

Conference or workshop summary

Conference or workshop name: Conference or workshop date:

The AMENA-Psy Conference 09/29/2023

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Sponsoring organization:

AMENA-Psy, University of Michigan

Conference or workshop details

Goals and objective- The clarity and nature of the conference or workshop goals and objectives and how they will enhance the training of faculty and supervisors of graduate students, interns, and/or postdoctoral fellows in psychology:

We are seeking funds for the 4th Annual American Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Psychological Association (AMENA-Psy) Conference. Given that AMENA-Psy is a young organization, the last three conferences were held virtually to control costs. As our organization continues to grow, we are excited to be able to meet in person in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The conference will also be co-sponsored by AMENA-SPA (Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Student Psychology Association) which is a graduate student association. We will be offering continuing education credits for conference sessions, and we expect that the topics of the program will appeal to faculty, graduate supervisors, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. In addition to invited keynote speakers, the conference program will consist of individual paper presentations, symposia, roundtable discussions and poster presentations. We also plan to offer continuing education credits for practitioners. Submission of proposals related to the following were encouraged:

- Exploration of literature and empirical evidence related to OENA communities**
- Culturally informed and OENA-inclusive curricula, practice, and training**
- Clinical and applied case study presentations related to OENA populations**
- Impact of various systemic and environmental factors on OENA populations**
- Sources of resilience, perseverance, and strength**
- Public policy, social reform, and political action (national and international)**

Leadership- The qualifications of the person(s) identified to plan and lead the event, relative to the topic of focus. Included in the qualifications should be evidence of national or regional leadership (e.g., publication of relevant scholarly works, participation in past workshops, etc.):

Dr. Germiné Awad will be serving as the conference chair and is currently the President of AMENA-Psy. She is also a fellow of American Psychological Association and a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor and Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan. She has published over 90 scholarly works including peer-reviewed journal articles, books, book chapters, OpEds, and technical reports. She has served on several editorial boards and is currently an associate editor for the Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology (CDEMP) journal. She has also served as conference co-chair for the 2018 Division 45 Research Conference, and program chair in prior years.

Participants- The qualifications of conference or workshop participants relative to the topic of focus, including their potential for implementing outcomes of the conference or workshop toward enhancing graduate education):

Attendees at previous conferences included undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, practitioners, community members, and leaders in the psychological community. In previous years, we had between 100-120 attendants. With outreach to universities and colleges within driving distance, we anticipate between 120-150 attendees. Many of the presenters are either academic researchers, practitioners, or advanced graduate students.

Impact- The estimated or potential impact of the conference or workshop in terms of the diffusion of new ideas resulting from its outcomes in the education community appropriate to the proposal's focus:

Another goal of hosting this conference is to highlight the cutting edge scholarship produced by top scholars and graduate students pertaining to Arab and MENA people. In addition to faculty and graduate students in the Psychology Department at the University of Michigan, we plan to highlight work by graduate students and faculty in Arab and Muslim American Studies, Public Health, Social Work, the School of Education, to name a few departments and schools. Further Southeast Michigan is home to several universities, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Flint, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State to name a few. We anticipate great local interest in the conference.

Budget- The clarity and completeness of the conference or workshop budget, how realistic it is, how the grant funds are to be used to offset expenses incurred (e.g., travel, registration, speaker fees), as well as provide strong justification for the requested amount and whether the conference or workshop can be offered without BEA funding:

We request \$10,000 from BEA to help with covering student scholarships, speaker airfare, speaker honoraria, and speaker hotel expenses. However, our entire budget is available below. AMENA-Psy has seed money to cover any deficits that are not covered by sponsorships and contributions. We also hope to use revenue from registrations to pay for the conference. Budget 9enue & A9 6,000.00 Catering estimate 15,900.00 3rogram /ayout and 3rinting 2,000.00 Speaker airfare 3,000.00 Speaker honoraria 3,000.00 Speaker hotel 2,500.00 Student scholarships 3,000.00 t Student volunteers (conference registration *30 2,250.00 Conference bags 1,500.00 Badge printing & Registration services 2,000.00 Reception Entertainment 2,000.00 Conference swag 3,000.00 Total: \$46,150.00

