



# GROVES CONFERENCE on Marriage and Family

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2010 Groves Conference theme is “Families: Connections and Communication Within and Across Species.” The conference will be held June 16-20 in Seattle, Washington.

The conference will include a variety of presentation opportunities and formats. In addition to invited presentations, the program will include presentations by Groves members and other participants (e.g., students, nonmembers). Proposals are invited for presentations in the following categories:

\* *Oral presentations*—Oral presentations generally will be grouped into sessions using a symposium or workshop format. Presentations may be focused on empirical, theoretical/conceptual, programmatic, or policy work. Priority will be given to presentations dealing with humans’ interaction with or relationship to other species. Proposals will be peer reviewed.

\* *Roundtable presentations*—A roundtable presentation may be given by a single presenter or a group of presenters addressing a single issue. Presentations may be focused on empirical, theoretical/conceptual, programmatic, or policy work. Priority will be given to presentations that are related directly to the conference theme. Proposals will be peer reviewed.

\* *Poster presentations*—The poster presentation format provides the widest range of flexibility for topics. Presentations should be related to the conference theme but need not involve consideration of multiple species. Proposals will be peer reviewed.

\* *Book discussions*—Book discussion sessions will be organized around books with particular relevance to the conference theme. A book discussion may be focused on one book or on two or more books with a common theme.

**Two** copies of proposals for *oral presentations*, *roundtable presentations*, and *poster presentations* should be submitted. Both copies should contain the following:

- \* Proposed presentation title
- \* Specification of preferred format
- \* Brief abstract (25 words maximum)
- \* Designation of key words (at least two, no more than five) describing the presentation content
- \* Statement of purpose/objective(s) of presentation (50 words maximum)
- \* Summary/description of content of proposed presentation (300 words maximum)
- \* Discussion of relevance to conference theme (25 words maximum)

One copy of the proposal also should contain a cover page with the following information:

- \* Name(s) of author(s)
- \* Position(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of author(s)
- \* Mailing address(es) for author(s)
- \* E-mail address(es) and phone number(s) for author(s)
- \* Indication for each author of plans for conference attendance (yes/no)

The file name for the proposal copy **with** the cover page should be the first initial and last name of the first author and the first few words of the presentation title (e.g., jdoe farm family attitudes). The file name for the second copy (**without** author identification) should be only the first few words of the presentation title (e.g., farm family attitudes).

Proposals for *book discussions* should contain the following:

- \* Book title(s) and author(s)
- \* Full reference citation for each book (in APA format)
- \* Brief summary of book(s) (100 words maximum)
- \* Discussion of relevance to conference theme (25 words maximum)

A cover page also should be included with the following information:

- \* Name(s) of discussant(s)
- \* Position(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of discussant(s)
- \* Mailing address(es) for discussant(s)
- \* E-mail address(es) and phone number(s) for discussant(s)

Contact Jo Lynn Cunningham (conference chair) at [jcunning@utk.edu](mailto:jcunning@utk.edu) with any questions. For example, potential participants are encouraged to communicate about ideas for presentations that might not fit clearly into the designated formats, requests for book discussion suggestions, or assistance in developing theme-related proposals.

All proposals should be submitted electronically as RTF files to [jcunning@utk.edu](mailto:jcunning@utk.edu). Proposals are due no later than February 15, 2010. Responses to proposals will be sent no later than March 15, 2010.