

**ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS**  
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE  
AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION



The Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health (API Caucus), in official relations with the American Public Health Association (APHA), invites abstracts for the 2009 APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia, PA on November 7 - 11, 2009. We especially encourage submissions that focus on the theme, "Water and Public Health" as they apply to Asian American and Pacific Islander (API) communities in the United States and associated territories.

Student submissions are encouraged and should be noted on the application to be eligible for the Annual Award for the Best Student Abstract. The first student author of the highest scoring student abstract will receive an award at API Caucus Reception at the Annual Meeting.

Abstract submissions from or with community-based partners are encouraged.

In most cases, structured abstracts (250 word maximum) are preferred. All research abstracts should be submitted with five sections: background/significance, objective/purpose, methods, results, and discussion/conclusions. Do not include references or citations in the text of the abstract. Do not include brand or trade names in the title and/or text of the abstract; generic names are required for continuing education credit. All abstracts must be submitted with at least two learning objectives in the proper APHA format (i.e., "By the end of the session, the participant will be able to..."). Please check the abstract title and text for spelling and grammatical errors. Do not include your name or contact information in the text portion as this prohibits blind peer review. If you are unable to identify a specific session for your abstract, please submit it under "Other." Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in your abstract being rejected.

Peer review of abstracts is blinded. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed based on the following criteria:

- \* Importance: Importance to API health
- \* Relevance: Relevance to API Caucus topics
- \* Originality: Innovative information/cutting edge/topic not addressed elsewhere
- \* Quality: Completeness describing research/project/concept/supporting data of the program/project/intervention/research
- \* Clarity: Clearly written and conveys essence of program/project/intervention/research
- \* Annual Meeting Theme: Relevance to public health without borders

**Deadline for abstract submission is Monday, February 9, 2009.** Please indicate whether you prefer oral or poster formats for your presentation. (If you prefer roundtable format, select "oral" and note your preference for roundtable format in the comments box.) APHA has general guidelines for each format option. There are limited slots available for oral presentations, so please give the Program Committee as many options as possible.

Although we will consider ALL submissions, we especially encourage work that focuses on the following topics:

- \* Asian & Pacific Islander Disparities in Infectious/Communicable Disease
- \* Asian & Pacific Islander Health Across the Life Course (e.g. prenatal, infant, child, adolescent, and/or aging)
- \* Asian & Pacific Islander Immigrant, Migrant, Transnational Health and Health Care Delivery
- \* Cancer Prevention and Control among Asians & Pacific Islanders
- \* Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Asians & Pacific Islanders
- \* Innovative Research Methodologies Addressing Asian & Pacific Islander Health Disparities
- \* Mental Health & Substance Abuse among Asians & Pacific Islanders
- \* Pacific Islanders
- \* Public Health Advocacy/Activism, Politics, and Policy for Asian & Pacific Islander Health
- \* South Asian Americans

The session topics are preliminary and do not reflect the precise content of the final program, which will be based on peer-reviewer evaluations, program theme, and diversity of topics.

Submitters do not have to be members of APHA or of the API Caucus. Authors of accepted abstracts, however, \*must\* register for the APHA Annual Meeting and become an individual member of APHA and the API Caucus in order to present at the meeting.

Thus, individuals should submit an abstract only if they are committed to making the presentations themselves or to finding a substitute willing to register, attend the meeting, and present the paper, poster, or roundtable instead. Invitations to present will be withdrawn should authors of award abstracts be unable to present at the Annual

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Meeting. Please refer to the abstract submission page for abstract submission guidelines (<http://apha.confex.com/apha/137am/oasys.epl>).

Those interested in API health are invited to join the API Caucus. Further details on the API Caucus can be found at <http://www.apicaucus.org>. For more information about the APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, please visit <http://apha.org/meetings/>

Submitting an abstract to the API Caucus implies that you understand the terms of this call for abstracts. Failure to adhere to the instructions outlined in the call for abstracts may result in your abstract not being considered and may impact future submissions. Further, submitting the abstract implies that you (and/or co-authors or colleagues) are willing to present the abstract at the Annual Meeting and Exposition.

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Submit Abstract: <http://apha.confex.com/apha/137am/apic/papers/index.cgi>

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