



BRITISH COLUMBIA PSYCHOGERIATRIC ASSOCIATION

Leading the way in seniors mental health in BC

2016 BC Psychogeriatric Association Conference *A Balancing Act: Supporting Autonomy and Reducing Risk*

Friday April 22nd & Saturday April 23rd

University of Northern British Columbia - Prince George, BC

Call for abstracts - **Deadline Extended to February 15th**
including for student poster competition (see page 2 for details)

Exciting keynote speakers confirmed...

Dr. Kerry Bowman: Internationally-known bioethicist with expertise in the ethics of working with vulnerable older adults, Dr. Bowman serves as clinical ethicist at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and has an academic appointment at U of T in Family & Community Medicine.

Martha Jane Lewis: Well-known lawyer and advocate for seniors, Martha Jane serves as Executive Director of BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support - a province-wide organization that provides legal information and assistance to vulnerable seniors.

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Registration Fees (includes breakfast, lunch, breaks & reception):

BCPGA Member — \$200

Non-Member - \$245 (includes optional 1 yr. BCPGA Membership)

Students—\$75 (includes optional 1 yr. BCPGA Membership)

Hotel information: Coast Inn of the North. For reservations call toll-free: 1-800.663.1144 providing group code CIN-GFC11419. Reservations must be made by March 23 to qualify for the group rate of \$105 (standard) or \$125 (superior).

Call for Abstracts – ORAL PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS & STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION – **New Deadline – Feb 15th**

The British Columbia Psychogeriatric Association (BCPGA) is pleased to announce our general *Call for Abstracts for Oral Presentations, Posters* and a *Student Poster Competition* for our 22nd Annual Conference to be held Friday April 22 and Saturday April 23 in Prince George, BC at the University of Northern BC. For more information about the conference and about becoming a BCPGA member, please visit <http://www.bcpqa.com>.

This conference is the opportunity for clinicians, managers, researchers, students, and educators to share work in the field of aging and mental health with colleagues from a diverse spectrum of disciplines. Abstract submissions for oral presentations and posters are welcomed in the areas of research, practice, policy and/or about programs. Presentations (oral and poster) may report on work completed, work in progress where preliminary learnings are available or working in the planning stage.

Submission Instructions

Submit abstracts (maximum 250 words) for review to the chair of the BCPGA Research Committee, Dawn Hemingway dawn.hemingway@unbc.ca Please include your name, contact information, affiliation, presentation title and whether you wish your abstract to be considered for a poster, oral presentation or both.

- **Abstracts due by February 15, 2016**
- Successful submissions will be notified by March 1, 2016
- Should relate to older adults and mental health (interpreted in a broad sense)

Presenter Instructions

Authors of abstracts accepted for presentation at the conference (either as posters or oral presentations) must be registered for the conference. Presenters are expected to be available at the scheduled time of their oral presentation session or at the time designated for poster presentations.

Student Poster Competition Prizes– First (\$250) Second (\$200) Third (\$150)

In addition to general instructions above, those submitting to the Student Poster Competition must be currently registered at a post-secondary institution. Student submissions should also include name of program that you're enrolled in along with the name of faculty advisor(s).

Student Poster Competition assessment criteria:

- Quality and Merit of the Research
- Quality of Abstract and Content
- Demonstrated Understanding of the Research

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENING SOON
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For conference questions or to submit abstracts via email attachment, contact:
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