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Call for Research, Papers and Proposals!

**35th Annual Conference of the
Eastern Community College Social Science Association**

***“Visions for Creating a Sustainable
Future: Toward Transformational Change
for a Collective World at Peace”***

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This conference promises to be stimulating and transformational, as ECCSSA invites participants to explore new paradigms and evaluate existing ones as we explore together topics, research, policy and strategies we can use in teaching and professional practice as we educate students and the community about the importance of preparing for a sustainable future.

*This year's conference will be held at **Northern Virginia Community College** in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and will draw on many of the resources and institutions focusing on the conference theme.*

This should be an informative conference as we call for the participation and input from many professionals and resource institutions to join us in dialogue as we address the conference theme.

Conference Overview

Over the past few years, the membership and Board of Trustees of the Eastern Community College Social Science Association (ECCSSA) has addressed transformational issues on the role of the social sciences in information sharing, building a global and world community, curricula development, tolerance and humanity, and transformations toward peace building and resolve. This year, we continue exploration of our role as professionals and social scientists in the conveyance of perspectives and knowledge in higher education to the students and communities we serve.

The 2009 35th Annual ECCSSA conference will focus on visionary paradigms to prepare and lead us into the future to ensure the survival of succeeding generations so they may have a future worth living. The issues of concern are some of the following: ways to encourage sustainability and change; peacemaking practices; strategies for conflict resolution; community involvement; cross-curricula themes; shared universal responsibility and understanding; mechanisms for public education; the creation of global systems for collective intelligence; the necessity of cooperation; the establishment of international order; the role of world religions, the creation of zones of peace; the delineation and discussion of shared ethical values; and, the building of national, cross-cultural and international understanding. This includes a discussion of implications for discipline-related instruction, research, policy and professional development.

ECCSSA recognizes the need, to assist students and communities achieve success, become future leaders, and create and maintain positive, healthy and sustainable communities in a future world at peace. The transformative power of widespread systemic education and change can improve lives, communities, the nation and world.

ECCSSA calls for visionary and innovative perspectives from the world community of scholars in all areas of the social sciences and related pedagogy and research. We hope this exploration and dialogue will contribute to the current ongoing efforts to lead humanity through the structural, educational, cultural and behavioral transformations necessary to sustain and support future generations in our nation and the world community.

ECCSSA invites interested professionals and social scientists to join us in dialogue. The call for proposals includes submission of proposals for presentation of papers and research, panel discussions, roundtables and posters.

Suggested Conference Themes & Topics for Papers and Presentations

Listed below are some suggested conference themes and topics, but the conference is not limited to those listed.

Participants can propose other topics related to the conference theme.

Historical

- Historical influences on the conference theme
- Egalitarianism in multi-cultural states
- Cultural transformations in history
 - History of peace
 - Collective security

Educational

- Sustainability education and partnerships
- Interdisciplinary approaches to curricula using cross-curricular themes
- Community awareness, diversity and equal rights
 - Responsible citizenship
 - On becoming world citizens

Psychological, Anthropological, Social, and Geographical

- Peace-building and peace-making
- Impacts on human development and potential
 - Health, disease and longevity
 - Effects of conflict
 - Gender issues
 - Nature of work and institutions
- Local, national and global interactions
- Transformations in geography education
 - Place and migration
- Social practices, values, behaviors and lifestyles
 - Literate and non-literate societies

Economic

- Future economic welfare
- The global economy
- Ethical market economies
- Sustainable Economic Development*
- Environmental Issues and economic instability
- Credit market and sustainable economic development
- Economic consequences of poverty, health, education, gender inequalities
- Energy and Natural resource constraint

Environmental

- Environmental impacts on health and human development
- Water quality, access, planning and management
- Security, standards and legislation
 - Biodiversity and ecosystems
 - Natural disasters and planning

Information and Technology

- Information and communications technologies (development, access and education)
- Robotics, artificial and collective intelligence
- Nanotechnology and telemedicine
 - Policy

Global

- Ethics
- Human rights,
- Cross-cultural communication
- Collective conscience and universal responsibility
 - Immigration
 - Pandemics
 - Strategic systems
 - Warming
 - Terrorism
 - Conflict resolution
 - Nonviolent strategies
 - Collective world peace
 - Role of religion
 - Creating zones of peace

Research and Policy

- Public and social policy
- Systemic and transformational change

SPECIAL CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

The 2009 ECCSSA conference calls for student papers and other presentations including posters, paper and digital portfolios, web sites, and models. These student projects may be developed independently, in conjunction with a class assignment, or under instructor supervision.

ECCSSA strongly recommends Association members and teaching faculty encourage student participation in the conference. Student participants will have the opportunity to dialogue with conference participants about their work. Exemplary student presentations will be recognized.

Guidelines for student and faculty papers and presentations can be found on the ECCSSA website at: www.eccssa.org.

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