masonlive.gmu.edu** and Shirin Sultana at **shirin.sultana@bison.howard.edu**, by **5:00pm (EST) on Thursday, September 15, 2016**. Please include the full name, position/job title, affiliation and email address of each contributing author at the top of the page along with the abstract title. Author information and the abstract title are not included in the 300 word count. First author or presenter must register for the conference if abstract is accepted. Notifications will be sent by October 15, 2016. These are poster presentations only, with the exception of the Best Scientific Abstract Award winner, which is a presentation. The first author of the best scientific abstract <u>must attend the conference to receive the \$1,000 prize (or be willing to let the attending author accept the prize). Students are welcome!</u>

For questions about the abstracts, contact Victoria Hoverman at **vwatson@masonlive.gmu.edu** and/or Shirin Sultana at **shirin.sultana@bison.howard.edu**. For general questions about the conference contact Patricia Houston at phouston@howard.edu.