Help Others Learn About Your Work: Submit a Poster for the Policy Workshop in Albuquerque

For this year’s Policy Workshop (Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 9 am – 5 pm in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Hotel Albuquerque), we will be adding a new opportunity for all of us to learn from each other. Please consider submitting a poster proposal for the workshop. Many attendees are doing innovative policy work at the local, state, national, and international levels. They are finding ways to ensure that policy is informed by research and that research is carried out in a way that it can readily be brought into the policy arena. Some attendees are graduate students beginning their policy work and some attendees are people who work in policy settings or teach in universities where they bring policy to bear on key issues.

At this year’s Policy Workshop, we will display posters of policy work. We encourage you to submit a poster about work you are doing at any level: local, state, national, or international (or some combination) and on one or more topics related to SPSSI themes (e.g., education, health, intergroup relations, poverty, religion, gender). Each poster will describe the policy context (where the work was done or is being done), the policy focus (what it is about), how the work was carried out, what the outcomes were, and what kinds of challenges were encountered. In order to ensure consistency across the posters, we encourage you to organize your poster in the following way:

1. Introduction to the Policy Issue: Here you describe the policy issue that is the focus of the poster
2. Context: Here you provide details about the context in which the policy work is being done
3. Objective of the Effort: Here you provide details about the purpose and goals of the effort
4. Challenges Encountered: Here you provide examples of some of the challenges that you experienced
5. Suggested Revisions/Best Practices/Lessons Learned: Here you provide the viewer with what you learned and what others might consider doing based on your experience.

We see this as a very important opportunity for all of us to learn from each other and continue to build strong policy impacts for the important research being carried out on a variety of social issues.

Submission Process: If you are interested in sharing your work in this way, please submit a poster abstract of no more than 250 words by June 1, 2017 to SPSSI Policy Director Sarah Mancoll (smancoll@spssi.org).