



**Title IX at 40: Progress and Promise, Equity for All  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE, MAY 9-11, 2012  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

**CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS**

**Deadline for Submissions: March 15, 2012**

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The Sport, Health and Activity Research and Policy Center (SHARP) for Women and Girls announces a call for poster abstracts for a national conference celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX, the landmark legislation that changed the lives of women and girls by mandating that all people, without reference to sex, should have equal access to athletics and other educational programs receiving federal financial assistance.

*Title IX at 40* will highlight the broad impact of the Title IX legislation on US society over the past 40 years. Political, social, historical, economic, and health-related effects will be explored, along with an agenda for future research intended to fulfill the promise of Title IX. Keynote speakers, presentations of important findings, and roundtable discussions will be featured, along with a poster session for research contributing to our understanding of Title IX's impact and its ongoing potential. Undergraduate and graduate students from across the country are particularly encouraged to participate.

Researchers and scholars, students, administrators and coaches who have created and implemented innovative programs, and others with fresh approaches that contribute to our understanding of Title IX, are invited to present posters. Consideration will be given to posters being presented for the first time as well as posters that have been presented elsewhere. Please submit a two-page, typed, double-spaced abstract for each poster you wish to present. Your abstract should clearly describe your work and explain its link to Title IX.

Your audience will include students, athletes, coaches, administrators, educators, university faculty, and policy makers.

## **Poster Session Guidelines: General Information**

**Poster Session.** Will be held Thursday, May 10, 2012. Posters will be available for viewing from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm. Time will be dedicated during the conference for presenters to discuss their projects with conference delegates.

**Registration.** Presenters **must be registered conference attendees.**

**Supplementary Materials.** Presenters may provide handouts to support their poster presentations. Presenters are responsible for preparing and copying all of their own materials. Display tables for handouts and other materials will be in very limited supply. Plan accordingly.

**Online.** Poster abstracts of the confirmed presenters will be published on the SHARP website approximately one week before the conference and will remain online for viewing on the SHARP website that is dedicated to this conference.

### Timeline

March 15, 2012: Abstract submission deadline

March 30, 2012: Acceptance notifications sent via e-mail.

**Criteria for Evaluating Submissions.** Posters may present information on research findings, policy impact, methods of a planned study that has not been conducted yet, or program implementation and results.

Abstracts will be evaluated on:

1. Substance and clarity of content
2. Relevance in terms of Title IX implementation, impact, and potential on policy
3. Clarity of writing and presentation

**Formatting the Abstract.** Please describe the project using the following suggested headings or similar headings that are right for your project. Limit the abstract to no more than two typewritten pages. You may use alternate headings, as appropriate, for your project; the headings listed below are suggested, not required:

**Project Title:**

**Project Dates:**

**Project Team:**

**Address:**

**Background of the Project:**

**Target Population:**

**Project Description (including objectives and approach):**

**Outcomes / Impact:**

**Implications for policy, delivery, or practice:**

Please submit poster abstracts to Jen Zdroik at [jzdroik@umich.edu](mailto:jzdroik@umich.edu)

**More Information.** For more information about the conference or the new SHARP Center for Women and Girls, visit: <http://irwg.research.umich.edu/sharp/events.html>

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