How do we transplant research into a robust practice, whether it be through policy shifts, improved healthcare practices, or law? What is the role of research as it relates to social justice for marginalized peoples? Research has the ability to “inform the betterment of humanity,” but what does it mean to apply research to real-life situations? Many researchers invest a great deal of time and money into research projects, but the end result is that nothing is done with the findings, leaving little, if any, solution to the problem being addressed. To move us from the margins to the center, some research must change direction, with a different perspective and purpose.

This process is easier said than done, so we ask you the question of what does it mean to move from research to practice. What types of research are relevant enough to bring marginalized people to the center, and how do we create an acceptance for the research at hand?

We are currently accepting proposals on the following topics:

- Different perspectives on research to practice;
- Culturally sensitive practices on how to make research projects inclusive to include marginalized people in all aspects;
- New directions and emerging trends in research as it applies to people with disabilities, diversity and marginalized people;
- Best practices for knowledge translations of research findings;
- Models of how research can be used to solve real world problems such as unemployment for persons with disabilities and narrowing the education gaps;
- Best practices for narrowing the knowledge gap between advocacy organizations and research institutions, especially in developing countries;
- Best research practices for implementation and mainstreaming of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
- Examples and illustrations of how data can change the world for the millions of underserved human beings;
- The ways in which research is positively and radically altering lives for persons with intellectual disabilities.

If you have a proposal that may not fit in to the above targets, we will welcome them as part of our discussion. We welcome proposals in any presentation format.

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