# 2018 CALL FOR PAPERS
## 17th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (SS0:USA)
*Conference Theme: Sleep and Restoration*
### October 11 - 13, 2018
### Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa
### Lexington, Kentucky
# Deadline for Papers:  April 30th, 2018

**Mission:** The SSO:USA is a research society that strives to build the body of knowledge in occupational science to benefit humanity. The Society invites abstracts of in-progress or completed research, theory, or current issues in the study of occupation, or the activities that occupy our lives. Contributions from all sciences and professions are welcome. Format of the conference emphasizes discussion and networking to enhance research.  http://www.sso-usa.org/

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

We encourage all papers addressing substantive and methodological issues studying participation in daily activities or those activities that "occupy" our lives. Contributions from social and other sciences are welcomed. Topics related to this year's theme on sleep and restoration will be given extra points.

Submit abstracts through this website: http://www.sso-usa.org/2018-conference.
Abstracts must be submitted electronically by 11:59 PM PST on April 30th, 2018.  Late abstracts will not be accepted. The primary author on each abstract will receive notification via email regarding the status of his/her submission by late June 2018.

All abstracts must be single-spaced and submitted in APA format.  The corresponding author must provide his or her own, as well as all contributing author(s)', names, credentials, and affiliations.  Abstracts submitted without this information will not be published in the Proceedings for this Research Conference.  Additionally, the corresponding author must provide an email that can be used for future communication.

Abstracts should be **400 words or less**, not including a maximum of five key references, three key words, and the author's questions/objectives for the discussion period.  Equal time is provided for presentation and discussion at this research conference.  Questions/objectives should facilitate discussion on how presentation content furthers knowledge of occupational science concepts.

The primary author must identify the type of submission (research paper, theoretical paper, panel, forum, research poster, or student poster), a title, contributing author(s) names, credentials, and affiliations in the appropriate boxes on the submission webpage. Additional points will be given for relevance to conference theme. If authors are limited to particular presentation dates or times because of institutional or religious limitations, they must indicate their presentation availability in their submission notes. Abstracts will be submitted to a blinded review process (see criteria below). Reviewers will be members of the SSO:USA.

## FORMATS

| Session Type | Session Format | Headings |
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| **RESEARCH PAPERS** | 15 minutes presentation + 15 minutes discussion | • Title<br>• Statement of purpose<br>• Description of methods (participants, data collection, analysis)<br>• Report of results<br>• Implications related to occupational science<br>• Discussion questions to further occupational science concepts and ideas |
| **THEORETICAL PAPERS** | 15 minutes presentation + 15 minutes discussion | • Title<br>• Intent<br>• Argument<br>• Importance to occupational science<br>• Conclusion<br>• Discussion questions to facilitate occupational science concepts and ideas in presentation |
| **PANEL SESSIONS** | 90-minute panel sessions should include 3-5 brief papers on a shared topic and 30-45 minutes of discussion among panel members and audience.<br><br>NOTE: Submission made by the session organizer. | • Title<br>• Topic<br>• Purpose/aims<br>• Methods<br>• Result or intent<br>• Argument/importance to occupational science<br>• Objectives for discussion period<br>• List of session's participants with their credentials and affiliations |
| **FORUM SESSIONS** | An individual or a team may lead a 60-minute forum on research, pedagogy or another topic. The forum should include a short evocative presentation leading to a dynamic exchange of ideas among participants. | • Title<br>• Aims/intent<br>• Rationale<br>• Potential outcomes for participants<br>• Discussion questions to facilitate occupational science concepts and ideas. |
| **RESEARCH POSTERS AND STUDENT POSTERS** | Appropriate for in-process studies, case-studies, or completed research. Presenters should be available to describe their study and answer questions during the 1-2 hour poster session. | • Title<br>• Statement of purpose<br>• Description of methods (participants, data collection, analysis)<br>• Report of results if any<br>• Discussion/implications as related to occupational science |

## CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT REVIEW

Three blind peer reviewers will rank each abstract on the criteria listed below.  Each abstract will be ranked from completely unresponsive to excellent response for criteria. For those papers responding to the conference theme, an additional criterion has been added titled Relevance to Conference Theme. Scores are weighted according to the following table, and definitions of criteria can be found below.

| Criteria Weight: | Research Paper and Posters | Theoretical Paper | Panel | Forum |
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| Rigor/Trustworthiness[a] | 5 | n/a | 3 | n/a |
| Coherence[b, c] | 3 | 3 | 3 | n/a |
| Importance to OS[d] | 3 | 5 | 5 | n/a |
| Relevance to Conference Theme[e] | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Discussion Potential[f] | n/a | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| Originality[g] | n/a | n/a | n/a | 3 |

*Definitions of Criteria:*
  a) <u>Rigor/Trustworthiness</u>: Degree to which methods described in abstract are of high quality.
  b) <u>Coherence</u> (for Research Papers and Posters): Degree to which abstract clearly describes study purpose, methods, and results.
  c) <u>Coherence</u> (for Theoretical Papers and Panels): Degree to which abstract clearly describes the intent, argument, and conclusions of the paper or panel.
  d) <u>Importance to Occupational Science</u>: Degree to which proposed presentation contributes to the study of occupation and to the mission of the SSO:USA.
  e) <u>Relevance to conference theme</u>: Degree to which abstract clearly relates to conference theme.
  f) <u>Discussion Potential</u>: Degree to which proposed forum is likely to evoke active discussion productive of new insights in relation to occupational science.
  g) <u>Originality</u>: Degree to which proposed forum offers new perspectives on topics in occupational science and contributes to the mission of the SSO:USA.


## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### Conference Theme: Sleep and Restoration

### Catalyzing Occupation in Practice: A Pre-Conference Summit on Sleep OT

Sleep is the most prevalent, foundational, and health-impacting occupation of humans around the globe.  Sleep issues abound in Western nations and sleep medicine is a dynamic new specialty.  Some of the most effective sleep interventions are based on changes to daily routines.  A panel of occupational therapy and occupational science leaders active in sleep research and practice will explore with participants potential strategies to catalyze occupational therapy's role in serving individuals with sleep issues.

### 2018 Ruth Zemke Lecture in Occupational Science by Dr. Wendy Wood

### 2018 Proceedings:  Abstracts of presentations will be published in the 2018 SSO:USA Proceedings.

***New This Year: Our Theme Speaker:***  The search is underway for a speaker providing a unique perspective on this year's theme, sleep and restoration.  The intent of a conference theme is to facilitate a strategic focus within occupational science discourse.  Theme speaker's name and lecture title coming soon!

***Student Poster Session:***  The SSO:USA welcomes submission of poster abstracts from students of any educational level.  Student posters will be scored in a separate review, thus student abstracts submitted will compete for acceptance only against abstracts submitted by other students.

***Occupational Balance***:  One of the unique features of SSO:USA conferences is the attention devoted to balance and the quality of participants' experiences.  Researchers should leave an SSO:USA conference refreshed, stimulated, and energized to return to their work.  Shared meals, conference break blocks, and a range of balance activities encourage attendees to rejuvenate, network, and explore unique aspects of local culture.  For 2018, opportunities include hiking and biking on 200+ acres of the Resort; discounts at the Resort's full service spa; exploring the thoroughbred horse industry at the races, horse farms, or therapeutic riding programs; experiencing Kentucky craft, music, and food traditions; or undertaking expeditions to historic homes, The Bourbon Trail; or Shaker Village.  Come see for yourself the fall beauty, historical traditions, and friendliness of Kentucky and her people.