Call for Proposals is OPEN!

2016 Virginia Assessment Group Conference: Beyond Buzzwords: Showcasing Practices that Improve the Quality of Teaching, Learning, & Assessment.

November 16-18, 2016 Crowne Plaza, Richmond VA

In our ongoing efforts to facilitate sharing of essential, effective, and pragmatic practices in assessment, we encourage you to submit a proposal in one of the following three categories:

(a) Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes split among 2-3 presenters)
(b) Poster (60 minutes; usually 1-2 presenters)
(c) Pecha Kucha (a presentation where you discuss 20 or so images, for 20 seconds each as they advance automatically; session includes 30 minutes for discussion).

Conference Theme

We are particularly interested in proposals that connect with this year’s theme: Beyond Buzzwords: Showcasing Practices that Improve the Quality of Teaching, Learning, & Assessment. Proposals that showcase practices or initiatives that demonstrate how assessment can foster the improvement of teaching and learning and/or faculty development would be ideal.

The deadline for proposal submission is September 19, 2016; however, early submissions are encouraged, as notification of acceptance will be made on a rolling basis within three-four weeks of a proposal's submission.

Submitting a Proposal

Proposals are accepted through an online form and must include (word limits in parentheses):

- Session title (20 words)
- Session outcomes (50 words, no more than 3 key outcomes beginning with “Participants will”)
- Proposal abstract (500 words)
- Session description for the program (100 words)
- Statement of intended audience/audience level (50 words)
- Plan for participant engagement (150 words, not required for poster or Pecha Kucha proposals)
- Brief biography for each presenter (150 words)
You can submit your proposal through our website (http://virginiaassessment.org)

Proposed Conference Schedule

Wednesday November 16, 2016
• Evening – Joint Reception and poster session

Thursday November 17, 2016
• Morning-noon – Opening plenary & concurrent sessions
• Noon – Lunch and business meeting for all conference attendees
• Afternoon-evening – Concurrent sessions

Friday November 18, 2016
• Morning-noon – Pecha Kucha sessions
• Noon – Closing plenary

Registration is OPEN!

Registration is open for the Virginia Assessment Group Conference through ConstantContact. You can save money by enrolling in all events, or choose to pay for portions of the meeting that best suit your needs if you cannot make the entire meeting.

• **Single, Full-Day** Attendance on Thursday: $175 Before October 31st; $225 After October 31st

• **Full Conference Attendance** (Wednesday Evening Reception through Friday Morning): $225 Before October 31st ; $275 After October 31st

• **Student Rate** for Full Conference: $100 Before October 31st ; $150 After October 31st

For more information about submitting a proposal or registering for the conference, please contact Lee Rakes (rakesel@vmi.edu).