



WAMFT 2020 Fall Conference
“Crisis across the Lifespan: Systemic Assessment and Intervention
in Marriage and Family Therapy”
September 26, 2020
Seattle University

Call for Proposals: Due Friday, May 29th, 2020

We are still accepting proposals for keynote and breakout presentations and research posters for the 2020 WAMFT Fall Conference. The theme of this year’s conference is “Crisis across the Lifespan: Systemic Assessment and Intervention in Marriage and Family Therapy.”

As you consider developing content for your proposal submission, think about topics that may be of special interest to our MFT community related to working across the lifespan (infancy to older adults). Ideas for workshops may include:

- Crisis assessment & intervention, duty to warn issues across the lifespan
- Trauma-informed & systemic treatment of children and adolescents
- Impact of substance use on the family system (e.g., opioid crisis, alcohol)
- Family life cycle transitions
- Mental health impact on children caring for aging parents
- CPS reporting issues, working with children and families in the aftermath of abuse
- Family violence
- Suicidality across the lifespan
- Geriatric psychology & health
- Postpartum & infertility issues
- Grief & loss across the lifespan (e.g., loss of a child, parent)
- Families with children with special needs
- Collaborating with school personnel or medical providers in treating children and adolescents
- Working systemically in times of global crisis

We particularly encourage members to consider submitting proposals for *ethics* related workshops to be included in our conference’s ethics track.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we also will give special consideration to proposals that address how to do therapy during a time of global crisis. We know this is an under-researched area, and many of us are learning as we go about how to be adaptive and resilient during this crisis. We welcome proposals that offer innovative insights and guidance for therapists to work more effectively in the context of global crisis. We are excited to highlight the creative and intelligent clinical work that our members are doing right now!



In preparing your proposal, please do not feel limited by a traditional lecture format; workshops that receive the highest ratings are often those with interactive and experiential components. You may consider many ways to engage the audience, including small group activities, panel discussions, and intervention demonstrations. The options are endless!

WAMFT Members are especially encouraged to submit proposals for research poster presentations. All Student Members presenting a poster at the 2020 WAMFT Annual Conference will be eligible for a \$250 cash award for Best Student Poster.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please submit the [online abstract submission form \(https://forms.gle/upyxcp7NjxRnLuT39\)](https://forms.gle/upyxcp7NjxRnLuT39), and email a copy of your CV or résumé to this year's conference coordinator, Dr. Michelle Finley at mfinley1@antioch.edu by **Friday, May 29th**.