

# Call for Big or small Ideas

## Surviving and Thriving in STEM Cultures

2019 Humanities Educators in STEM Environments 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference (HESE)

May 21, 2019      10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Hosted by Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, IN in the Snyder Academic Center

Survival in STEM environments can mean many things: recruiting students into programs, retaining students in programs, obtaining resources (such as budgets, funding sources, faculty lines, additional services, support for new initiatives...the list goes on), or figuring out how to offer quality instruction while maintaining a reasonable workload.

Beyond survival, however, we want our programs to thrive: to engage students in required courses, promote connections among our programs and other disciplines, create meaningful relationships with STEM faculty, and balance our identities as humanities educators with other identities we hold dear.

In the spirit of honoring the myriad meanings of “surviving and thriving,” this year’s conference provides a variety of ways to share your research, knowledge, experience, concerns, ponderings, reflections, or questions. In addition to the traditional panels and individual presentations, we welcome proposals for discussion and round table sessions as well as poster presentations.

We will also have three themed sharing sessions. They’re like potlucks, but with ideas! Bring a “dish” related to the topic.

- *Lessons/Assignments/Assessments* could be an assignment sheet or rubric
- *Survival Tips* could be an idea for how to streamline paperwork
- *Pedagogy* could be perhaps a reading that influences your teaching philosophy
- the only limit is your imagination

Spend time sharing and receiving support and walk away with a dash of inspiration for the coming year. You can even sign up to share a brief story with the group over lunch. With so many ways to participate, you have to.

**1. 45 minutes session. These could be panels, presentations, discussions, or round table sessions. Topics could include:**

- Teaching First-Year Writing
- Teaching Literature – General Education or Specialized
- Recruiting/Retaining students to courses/majors
- Support Services
- Department Funding/Budgeting
- Teaching Advanced/Upper Level Writing
- Attracting/Hiring Faculty
- Making STEM Connections
- Student Skill Development
- Administration Advocacy

**2. 45 minutes Themed Sharing Sessions. Each participant brings “a dish” to share with the group. Groups sharing sessions will be divided into the following categories:**

- Lessons/Assignments/Assessments
- Survival Tips
- Pedagogy

**3. Stories: Share your story over lunch**

Time limit of 5-15 minutes. Volunteer to share your story. Surviving and Thriving topic suggestions:

- Inspiration
- Advice
- Instruction

**4. Poster presentations**

**Submission Deadline:** Ideas must be submitted electronically no later than 5 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2019, to [semcgrade@indiantech.edu](mailto:semcgrade@indiantech.edu). All ideas will be screened by the HESE conference host planning committee. Applicants will be notified of idea acceptance via email on or before April 19, 2019.