ASM 2022 Proposal Guidelines

Panel Sessions

We strongly encourage teams of three or more presenters to collaborate and submit proposals for panel sessions focused around a shared theme. Most panel sessions will last 2 hours. (A few 90-minute panels sessions will be available, too.) Panel sessions can take a wide variety of formats, including formal paper presentations, roundtable discussions, and book or film discussions. Formal paper presentations can be accompanied by respondents or panel discussion. The panel organizer should submit a session title, 500-word description, a list of participants.

Formal paper presentation panels need to be moderated by a chairperson. They can be commented upon by a respondent or followed by panel discussion, leaving time for audience questions. The panel organizer should submit a 500-word panel description, then gather and submit titles and 300-word abstracts for each paper that will feature in the panel via the “panel proposal form.” Paper drafts will be due May 27, 2022.

For roundtable discussions, the panel organizer should submit a session title, 300-word abstract, and a list of participants.

For a book or film discussion, the panel organizer will need to identify respondents in the proposal via the “panel proposal form.”

If you have questions about formulating a panel proposal, or if you are interested in leading or presenting on a panel but need help connecting with other presenters, contact Ben Hartley (2nd VP) at hartleyb@spu.edu.

Individual Papers

We also invite proposals for high-quality papers not associated with a formally proposed panel session. While we prioritize papers associated with a proposed panel session, as space permits, we will also accept independent papers and place them in panel groups.

Works-in-Progress

We are excited once again to offer works-in-progress, geared toward those who are amid research and can benefit from peer feedback. Each presenter will prepare a single slide communicating the central arguments and findings of their work. Presenters will each give a “lightning talk” (3-5 minutes), followed by ample time for discussion. This forum is ideal both for developing works-in-progress and sharing research findings. This forum offers junior and senior scholars alike the opportunity to present their work to a wide range of peers and learn about the breadth of missiological research and practice represented within the ASM community.
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Paper/Panel Evaluation Criteria

When writing and submitting your proposal, the following are helpful to keep in mind as guidelines for how the Conference Committee will evaluate proposals:

1) **Quality**: Is the goal or argument clearly articulated?

2) **Contribution**: Does the paper/panel advance conversations on this particular topic? Is this topic timely/worth pursuing?

3) **Collaboration**: Does the panel reflect collaboration across disciplines? Between junior and senior scholars? Between scholars and practitioners? [NB: this applies only to panels]

4) **Coherence** with the conference theme [Encouraged but not required]. Regarding fit with the conference theme: the primary concern is to feature an array of high-quality, timely/cutting-edge missiological research. We want to hear what members of the guild are currently working on. Coherence between proposed presentation topics and the conference theme is a bonus.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: When are proposals due?**  

**Q: When will I receive notice if my proposal has been accepted?**  
A: Accepted panels and papers will be announced early March 2022.

**Q: If I am a graduate student, may I present or participate on a panel?**  
A: ASM welcomes presentations from graduate students. While most graduate students who present are doctoral students, we are happy to receive proposals from qualified masters students, accompanied by a brief note of recommendation from a professor familiar with their work.

**Q: May I participate in more than one panel?**  
A: You may submit more than one proposal, but you may only present once. We will select your strongest submission.