



# Call for Submissions: “Youth and the Determinants of Sexual Health” 2012 Youth Research Symposium

March 22, 2012, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

William Doo Auditorium (45 Willcocks Street, Toronto, ON)

**Keynote Speaker: Laina B. Cheng**

“Thwarted Agency: The Sexual Experiences of Adolescent Girls in the  
U.S. Child Welfare System”

**\*\*DEADLINE FOR ALL ABSTRACTS: FEBRUARY 26th, 2012!!\*\***

## **Gendering Adolescent AIDS Prevention (GAAP) & Planned Parenthood Toronto**

invite you to submit an abstract for presentation at the

“2012 Youth Research Symposium on Youth and the Determinants of Sexual Health”

The goal of the symposium is to bring together community youth and university students to share their research and artistic pieces on youth sexual health and to engage and network with other students, youth, academics, policy makers, and community members on issues related to youth and the determinants of sexual health.

We are interested in work that focuses on youth and the social determinants of sexual health in the context of sexual and reproductive justice, relationships, HIV/AIDS, sexuality and access to sexual health services. We are also interested in the connections between sexual health and macro processes such as migration, globalization and neo-liberalism. We especially want to welcome work that focuses on diversity and equity. We encourage students from all disciplines to present research ‘in progress’, test out ideas for a thesis or dissertation proposal, or present original research or artistic pieces.

This is a FREE symposium - Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

**Focus Area of Abstracts:** The abstracts may be research-focused or artistically-focused (i.e. film, photography, theatre, music, spoken word, etc.) on topics that include:

- *Social justice and sexual and reproductive rights*
- *HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health and harm reduction*
- *Gender and sexual diversity*
- *Youth access to sexual health services and education*
- *Participatory methodologies that promote youth involvement, leadership and community development*
- *Intersectional approaches to equity and the social determinants of youth sexual health*
- *Globalization, migration and sexual health*
- *Structural violence and reproductive justice*
- *Colonialism and sexuality*
- *Neoliberalism and sexual health inequities*

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\* Conference logo designed by Erin Konsmo

## Guidelines for Abstracts:

1. Abstracts must be no longer than **250 words**. If submitting an abstract for an artistically-focused presentation, you may choose to submit a video clip, web link, photograph, or other electronic means of communication in addition to a description in order to convey the meaning and relevance of the art piece.
2. Submitting an abstract represents a commitment to attend and present at the Symposium on Youth and the Determinants of Sexual Health should the abstract be accepted. Therefore, all persons submitting an abstract should register to attend the Youth Symposium at the time that they submit the abstract.
3. Only one author can be listed as the primary presenter. The primary author must present the abstract at the Youth Symposium. The primary presenter should be directly involved in, or leading the research or artistic project. Co-authors may register for the symposium separately and attend the session. Co-authors may also present along with the primary author.
4. The reviewers will decide which abstracts submissions will be chosen for oral presentations. All others that are accepted will be poster presentations or artistic presentations.
5. Applicants will be notified by e-mail whether their abstract was accepted by approximately Monday March 5, 2012.

## Eligibility for Abstract Submission:

Community youth and students (undergraduate, graduate, or PhD) are eligible to submit an abstract. When you submit your abstract, please indicate your preferred method of presentation at the start of your 250-word abstract:

- Oral Presentation Preferred
- Poster Presentation Preferred
- Artistic Presentation Preferred
- No Preference

If you do not indicate your preference at the time that you submit the abstract, it will be assumed that you have no preference.

## Selection Criteria:

Abstract submitters should ensure that their abstracts provide sufficient detail so that reviewers will be able to fully evaluate the author's work, research design, data, analysis, results, and artistic expression. Submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed by a panel comprised of university students, faculty members, and community youth - all of whom are involved in youth sexual health research.

**Oral/ poster presentation submissions will be assessed based on:** Clarity of writing and quality of research, with particular attention to design and methods, use of original data, presentation of results, and discussion of relevance and impact.

**Artistic presentation submissions will be assessed based on:** Quality of research, creativity, level of youth engagement, and relevance.

## How to Submit the Abstract or Register:

All abstracts must be submitted electronically to [sasha.elford@utoronto.ca](mailto:sasha.elford@utoronto.ca) with the following information:

- name
- affiliation
- whether you plan to submit an abstract (and your preferred method of presentation)
- whether you plan to attend (1) breakfast and (2) lunch
- if you are a vegetarian or have any other dietary restrictions

**Contact Information:** If you have any questions, please email [sasha.elford@utoronto.ca](mailto:sasha.elford@utoronto.ca)