

CALL FOR PROPOSALS!



**The 2023 Illinois Affiliation of Marriage and Family Therapists
Mid-year Conference presents**

Integrative Systemic Therapy in Practice

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Poster Session Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Northwestern University

The Norris University Center, Room 202, Evanston, Illinois

We are accepting proposals for the following 2 conference themes:

- 1. The clinical application of Integrative Systemic Therapy in Practice***
- 2. General submissions about couple and family relationships***

We welcome the following groups to submit proposals:

- Graduate students in any area of mental health field
- Researchers and educators including clinical staff and supervisors, program faculty and postdoctoral fellows
- LMFT/LCPC/LCSW/LCP newly licensed professionals
- Postgraduates working toward licensure

We are seeking proposals in the following presentation format:

- Poster Presentations

All Proposal Submissions are due by APRIL 15th, 2023. Presenters will be notified by April 22nd, 2023

Proposals must be submitted electronically and include the following:

- Presenter(s)' names, education level, and affiliation
- Proposal title (limited to 12 words or less)
- Abstract (*not to exceed 250 words*) – a description of your proposed presentation, including how it relates to the conference theme and 3-5 key words that your presentation focuses on. (add to the “*Brief Description of Poster Presentation*” section of the form.

Submit your proposal through the following link: [Spring Mini Conference Poster Session FORM](#)

Student Poster Awards: IAMFT will award a prize for the best graduate student posters presented at the conference.

Please email Dr. Derek Ball (iamftoffice@gmail.com) for more information about the conference or submitting a proposal.

General Format Guidelines

- Posters should be readable from at least three feet away. Everything on your poster should be computer generated for a professional look.
- Headings no smaller than 34-point type.
- Text no smaller than 24-point type.
- Usually, poster files are created in MS PowerPoint.
- AVOID large extensive, deep color backgrounds.
- Dimensions should be 36” H x 48” W (landscape).

Theme 1: The clinical application of Integrative Systemic Therapy in Practice

Poster Presentation Guidelines Based on the ***IST in Practice clinical themes*** must include the following:

***** Please note, that all identifying information about real clinical cases must be removed**

Part I: IST Case Conceptualization and Treatment Plan

1. Background Information

- Brief description of the client system including an abbreviated for a visual Genogram
- Presenting problem
- History of the problem
- Summary of family of origin information (include genogram if possible)
- Brief summary of cultural/contextual factors

2. IST Case Conceptualization

- As noted within the identified couple/family interactional sequences problem sequences (e.g., feedback loops; pursuer-withdrawer pattern; triangles). Did these interactional sequences *maintain* symptoms and/or *constrain* the clients' ability to change and/or find solutions?
- Draw upon the key concepts of IST when appropriate. Identify the hypothesizing and planning metaframeworks providing these additional constructs.
- Assess the client system for stress and/or issues created by transitions in the Family Life Cycle. Did life cycle transitions *maintain* symptoms and/or *constrain* the client system's ability to change and/or find solutions?
- Identify any interventions used to move address first order change and second order change.

3. Treatment Plan

- Should be congruent with your IST case conceptualization.

Part II: Integration of Science and Practice

- Critically examine 2-3 research articles from MFT journals (for examples please see Appendix A) as it applies to the population and/or the clinical presentation of the client system used for your case conceptualization example.
- Reflect on the potential usefulness of the findings to your case.

PART III: Ethical and Legal Issues

- Assessment of ethical factors specific to therapy with couples and families in respect to your case example (e.g., confidentiality of children; secrets; goals agreeable to all participants).
- State any ethical (e.g., breach of confidentiality) and/or legal (e.g., mandated reporting) incidents that occurred during the course of therapy.
- The relevance of the fundamental ethical principles (beneficence, nonmaleficence, fidelity, veracity, justice and autonomy) to the case. Were these principles a factor in the ethical dilemma(s) raised by the case?

Theme 2: General submissions for couple and family relationships

The following information is required for **general submissions in any area of couple and family relationships** in order to make a complete submission:

1. *Title of Poster*
2. *Authors and Affiliations*
3. Background or Literature Review
4. Program Area and *Category*
5. Submission Domain
6. Submission Designation
 - a. Methodology
 - b. Results
 - c. Discussion
 - d. Conclusion
7. Supporting Graph or Table

APPENDIX A

Journal of Marital and Family Therapy.....

Contemporary Family Therapy.....

American Journal of Family Therapy.....

Family Process.....

Journal of Family Therapy.....

Journal of Marriage and the Family.....

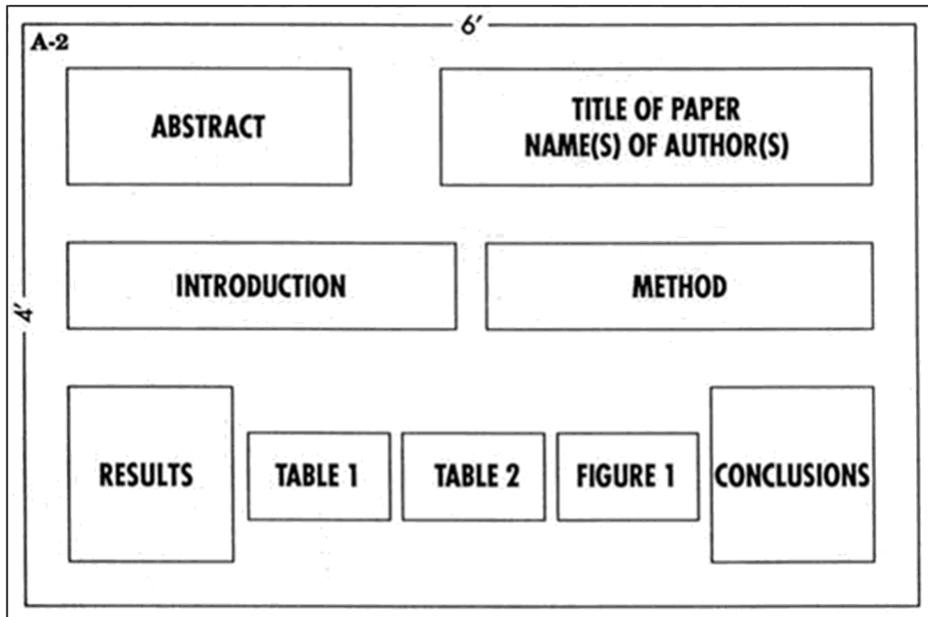
Journal of Systemic Therapies.....

Journal of Family Psychotherapy.....

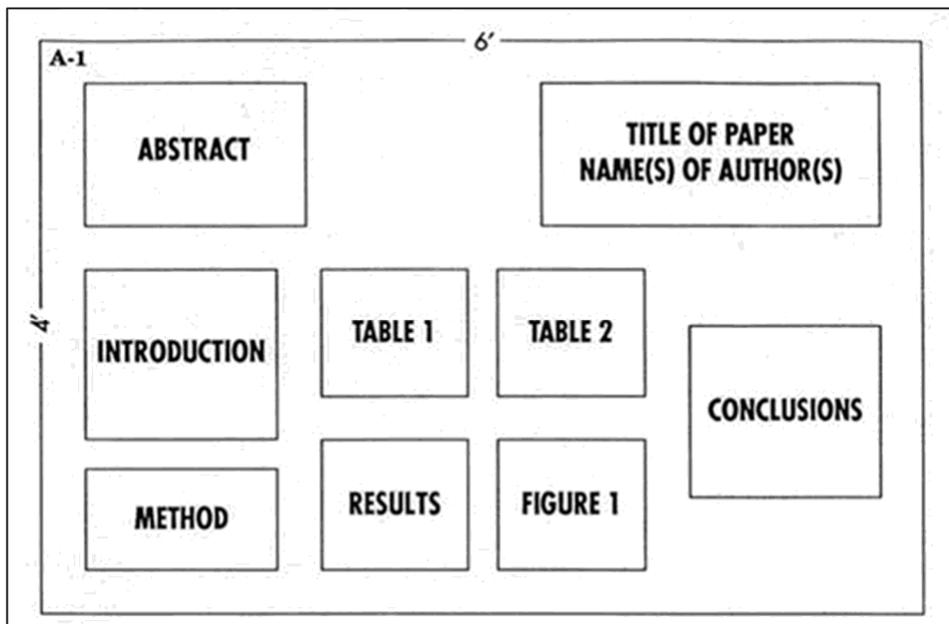
Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy.....

Family, Systems and Health.....

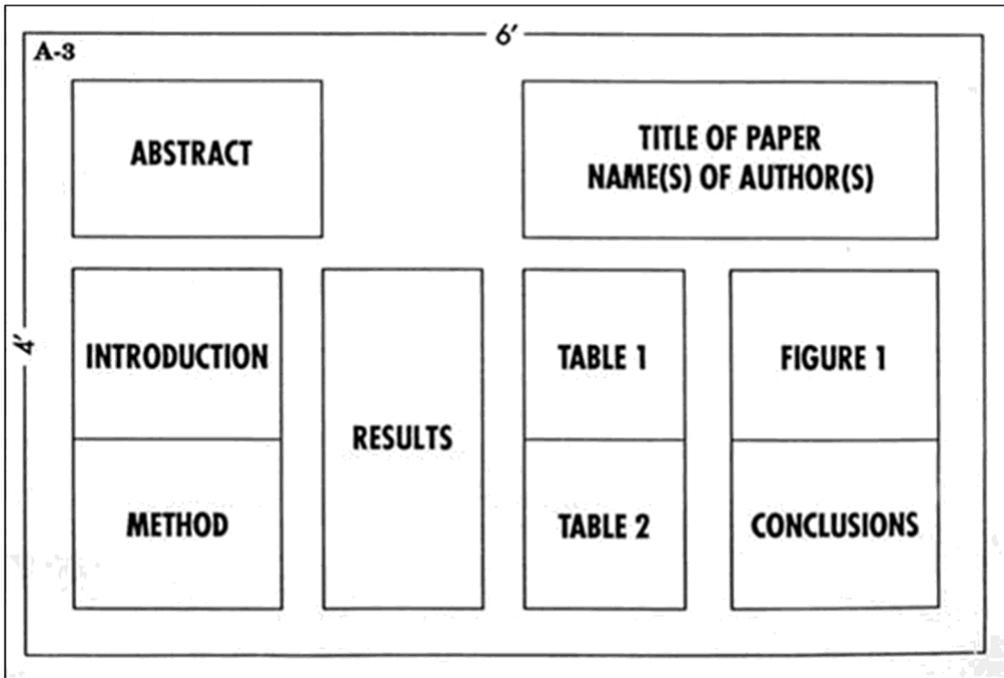
Poster Example 1



Poster Example 2



Poster Example 3



Criteria for Abstract Acceptance

Each abstract is reviewed for adherence to these content rules, significance, and presentation.

1. The main factors considered to qualify abstracts for acceptance are as follows:
 - *Clarity* – The objectives of the research presented are clearly described.
 - *Significance* – The objectives of the poster make a significant contribution to the theme of the conference and/or couple and family relationships, including describing the condition and progress of the field; evaluating the effectiveness and utility of instruments used for clinical practice; and identifying gaps and limitations in programs, and practices that improve clinical training and clinical practice.
 - *Methods* – The methods used are appropriate to achieving the objectives.
 - *Presentation* – The abstract is logical, interesting, clearly written, and free of grammatical or typographical errors.

2. Abstracts will be rejected by the reviewers for the following reasons:
 - *Abstract Not Appropriate* – The content of the abstract is not relevant to couple and family relationships.
 - *Promotional in Nature* – The abstract was written to promote a specific product or procedure on behalf of a specific company or organization.