

# Twenty-Seventh Graduate Student Leisure Research Symposium

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Presented by the  
Graduate Association for Recreation and Leisure Studies (GARLS)  
Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies  
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## *Call for Abstracts*

The Graduate Association for Recreation and Leisure Studies (GARLS) is pleased to announce the Twenty-Seventh Graduate Student Leisure Research Symposium to be held May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

We invite graduate students (and senior undergraduate students pursuing research) interested in any aspect of leisure, recreation, sport, and tourism research to submit an abstract for the Symposium, and to take advantage of this unique opportunity for scholarly and professional growth. The primary objectives of the Symposium are:

1. To offer students the opportunity to present their research and ideas in a supportive, inclusive atmosphere.
2. To advance the state of knowledge about leisure, recreation, sport, and tourism through a public forum of shared research.
3. To facilitate scholarly communication among students and faculty interested in leisure research, and to create the opportunity for constructive criticism and debate.

Papers submitted for presentation may be either a completed research study, or a work in progress. Case studies, philosophical pieces, literature reviews, conceptual development papers, and completed empirical studies are all appropriate formats for presentation. Both oral and poster presentations will be considered. The format for oral presentations will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. However, to embrace diverse research methodologies, alternative presentation formats will also be considered.

If you would like to present a paper at the Symposium, please submit an abstract to [garls.symposium@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:garls.symposium@uwaterloo.ca), as per the instructions that follow. Abstracts must be submitted by Friday **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00pm EST**.

For more information about the Symposium, please contact Jaylyn Leighton & Daniel Wigfield, Symposium Co-Chairs at [garls.symposium@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:garls.symposium@uwaterloo.ca), or visit <https://uwaterloo.ca/recreation-and-leisure-studies/events/graduate-leisure-research-symposium>

## *Guidelines for Abstract Submissions*

**Abstracts submitted for consideration must adhere to the following guidelines:**

The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words in length (not including references). Abstracts should adhere to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) (6th ed.) for proper formatting and referencing. Files should use Microsoft Word or PDF format to ensure compatibility.

Additionally, the abstracts should be:

- single spaced
- 12 point font
- margins of at least 1” on all sides

Authors need only submit one copy of the abstract. The abstract should include a cover page (which will be removed before the abstract goes out for double-blind review) that contains the following information:

- Full title of the paper
- Name, institution, mailing address, email address, telephone number of the author(s)
- Name of the author’s academic supervisor
- Author’s preference for presentation format. Indicate one of the following:
  - poster only
  - prefer poster but would do formal oral presentation
  - prefer formal oral presentation but would do poster
  - formal oral presentation only \* (please indicate if alternative presentation format is required)

### **Additional Information**

Faculty members can be co-authors; however, the main author must be a graduate student. At least one student co-author must attend and present the accepted paper at the Symposium. Notification of acceptance will be provided to authors by **Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Those abstracts accepted will be reproduced in the *Symposium Proceedings*, so authors will be expected to modify their abstracts, where needed, based on the reviewers’ comments, and to resubmit them electronically by **Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**. Failure to meet this deadline may mean the abstract will not appear in the Proceedings.