

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty

Summit 2020: Responsibility, Engagement, and Knowledge

April 3-5, 2020

[Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, GA](#)

DEADLINE for submitting proposals: **November 15, 2019**

Submit online at: <https://www.shepherdconsortium.org/summitproposals>

As the leading organization in undergraduate poverty education in the United States, the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP) seeks to gather an intentional community of anti-poverty constituents at the inaugural SHECP Summit, April 3-5, 2020.

The SHECP Summit will bring together individuals and organizations that are doing work—widely defined—toward the alleviation of poverty in the United States. This event seeks to initiate and support conversations across locations, expertise, and experiences related to poverty and the diverse approaches necessary to its elimination. While scholars are crucial to our knowledge and dissemination of information about this, the Summit will sponsor academic contributions as only one component of a much broader coalition of practitioners, nonprofit leaders, community activists, elected officials, and countless other stakeholders—all of whom are making daily contributions to reducing poverty. Primary to this discussion is recognizing the ongoing partnership with individuals who experience poverty, not as a topic of study or a professional pursuit but as a daily, lived reality.

The SHECP Summit will highlight and knit together diverse approaches, locations, expertise, and experiences aimed at the reduction and elimination of poverty. Scholars from all disciplines, students (graduate and undergraduate), practitioners, advocates, and activists within all sectors—public, private, parochial—are encouraged to apply.

Proposals

The SHECP Summit theme—**Responsibility, Engagement, and Knowledge**—reflects SHECP’s recently-adopted Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs). We are interested in reviewing proposals that use these categories as a framework for understanding the variety and reciprocal nature of effective poverty interventions. Proposals that focus on research, community initiatives, policy work, and best practices in all sectors are invited—whether in the initial planning stages or in reflection of outcomes.

We want to explore ways in which universities, nonprofit organizations, communities, and governments can/should/do/don’t partner to address poverty. We want to know about how the needs of the most vulnerable, underserved, and disenfranchised in society are being addressed or ignored by a variety of community constituents and stakeholders and what can/should be done to improve collaborative relationships across these spaces, in urban and rural settings.

We invite proposals for individual papers/presentations, panel proposals, workshops, roundtables, and poster presentations that address the following areas:

Education about poverty, widely defined

- What are the “ways of knowing” about poverty?
- How do we “teach poverty” to undergraduates?
- What are the best practices within the field of poverty studies pedagogy?
- What role does community engagement play in poverty studies pedagogy?

Research related to the study and future alleviation/elimination of poverty

- Environmental justice
- Housing
- Criminal justice and reentry
- Child/Elder poverty
- Rural and urban patterns of poverty
- Health and wellness
- Food justice
- Community organizing
- Education
- Employment/jobs/entrepreneurship
- Community and economic development
- Social determinants of health
- Racial equity and disproportionality

Best Practices and Strategies in poverty intervention

- Community engagement and community-led interventions
- The role of partnerships and multi-sector collaboration
- Recruitment and professional development for social sector professionals
- Social impact and pay for performance strategies addressing poverty alleviation
- Outcome measurement and program evaluation
- The role of individual responsibility as a habit of poverty consciousness

Instructions for Submitting Proposals

The preferred method for submission is via the web at:

<https://www.shepherdconsortium.org/summitproposals>. Abstract proposals should not exceed 250-500 words (depending on session category) and will be accepted until **November 15, 2019**.

A review process will rate each proposal based upon the following criteria: value/relevance of proposed presentation, quality of the scholarship/research/practice/policy, and the proposal structure/organization. Participants may submit up to two proposals as lead authors/presenters. Notification of acceptance will be emailed to the presenter/organizer by **January 15, 2020**.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- All proposals should briefly introduce your topic, describing how it fits within the themes and goals of the Summit, and include a brief reflection of what you expect attendees/participants to learn from the session as it applies to **Knowledge, Engagement, or Responsibility**. Submissions will require name, institutional/agency/business affiliation, and a brief bio (150 words) of each participant.
- All proposals should identify a session category:

- Individual Paper: **250-word proposal. Individual will submit a proposal that briefly identifies the topic/research/practice and how it intersects with Knowledge, Engagement, Responsibility within the study of poverty and poverty-related work.**

Research or experiential-based presentation with evidence on categories including (but not limited to) poverty and/or its interventions; community engagement/partnership strategies and outcomes; policymaking; advocacy work; public and private sector assistance/support; etc. Presentation will be approximately 15 minutes or 7-8 pages in text and presenter will be matched with related papers on similar topics/categories.

- Panel Proposal: **500-word proposal. Organizer will submit a proposal that identifies panel theme and briefly describes the topic of each presentation.**

3-4 individual papers **organized under a common question/theme**. Each paper should be research or experiential-based and provide evidence/content on poverty and/or its interventions; community engagement/partnership strategies and outcomes; policymaking; advocacy work; public and private sector assistance/support; etc. Panel length will be 60-75 minutes, allowing 10-15 minutes of presentation time per panelist and time for questions/discussion.

- Roundtable/Workshop: **500-word proposal. Organizer will submit a proposal that identifies roundtable/workshop theme and briefly describes the topic of each contribution.**

Discussion-based session organized under a common question/topic/challenge/practice related to poverty and/or its interventions; community/partnership strategies and outcomes; policymaking; advocacy work, public and private sector assistance/support, etc. Participants should have/share firsthand knowledge and experience related to the topic/theme and offer brief remarks that will generate audience participation. Diverse sessions that combine scholars, students, community partners, funding organizations, government officials, and other related stakeholders are highly encouraged.

- **Poster Presentation: 250-word proposal. Individual will submit a proposal that briefly identifies topic/research/practice and how it intersects with Knowledge, Engagement, Responsibility within the study of poverty and poverty-related work.**

Presented during a shared 45-minute session where presenters will interact with conference attendees and discuss their presentation. This session is a valuable opportunity for students, scholars, practitioners, private sector representatives, and government agencies to present early data analysis and research outcomes that would benefit from feedback from scholars and practitioners.

If you cannot submit your proposal electronically, and would like to submit your proposal via an alternative delivery, please contact Stephanie Rolph, SHECP academic director, at (601) 974-1290 or via email at rolphsc@shepherdconsortium.org.

SUBMISSION PORTAL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Proposal Submissions Open: Now

Proposal Submissions Due: November 15, 2019

Proposal Review Committee Decision: January 15, 2020

Presenter(s) Confirmation due: February 15, 2020

Presenter Summit Registration Due: March 15, 2020

Additional Conference Information:

Registration

To encourage participation from our emerging scholars and leaders within the field of poverty studies and antipoverty work, registration fees for undergraduates will be waived. Registration for other attendees is scaled according to individual income.

Undergraduate Student: Waived

Income below \$25,000: \$15

\$25,000 - 50,000: \$30

\$50,000 - 75,000: \$45

\$75,000 and above: \$60

Accommodations

Room blocks have already been reserved at nearby hotels for Summit attendees at a discounted rate. Each hotel is walkable to the KSU campus.

[SpringHill Suites by Marriott Atlanta Kennesaw](#)

[Address:](#) 3399 Town Point Dr. NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

[Phone:](#) (770) 218-5550

KSU Rate: \$127 + Tax

[Residence Inn by Marriott Atlanta Kennesaw/Town Center](#)

[Address:](#) 3443 Busbee Dr. NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

[Phone:](#) (770) 218-1018

KSU Rate: \$129 + Tax

[Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Atlanta Kennesaw](#)

[Address:](#) 3425 Busbee Dr. NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

[Phone:](#) (770) 427-9700

KSU Rate: \$115 + Tax

Travel to Atlanta

Atlanta is home to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, a Delta hub that is serviced by most major carriers. Most major cities have direct flights into Atlanta that run less than 2 hours.

If you are driving to Kennesaw State University campus below you will find directions to the Visitor Lot:

From I-75 South, travel one exit north of the Town Center Mall/Barrett Parkway exit. Take the Chastain Road exit number 271 and turn left if northbound on I-75 (turn right if southbound). Go to the third light if northbound (second if southbound) and turn right onto Kennesaw State University Drive just beyond the soccer field on your right. Continue straight for about one tenth of a mile and park in the Welcome Center lot.



The Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP), a nonprofit promoting poverty studies programs in undergraduate and professional schools, supports a collaborative summer internship integrated with course-work and community engagement opportunities during the academic year. With 26 member colleges and universities across the country, SHECP values the opportunities that collaboration across diverse institutions presents to the understanding and alleviation of poverty.

Faculty, internship professionals, and community partners in cities across the United States contribute to the fulfillment of SHECP's mission through the support of emerging leaders from our member institutions. More information about SHECP can be found at:

<https://www.shepherdconsortium.org/>