

PACIFICRIM
INTERNATIONAL FORUM
*SECURING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES*

*A pre-conference to the 2012 Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability
and Diversity*

2012 Theme
Advocating for REAL change

CALL
FOR
PROPOSALS

March 24 - 25
2012
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The Center on Disability Studies, University
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Honolulu, Hawai'i

International Forum Application & Call for Proposals

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Human Rights have the potential to transform human lives. But realizing the promise of rights enumerated in the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**, as well as other international treaties, requires political will and the commitment of state actors, local government, and civil society, including grass roots and local communities. Our common vision – that each human being be treated with inherent dignity – is the foundation which inspires and facilitates the meaning of human rights standards, norms and procedures into transformative social change. The codification of rights lays the groundwork to realize an inclusive, equitable and just world; but human action is what makes it happen.

Advocacy is a key to bridging vision to that action.

The 2012 Forum seeks to engage participants in a lively discussion on key areas that support and facilitate the realization of fundamental human rights for hundreds of millions of persons with disabilities, as expressed in the CRPD. We invite proposals in the following areas:

- **The role of Universities in promoting human rights and values:** How can research and teaching impact the realization of human rights? How can distance, adult or popular education be utilized in advocacy efforts to promote disability rights? How do you apply research from the Ivory Tower and utilize it for practical applications?
- **Advocating for meaningful employment and career growth:** Best practices and innovative advocacy approaches for promoting vocational and professional rehabilitation, job retention, return-to-work programs, self-employment, entrepreneurship, the development of cooperatives and starting one's own business. Strategies for gainful employment in fluctuating economies.
- **Ways in which advocates, organizations and the legal profession bring 'human rights home.'** Best practices and example of how human rights are being implemented throughout society and local communities.
- **The role of information technologies in advancing disability rights:** The role technology plays in promoting disability rights, preventing human rights abuses and building alliances. How can we do it better? What are some new technologies, including the use of social media which can further advance our collective visions?
- **Financial Sustainability:** Strategies to expand funding and financial resources for the advancement of disability rights in communities and regions.
- **Communication:** Best practices to serve as models for advocating for disability rights. This could include exposing abuses, addressing violations through direct action, coalition building, capacity building, policy/legal reform and skills building.
- **Issue Focus:** Emphasis on specific articles in the CRPD or issues articulated from a constellation of articles that can serve as best practices for advocacy and legal frameworks.
- **Big Question! How can philosophical, ethical and legal approaches contribute to the effective implementations of the Convention?**

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How would you like to participate in the forum?

Presenter

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PRESENTER, OR A WORKSHOP FACILITATOR OR LEADER PLEASE FILL OUT THE NEXT SECTION.

Presentation Title

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Synopsis of Presentation or Workshop (Please limit to 300 CHARACTERS):

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<i>Important Deadlines</i>	
Submission Deadline	Friday, January 13, 2012
Notification of submission status by	Friday, January 27, 2012
Presenters must accept and confirm by	Friday, February 10, 2012
Program schedule posted to Web site	Friday, February 17, 2012