Indigenous Research Wanted for Upcoming Conference

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The WSU student chapter of the Society of Indian Psychologists will be hosting its 3rd Annual Indigenous Research Conference on April 1, 2017. They are currently accepting proposals from potential presenters.

“The conference expands on one of SIP’s missions which is to advocate for unique mental health needs of all indigenous people, particularly Native Americans,” said SIP president, Greg Urquhart.

The conference is an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to present their research on indigenous health, social sciences and education. For the past two years, it has drawn presenters from universities throughout the region.

“I’m excited for the fact that so many disciplines can share knowledge across the board,” said Urquhart. “It’s going to better our community. Too often we get focused in our own disciplinary bubble and don’t see how our fields intersect.”

This year’s keynote speaker will be Dr. Zoe Higheagle Strong, a professor in WSU’s College of Education. She will be speaking on the topic of indigenous ways of knowing and methodologies.

Interested presenters should send a 250-500 word proposal for a paper or poster session. The proposal should consist of a research abstract and a statement of how your work relates to and benefits Indigenous populations. Submission deadline is March 22nd, 2017.

The conference is open to all, but the organizers do ask for you to RSVP as they will be providing lunch for all attendees. For more information or to submit a proposal please contact graduate Greg Urquhart at greg.urquhart@wsu.edu.