Call for Abstracts

University Research Center (URC) is hosting its first annual “Advancing Mississippi: Research for a Better Mississippi for More Mississippians” Conference on June 9th in Jackson, MS. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to making Mississippi’s future brighter for all citizens. Conference papers should address long-term challenges facing the state. For example, Mississippi faces systemic challenges such as low human capital, high incidence of unwed parenthood, low educational attainment, and relatively poor health. Other potential topics include trends in population growth, crime, and tax policy. Our aim is to uncover productive ways to overcome challenges and foster growth in Mississippi, while creating better economic conditions for all Mississippians. Policy recommendations should be included where appropriate.

Abstracts will be accepted through March 15, 2016. To be considered for the conference, abstracts must include a clear research question, data to be used (including sources), and a clear discussion of possible policy recommendations. The selection committee will notify the author(s) by March 30, 2016 as to whether or not your paper has been accepted for conference presentation. The conference will also include a student paper competition. Details can be found here.

This first annual conference will precede URC’s newest publication The Mississippi Review. This peer-reviewed journal will publish articles that examine long term issues affecting the state. The Mississippi Review will accept papers on a rolling basis* and conference participation is not required.

You can submit abstracts for the conference and/or papers for the journal to scollins@mississippi.edu. Please use “Conference Abstract” in the subject line.

*Researchers who would like their manuscripts to appear in the first edition of The Mississippi Review must submit their manuscript no later than July 15, 2016 in order to give the reviewers time to examine the manuscript. All manuscripts received after July 15, 2016 will be published in later editions if accepted.