



ASBH 21st Annual Conference

October 24-27, 2019

Pittsburgh, PA

Program Theme

Remembrance and Resilience: How Bioethics and Humanities Can Move Us Forward



Submit a Proposal

The Call for Proposals for the 21st Annual Conference is open until Monday, March 4. [Submit a proposal here.](#)

Review the [call for proposals](#) for the full conference theme, full session descriptions and important information regarding submitting your proposals. In order to submit any proposal, you will be prompted for your ASBH website login credentials; if you do not have an ASBH website account, you will have the opportunity to create one.

Pre-Conference Workshops: These 3.5 hour sessions are offered as extra-cost events before the beginning of the Annual Conference proper.

Workshop: Designed for instruction and interaction in a 90-minute session. These sessions are limited to 4 presenters, preferably from multiple disciplines and institutions.

Panel Presentation: Compare and contrast a variety of perspectives on a cohesive theme or includes presentations that are cross-disciplinary and build on one another. Limited to 4 presenters and can be 60 or 90 minutes. One of these 4 presenters will serve as a moderator.

Debates: New this year, this 60 or 90-minute session provides an opportunity to present opposing views about a topic. Sessions must include a moderator to introduce the issue/topic and up to four presenters, each presenting alternate approaches or views to the issue/topic.

Paper Presentation: One individual will have 15 minutes to present a discussion or lecture based on a work-in-progress or a paper whose central, substantive content has not been previously published, followed by 5 minutes to address questions from the audience.

Flash Presentation: In this "flash" presentation format, individuals will have 5 minutes to present 3 slides. Members of the ASBH Board of Directors and Program Committee will moderate presentations and interactions with the audience by approximately 10 individuals in a 60-minute session. This format replaces poster presentations.

Review and Notification

ASBH uses a rigorous 3-stage review process:

1. All submissions are reviewed anonymously by an average of three ASBH members recruited for their expertise in the topic category selected. Each reviewer is asked to score the proposal on a 5-point scale considering contribution to existing knowledge; innovation, cutting-edge, and novelty; presentation of innovative solutions to current issues in the fields of bioethics and humanities; cross-disciplinary approaches; and quality of the written proposal.
 2. At the second stage of the process, one experienced reviewer for each category assesses all of the individual and average scores throughout that category, taking into consideration factors such as significance, innovation, relevance, breadth of topic, and appropriateness for the meeting.
 3. Finally, in a face-to-face meeting, the Program Committee—with access to all of the previous assessments—selects the strongest proposals that address topics of interest to a multidisciplinary community. The committee then considers balance among the categories and subjects, and scans for unique or unusual topics. At this stage, the names of all presenters are revealed to ensure compliance with the two-presenter rule.
- The program committee may accept some proposals in a different format, e.g., a proposal submitted as a 20-minute session may be accepted as a 5-minute presentation.
 - Notification of a proposal's status is sent via email in late May.