The Graduate Association for Recreation and Leisure Studies (GARLS) is pleased to announce the **Twenty-Ninth Annual Graduate Student Leisure Research Symposium** to be held May 5-6ᵗʰ, 2022. We invite graduate students (and senior undergraduate students pursuing research) interested in any aspect of leisure, recreation, sport, and tourism research to make a presentation at the Symposium and to take advantage of this unique opportunity for scholarly and professional growth. The primary objectives of the Symposium are:

1. To offer students the opportunity to present their research and ideas in a supportive, inclusive atmosphere and network with peers and faculty.
2. To advance the state of knowledge about leisure, recreation, sport, and tourism through a public forum of shared research.
3. To facilitate scholarly communication among students and faculty interested in leisure research, and to create the opportunity for constructive criticism and debate.

Papers submitted for presentation may be either a completed research study or a work in progress. Case studies, philosophical pieces, literature reviews, conceptual development papers, and completed empirical studies are all appropriate formats for presentation. Both oral and poster presentations will be considered. Traditionally, the format for oral presentations has been limited to fifteen (15) minutes for the presentation and 5-10 minutes for discussion. However, to embrace diverse research methodologies, alternative presentation formats will also be considered.

If you would like to present a paper at the Symposium, please submit an abstract as per the instructions that follow. Abstracts must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., **March 11ᵗʰ, 2022.** More information about the symposium can be found at https://uwaterloo.ca/recreation-and-leisure-studies/events/graduate-leisure-research-symposium

Guidelines for Abstract Submissions

Abstracts submitted for consideration must adhere to the following guidelines:

The **abstract** should be a maximum of 250 words in length (not including references). Abstracts should adhere to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.) for proper formatting and referencing. Files should use Microsoft Word format to ensure compatibility.
 Additionally, the abstracts should be:
- single spaced
- 12-point font
- margins of at least 1" on all sides

Authors need only send *one* copy of the abstract via email to the address listed below. The abstract should include a **cover page** (which will be removed before the abstract goes out for double-blind review) that contains the following information:
- The full title of the paper

- Name, institution, mailing address, email address, telephone number of the author(s)
- Name of the author's academic supervisor
- Author's preference for presentation format. Indicate one of the following:
  - poster only
  - prefer poster but would do a formal oral presentation
  - prefer formal oral presentation but would do a poster
  - formal oral presentation only
    - (Please indicate if an alternative presentation format is required)

Additional Information

Faculty members can be co-authors; however, the main contributing author must be a graduate student. At least one student co-author must attend and present the accepted paper at the Symposium.

Notification of acceptance will be provided to authors by **Friday, April 1st, 2022.**

Those abstracts accepted will be reproduced in the *Symposium Proceedings*, so authors will be expected to modify their abstracts, where needed, based on the reviewers' comments, and to re-submit them electronically by **Friday, April 8th, 2022**. Failure to meet this deadline may mean the abstract will not appear in the Proceedings.

Submit by Friday, March 11th, 2022 to: garls.symposium@uwaterloo.ca (as an attachment) Please indicate with your submission if you are interested in attending an in-person or virtual conference. Given the on-going changes in restrictions, we would like to gather information as soon as possible on attendance preference.

Guidelines for Oral Presentations

- Each virtual oral presentation will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes for the presentation and 5-10 minutes for discussion unless other arrangements are approved in advance. The session chair will strictly enforce the time limits to allow everyone to share his or her research.

- Please pay particular attention to your visuals. They should add to rather than detract from your presentation. For those presenting virtually, you will be given privileges to screen share during your time slot to share your presentation.
- The oral presentation for empirical studies should be a concise review of objectives, purpose, methods, analyses, and findings. For works in progress, the oral presentation should be a concise review of objectives, purpose, proposed methodology, and potential findings. Conceptual paper presentations should be an overview of the major ideas and concepts.

- You will be required to submit your presentation by **Friday, April 29th, 2022** to ensure compatibility and access. You will be required to use the screen share option via Webex to share your presentation on the day of.

Guidelines for Poster Presentations

The purpose of a virtual poster session is to exhibit the highlights of your research and to encourage communication between the researcher and the Symposium attendees. Poster presentations generally integrate graphic and/or textual presentations and use displays to bring the specific features of the topic to life for the viewer. If the format of the Symposium is hybrid,

we will be offering the poster presentation in a '3-Minute Thesis' (3MT) presentation style both virtually and in-person. In-person poster presenters will be contacted later to discuss presentation options, we aim to reduce costs to students and printing a poster is not a requirement for this conference. The '3MT' style requires you to create one slide outlining your research with an audio recording over the slides approx. 3-minutes in length. All posters will be recorded so that the "poster presentations" can be offered through the online GARLS Symposium webpage for all presentations, regardless of whether your preference is virtual or in-person. The PowerPoint slide, with audio recording, will be due by Friday, April 29th, 2022. Our IT staff will export the PowerPoint into the correct format and upload it onto the webpage. More concrete information on the avenues of poster presentations will follow shortly.