

WILU 2019 Call for Proposals

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WILU 2019 - Engaging Place and Practice
University of Winnipeg
Winnipeg, MB, Canada
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Conference Theme - Engaging Place and Practice

The places and spaces we inhabit - physical, cultural, social, or professional - give shape to the practice of librarianship. Recent developments in library instruction emphasize the importance of culture, history, and place, leading to an explicit focus on the need for cognitively just and context-sensitive pedagogy. As an historic meeting place for thousands of years, at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, Winnipeg is an appropriate location to engage with place and practice. At WILU 2019 we hope to provide the opportunity for librarians to come together to collaboratively develop, discuss, and evaluate library instruction in this unique context. We aim to create space to critically examine pedagogy and practice, and the influences of location, identity, culture, politics, and social memory, in a move towards a more reflective and transformative profession.

Call for Proposals

The University of Winnipeg, along with the University of Manitoba and Red River College, are proud to host the Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (WILU), Canada's premier conference devoted to issues of teaching and learning in libraries. The theme for this year's conference is 'Engaging Place and Practice'.

The program committee welcomes proposals for a variety of session types showcasing your practice, research, or explorations in library instruction. We encourage you to consider the various ways the conference theme might be expressed in your own practice or research.

Proposals are now being accepted for the following session types:

Paper Presentation - 45-minute session (30 min. presentation + 15 min. questions)

Paper presentations may take a practice-based or theoretical approach. Speakers may report on original research, completed projects, instructional programs, or other information literacy initiatives. Discussions of pedagogy, learning theory, and educational philosophy are also acceptable. Presentations that incorporate both theory and practice are encouraged.

Abstract length: 400 words

Workshop - 75-minute session (60 min workshop + 15 min. discussion)

Workshops provide the opportunity to facilitate interactive learning experiences related to instructional practice or pedagogical development. In a workshop presenters may share teaching methods in a mock classroom setting. Workshops may also facilitate professional development exercises. For instance this could include (but is not limited to) strategies for lesson planning, inquiry-based learning, assessment, or reflective practice. Presenters are encouraged to incorporate time for feedback and discussion.

Abstract length: 500 words (Include a workshop outline and intended outcomes. Please indicate the type of learning space required, i.e. computer lab, round tables, etc.)

Panel Discussion / Symposia - 45-minute session (30 min. presentation + 15 min. questions)

Panel discussions allow up to 5 participants to speak on a common topic or issue related to instruction or pedagogy. It is encouraged that the selected panel participants represent diverse experiences, points of view and different institutions. In a symposium multiple presenters initiate and facilitate discussion with the audience on a chosen topic or issue. The primary goal of the symposium is to engage audience participation in shared dialogue.

Abstract length: 400 words.

Lightning talk - 7 min. session

Lightning talks are short, faster paced presentations offering speakers the opportunity to share innovative projects or new research in a concise and engaging manner. Presentation slides are encouraged but not required.

Abstract length: 250 words

Submission Process

Submission deadline: Friday, November 16th, 2018

Submit your proposal using the link below or visit wilu2019.ca. Please ensure your proposal includes:

- Name and e-mail address of primary contact.
- Names and affiliations of other presenters.
- Title and short (up to 50 words) program abstract should your proposal be accepted.
- Detailed proposal description (see requirements above).

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We are excited to receive your submissions in any category but please note a maximum of 3 proposals per individual.

Proposal Review: Proposals for presentations and lightning talks will undergo a blind review process based on originality of proposal, clarity of thought and writing in the submitted abstract, timeliness of proposal topic, implications for practice, and relevance to conference theme. Workshop and panel discussion proposals will be reviewed by the program committee.

Notification: Monday, December 17, 2018. If your proposal is accepted, you will be asked to confirm your participation. All presenters are required to register for the conference and cover travel and accommodation costs.

If you have any questions or comments please contact proposals@wilu2019.ca