



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Submission Deadline: February 6, 2023, 11:59 PM ET**

Health is shaped by myriad determinants including access to quality health care, stable housing, nutritious food, safe environments, and employment. Structural racism, ableism, misogyny, and discrimination against the LGBTQ community and others create barriers to equitable health outcomes. Momentum has been building toward systems change to address these determinants. This requires a diverse set of collaborators who understand how to use laws and policies as tools to affect change. We invite you to submit an abstract for an individual presentation or panel presentation at the 2023 National Public Health Law Conference, taking place October 24 - October 26 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**We highly encourage submissions related to these priority areas:  
(You are not limited to the topics noted.)**

- **Addressing structural inequities:** COVID and other infectious disease health disparities, antiracism in public health, overdose prevention and Substance Use Disorder treatment, mental health care access (including culturally sensitive care), suicide prevention, health impacts of climate change (including climate justice), health equity for people with disabilities, food insecurity, and Tribal health care quality and access.
- **Reproductive health equity:** Post-*Dobbs* legal landscape, fetal personhood provisions, prenatal health and birth outcome disparities, access to contraception and abortion, developing litigation, and reproductive health data privacy.
- **Public health data use and sharing:** Tribal public health data; cross sector data sharing; equity issues in public health data; collecting, using, and sharing environmental health and climate data; trends in data privacy or data sharing; and data modernization initiatives.
- **Public health law practice:** Routine public health authorities, litigation and other legal tools, operationalizing racial equity tools and frameworks, implicit bias in public health law, politicization of public health measures, legal threats to local climate initiatives, advocacy and messaging, and legal epidemiology.
- **Pressing and emerging issues:** Future public health emergencies, communities addressing climate change, legislative trends in racial equity, vaccination, adult-use cannabis, civic engagement and equity, improving health literacy and communications, constitutional shifts and legislative or judicial trends impacting public health, and gun control.

### Abstract Information

- Abstracts are limited to 250 words.
- Practitioners, attorneys, researchers, and advocates working in public health, health care and other sectors, as well as community-led organizations and coalitions, are encouraged to submit abstracts.

- Preference will be given to abstracts that show strong intersections between law and policy, community health, and equity.
- Preference will be given to panels that have at least one legal expert presenting.
- Abstracts may be submitted for an individual presentation or a panel presentation.
  - Individual presentation abstract – if selected, the abstract presenter will be placed on a panel with other related presentations. If not selected, abstract presenters have the option to do a poster presentation.
  - Panel presentation abstract - these submissions require a panel description with at least two and no more than three corresponding individual abstracts.
- Individual abstract submissions that are submitted as part of a panel presentation that is ultimately not accepted may be considered for individual presentations and assigned to another panel or designated as a poster presentation.
- Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentation. If you submit for an oral presentation you may indicate in the submission form that the abstract be considered for poster presentation if not accepted for oral presentation. there is no objection to the poster format as a default, indicate “No preference” when prompted.
- Panels are limited to no more than three presenters, including a moderator.
- Expected time allotment for most panels is 75 minutes, with 15 minutes per presenter and 30 minutes for Q&A.

#### Submission and Review Information

All abstracts for individual or panel presentations must be submitted through the online collection platform, Catalyst. The submitter (i.e. the primary person who creates a submission) in Catalyst serves as the main point of contact for the submission and receives all communications from the Conference Planning Committee. Submitters can share the submission form with presenters or co-presenters who can edit and view abstract information.

Abstracts will be assessed by a panel of reviewers and the Conference Planning Committee. The Committee uses a confidential, anonymous review process. When warranted, the Committee reserves the right to select only a subset of abstracts for a panel presentation or to restructure a panel. Notifications of acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be e-mailed to the designated submitter between February and March 2023.

#### Instructions to Create a Submission:

1. Click on the link: [https://catalyst.omnipress.com/#event-home/nphl\\_2023](https://catalyst.omnipress.com/#event-home/nphl_2023)
2. Click on Create New Account button to register an account.
  - a. **Note:** *if you have previously submitted an abstract through Catalyst for a Network or other conference, you will use the same login.*
3. Enter your email address, password and confirm password. Click the Create Account button.
  - a. CATALYST will send you a “Confirm your account” email.
  - b. Click on the turquoise button in your email labeled, “Confirm Account.”
  - c. A web page will appear stating, “Thank you for confirming your email.” Click on the Sign In button.
4. Once logged in, a turquoise box will pop up at the top of your screen indicating you have created a submission.
5. Complete all the required fields under all the tabs.

6. Click “Save” on the bottom right of your screen as necessary.
7. If required fields are missing data, you will see the missing data tabs indicated with a red triangle.
8. Click “Submit” on the bottom right of your screen when you are ready to submit your abstract.

For help or if you have questions about the submission process, contact:

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