



**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM ON PRISON EDUCATION**  
COMMUNITY NARRATIVES: INCLUSION AND ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION  
Hosted by: University of Nebraska at Omaha

**2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS/PRESENTATIONS**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020  
THOMPSON ALUMNI CENTER, UNO CAMPUS

**Submission Deadline:** February 7, 2020

**Notification Date:** Selected presenters will be notified by February 14, 2020.

**Online Submission Form:** <http://bit.ly/SPE2019Proposal>

We are pleased to announce the Call for Presentations for the 2nd Annual Community Symposium organized around the theme of *Community Narratives: Inclusion and Access to Higher Education*.

Hosted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the goal of the Community Symposium on Prison Education includes, but is not limited to:

- advocating for access to quality higher education in prison;
- fostering collaboration among individuals, agencies, organizations, and community partners;
- providing a forum for shared dialogue, knowledge, ideas, and experiences;
- highlighting the resources, programs, services, and initiatives for currently and formerly incarcerated students.

**Who Can Present:**

Presenters include activists, community leaders, faculty and instructors, former and current students (including incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students), service providers, program organizers, support professionals, and department of corrections and prison staff and administrators. We invite and encourage presentation proposals from all members of our community.

**Presentation Formats:**

- Presentation (20 minutes)
- Panel Discussion (30 minutes)
- Performance, Media Presentation or Creative Work
- Poster Session

**Presentation Theme/Topics:**

This year's theme opens doors for a wide range of presentation topics, and to a wide range of possible presenters.

- Presenters and presentations may be aspirational, transformational, disruptive and/or productive.
- Presentations provide a broad lens for inclusivity within the higher education in prison community.
- Most importantly, it is an invitation for people who are currently incarcerated to dream of being/thinking beyond the walls, as it presents a model for people outside of prisons who work to enhance inclusion to bring higher education into prisons.

The community symposium serves as a space of collaboration, listening, discussion and debate. It exists as a center for the exchange of information, and for opportunities to network in support of deepening the important academic, advocacy, and activist work happening in our region. We invite proposals that advance efforts that will serve to define the ever-emerging field of higher education in prison and strengthen our community of practice.

The 2020 Symposium Committee has identified possible presentation topics of particular relevance to the higher education in prison community of stakeholders, listed below. Proposals that are framed as practical training as well as proposals by currently or formerly incarcerated participants are strongly encouraged.

Using the 2019 NCHEP (National Conference for Higher Education in Prison) topic ideas as a guide, possible presentation topics include, but are not limited to:

- Working Across Campus, Corrections, and/or the Community
- Elevating Voices: Narrative, the Arts, and Creative Expression
- Equity in Policy and Practice: Access, Quality, and Pathways to Campus
- In the Classroom: Perspectives on Teaching and Learning
- Surveying the Landscape of Higher Education in Prison: Research, Evaluation, and Assessment
- The Politics of Higher Education in Prison: Advocacy, Activism, and Abolition

Questions? Feel free to discuss your ideas with us before submitting your proposal.

Email us at [unodcs@unomaha.edu](mailto:unodcs@unomaha.edu).

Not ready to present, but planning to attend the symposium?

Register online: <http://bit.ly/2019Narratives>