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Call for Abstracts

Seventh Graduate Education Week
Twelfth Annual Regional Research Symposium
Engineering and Aviation Science Complex
April 20, 2023
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The School of Graduate Studies at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore is pleased to announce its sixth annual Graduate Education Week and 12th Annual Regional Research Symposium to be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023. The theme of this year's symposium is:

Avoiding the Silo: Collaborative and Holistic Approaches to Research

UMES's annual regional symposium strengthens regional research, builds connections amongst local institutions, and fosters a sense of community. We share and learn from each other's research and consider how local context shapes our interests and the research that we do.

In recent years, our world has faced much division. Myriad examples of this division range from large-scale impacts such as the COVID-19 pandemic, to a nationwide reckoning of social injustices, to more localized experiences on the individual level such as increased feelings of loneliness, anxiety, stress, and depression despite having access to abundant technologies that make it easier to connect with others now more than ever.

In an effort to combat this increasingly prevalent sense of division and isolation, we have chosen to highlight themes of collaboration and community for this year's annual research symposium. We are seeking to solicit submissions from researchers across disciplines, especially research that is collaborative in nature and considers both the context of the research and the researchers' personal context for conducting the research.

We invite edited abstracts of no more than 250 words excluding the title, authors, and affiliation. Submission guidelines are provided on the registration website at www.umes.edu/Symposium2023. Abstracts submitted in incorrect format will not be considered. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **March 17, 2023**. The registration for the symposium may be completed online at www.umes.edu/Symposium2023.

We look forward to your participation this year. If you need assistance with registration or abstract submission, please contact 410-621-3365 or umessymposium@gmail.com

Respectfully,

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