



ACCESS Community Health & Research Center, The Center for Psychosocial Rehabilitation of Torture Survivors, and
The Center for Arab American Studies of the University of Michigan-Dearborn
announce

The 4th Annual Symposium on Trauma, Refugees, and Torture Survivors

Trauma & Torture: Recent Conceptual and Treatment Developments

Friday, April 29, 2005 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bessel van der Kolk

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

As the only center of its kind in the State of Michigan, ACCESS Center for Psychosocial Rehabilitation of Torture Survivors has established over the past 4 years a tradition of holding a yearly symposium where various experts and practitioners in the field gather to share new knowledge in the area of complex trauma, torture, and refugee experiences.

With our 4th Annual Symposium taking place on Friday, April 29, 2005, it is our privilege to invite researchers, practitioners, and graduate students to submit abstracts, empirical research papers, theoretical theses, and clinical presentations on topics including trauma assessment, diagnosis and treatment; acculturation, adjustment and integration; resilience and prevention; the role of religious and spiritual factors; and legal, political, social and policy issues with refugees and torture survivors. Empirical research, theoretical papers, and clinical practice submissions are welcome from researchers, practitioners, agency staff, and graduate students. Accepted submissions will be presented in one of four formats: poster, poster symposium, paper, and symposium.

This event will be held on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn in Dearborn, Michigan from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The 2005 program includes paper presentation, posters, and a whole afternoon workshop on PTSD by Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, an internationally renowned trauma expert, speaker and writer.

Proceedings from the 3rd Annual Symposium are currently in press (Journal of Ethnicity & Disease) and will be available at the 4th Annual Symposium.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit two pages----a face sheet and a separate summary sheet:

1) Face sheet

A) Submit the following information for the 1st author and for each co-author:

Name, Organization, Mailing Address, Phone, Fax, E-Mail

B) Give the **title** of your submission and the **category** under which it falls:

- 1) **RESEARCH**---- empirical studies of refugees and/or torture survivors.
- 2) **THEORY**----- integrative summaries that advance our understanding and highlight new approaches to the well-being of refugees and/or torture survivors.
- 3) **PRACTICE**-----descriptions of treatment, prevention, and community programs and their approaches to addressing the needs of refugees and/or torture survivors.

C) Please give both your first and second choice preferences for the format: a) **poster**, b) **poster symposium**, c) **paper**, or d) **symposium**.

2) Separate summary sheet

Include the **title and a 500 word summary** of your proposed presentation.

Deadline: All submissions must be received by Tuesday March 1, 2005.

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