

**National Middle School Association's
2009 Symposium on Middle Level Teacher Preparation**

Call for Presentations

**April 24-25, 2009
Red Rock Resort & Spa
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Welcome

Middle level teacher preparation professionals and state education personnel will be convening April 24-25, 2009 to share, explore, discuss, and plan steps to strengthen middle level teacher preparation programs. This symposium, designed specifically to address their unique needs and experiences, will be an important opportunity for all.

Please consider submitting a proposal to present and share your knowledge, programs, research, and practices with teacher preparation colleagues from across the nation.

Submission Information

Session Length: All sessions will be 90 minutes.

Deadline: National Middle School Association must receive your completed application from this Call for Presentations by September 30, 2008 in order to consider it for acceptance.

How to Submit Your Application to Present

Online: Complete your application online at www.nmsa.org

Fax: Fax your application to 614-895-4750

Mail: Mail your application to:

National Middle School Association
4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 300
Westerville, Ohio 43081

Guidelines for Completing the Application

All information must be typewritten in the space provided on the application form. Handwritten abstracts and descriptions will not be accepted. The abstract/description page may be electronically reproduced. Do not add additional lines to the form or attach supplemental materials. The Program Review Committee will consider only the information contained within the space provided. Presenters may not submit more than two proposals or include themselves as a co-presenter on more than two proposals (a total of four proposals). Applications must be received by September 30, 2008. You may complete this application online at www.nmsa.org or fax it to 614-895-4750.

Application

Narrative sections of the application must be clear, concise, and contain all of the information requested on the form. Applications that contain negative references based on ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, or beliefs will not be considered. Please make sure the title reflects the content of the session. NMSA reserves the right to edit program book descriptions and titles for clarity and/or space limitations.

Conference Strands

Presentations are invited on the following strands:

Excellence in Teaching: We invite proposals that will describe excellent teaching models for middle level teacher preparation. What are the most effective methods and programs for teaching middle level teacher candidates content, pedagogy and dispositions? How do excellent middle level teacher preparation programs align with NMSA / NCATE standards? How do programs ensure that their candidates develop a depth and breadth in two content areas? How should field and clinical experiences be designed to best prepare middle level teachers?

Excellence in Service: Middle Grades teacher preparation faculty are committed to providing professional service and are usually encouraged to do so for promotion and tenure. One purpose of this symposium is to provide the opportunity for you to network with your peers from across and beyond the United States. How can middle level teacher educators collaborate with schools and districts to enhance programs for young adolescents? What are excellent models of professional development for middle level teachers? How can middle level teacher educators serve the profession at the state and national level? What models and opportunities exist for the development of special projects and external funding in order to enhance middle level teacher preparation?

Excellence in Scholarship: A growing body of research on teacher preparation and young adolescent development provides a knowledge base that informs our teaching. This symposium will not only give you the opportunity enhance your own knowledge of cutting edge research, but also will provide a forum for your own scholarly work. What does current research tell us about young adolescents' cognitive, social and emotional development? What does research tell us about student success and engagement in middle level schools and success in high school? How does research inform the preparation of middle level teachers? What opportunities exist for scholarly publications related to middle level education? How can we collaborate to find answers to our research questions?

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Please Note: Selections for the Symposium will be made by December 1, 2008. Please keep a copy of your proposal.

Primary/Contact Presenter Information

Name: _____

Role:

- Principal Teacher Central Office University Professor Other
 Assistant Principal Guidance Curriculum University Administrator Technology

School/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: Work Home

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

About You

- First-time presenter
 I have presented for NMSA in the past (list) _____
 I have presented for other organizations (list) _____

Ethnicity (optional)

- African American Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian Hispanic Native American Other

Will attendees to your session need to purchase curriculum, materials, and/or resources to implement ideas you present?

- Yes No

Presentation Method (All rooms will be set theatre style):

- Information session
- Description and dialogue session

Presentation (In the case of presentations with more than 3 presenters, only 3 presenters may register at the presenter rate. Additional presenters are subject to the regular attendee rate. Do not provide co-presenter names now, a form will be provided later if your submission is accepted):

- Individual
- Co-presented

Symposium strand (Please mark one)

- Excellence in Teaching
- Excellence in Service
- Excellence in Scholarship

Presentation Title: _____

Abstract:

- Please TYPE and attach the goals of your presentation in **75 words or less**.

- Please TYPE and attach the rationale (why this is important to middle level education) of your presentation in **75 words or less**.

- Please TYPE and attach the activities which will be incorporated into this session in **75 words or less**.

Program Book Description: Please TYPE and attach the description of your presentation that you wish to appear in the conference program book. **Please limit your description to 75 words or less.**

Presenter Bio: Please TYPE and attach a short statement about your qualifications to present on this topic. **Please limit your description to 75 words or less.**

I understand that as a presenter for NMSA's 2009 Symposium for Middle Level Teacher Preparation, I serve on a contributing basis and am required to register for the conference. I also understand that I will not be reimbursed for lodging, travel, audiovisual equipment rental, or conference registration.

Signature: _____

Please make sure that all pages of this application are complete and enclosed.