

**The 5th Biennial D.C. Health Communication
Conference (DCHC)
“International and Global Health Communication
Research”**

Preconference April 25th, 2019
Conference April 26th-27th, 2019
Hyatt Regency at Fair Lakes Hotel &
Conference Center, Fairfax, Virginia

The Department of Communication at George Mason University announces the innovative 2019 D.C. Health Communication Conference, “International and Global Health Communication Research,” April 26th – 27th, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Fairfax at Fair Lakes. The preconference, “Grant Writing 101: Boot Camp with NIH,” planned by Anne Nicotera and Nancy Harrington, on Thursday April 25th, will feature a variety of invited speakers, interactive panel discussions, and participant work sessions. The main conference will feature competitive papers, posters, and panel sessions covering not only issues related to the conference theme of “International and Global Health Communication Research” but also broadly defined concerns across a breadth of topics relevant to health communication research and practice. The conference keynote address will be given Friday morning by Dr. Gaya Gamhewage, a medical doctor by training, who currently leads Communications Capacity Building at the World Health Organization headquarters based in Geneva, Switzerland. She is a public health expert and focuses on risk, emergency, and crisis communications. The conference reception Friday evening will be held in a lovely outdoor setting to offer participants an opportunity to relax after a full day of work. Saturday, April 27th will continue additional competitive paper and panel sessions and will conclude with a luncheon keynote presentation by the winner of The Charles Atkin Award for Outstanding Translational Health Communication Scholar. Top paper and poster awards will also be given at this luncheon. Abstracts programmed in poster sessions are eligible for poster awards in three categories: Top Student, Top Early Career Scholar, and Top Overall.

Abstracts accepted for panel presentations will be eligible for awards in those same categories, provided that complete papers are submitted by February 15th. Specific instructions will be given at the time of acceptance.

Call for Abstracts: The deadline for submitting one page abstracts is December 1, 2018. Submission will be through the DCHC website, and the link will be live in early November. We encourage both new and seasoned health communication scholars to submit their work. Those who submit abstracts will be informed of acceptance by January 20, 2019. [Submit your abstract online here.](#)

The Charles Atkin Award for Translational Health Communication Research Scholar Award: The 5th Translational Health Communication Scholar Award will be presented at the conference to an eminent scholar who has made major contributions to health communication research, practice, and policy. Nominations for this award will be accepted until February 1, 2019 at: gkreps@gmu.edu. A nomination should consist of a letter detailing why the nominee deserves the award, accompanied by the nominee's CV.

Contact Information:

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DCHC Conference Registration Prices & Information:

Please see the [registration page](#) for pricing. Conference registration will open in early 2019.

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Conference Venue: [Hyatt Regency Fairfax at Fair Lakes](#), 12777 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax, Virginia, USA, 22033, Tel: +1 (703) 818-1234, Fax: +1 (703) 653-6190. The Hyatt Regency Fairfax at Fair Lakes is conveniently located just 7 miles from George Mason University, 11 miles from Dulles Airport, and 23 miles from Washington, DC. It is a first-class hotel and conference venue for hosting world-class meetings in an environment that promotes interaction. See dchc.gmu.edu for pricing.

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