

Call for Papers/Projects/Posters/Artwork

Open to all WCU, Appalachian State University, and UNC-A Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Interdisciplinary Innovations Conference: The Environment

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

"The problems in the world are not within-discipline problems," says Sharon Derry, an educational psychologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill... "We have to bring people with different kinds of skills and expertise together. No one has everything that's needed to deal with the issues that we're facing. (Ledford, 2015, para. 7)

The Nomad, Western Carolina University's student literary journal, invites proposals from undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines for the **Third Annual Conference on Interdisciplinary Innovations**. The theme of this year's conference is the environment. We welcome papers, posters, projects, and artwork from any discipline on topics that address the environment.

This conference provides a forum for students to share their writing, research, and projects that address some aspect of the environment in order to increase interdisciplinary awareness, collaborations, and actions. Selected works from the conference will be published in *The Nomad* in the fall of 2019.

The environment can be discussed in terms of (but not limited to these areas):

- Problem/solution
- Quality of life
- Pollution/clean up
- Areas of research
- Technology trends
- Literary trends
- Control of information
- Social justice
- Credible information
- Taking action/local and individual involvement

Submit 300-word proposals that include:

- Descriptive title
- Author(s) names, affiliation, and email
- Summary of the proposed paper or description of project, poster, or artwork
- Brief explanation of how the topic of the paper, poster, project, or artwork connects to the theme of the conference.
- Explain technological needs for your presentation besides the use of a computer and projector.

Deadlines

- Proposals due: **December 1, 2018 by 11:59 pm**. Early submissions are encouraged and will be given early notification.
- Regular notifications will be sent by December 8, 2018.
- Email proposals to thenomad@wcu.edu
- For help writing a conference proposal, use our online conference proposal writing resource at <https://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/WritingConferencesrevision.pdf>
- Faculty POC: Diane Martinez, dlmartinez@email.wcu.edu, 828-227-3923

Reference

Ledford, H. (16 September 2015). How to solve the world's biggest problems. *Nature*, 525(7569). Retrieved from <http://www.nature.com/news/how-to-solve-the-world-s-biggest-problems-1.18367>