

Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop (TCRM) Thomas Blume and Isaac Washburn, Co-chairs

The Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop (TCRM) offers a unique opportunity for scholars to discuss working papers on family theory and research methodology. The TCRM workshop will be held immediately preceding the NCFR annual conference (Nov. 14-15, 2017).

TCRM sessions follow a unique format. Authors do not present their papers. Instead, authors submit their working papers before the workshop and leaders in the field serve as discussants, reviewing the papers. Each session begins with discussant comments followed by author responses and audience conversation, providing invaluable feedback to the authors and stimulating the thinking of authors, discussants, and attendees alike.

Papers should not focus on empirical findings. Rather, they should advance family theories or research methodologies. TCRM is co-sponsored by the *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, and many papers that have been through the TCRM workshop have eventually been published in the journal. TCRM 2017 will accept proposals for two types of sessions:

- **Working papers:** Special topics in theory and methodology. Paper proposals are submitted individually.
- **Workshops:** Open format sessions focusing on specific methodological techniques or data sources.

When submitting a paper proposal to TCRM, proposals should include (1) the full paper title, (2) a short abstract (maximum 100 words, for publicity purposes), and (3) a summary of the proposed paper, no more than 1,500 words (excluding tables, figures, and references) for peer review.

All documents should be prepared in PDF format. Proposals should (a) provide a brief background and context for the paper, (b) explain the significance of the topic and what gaps in knowledge it seeks to fill, (c) underscore how the proposed work will advance either family theory or research methodology, and (d) describe how the project takes up innovative aims or employs novel concepts, approaches, or methods. Showing evidence of work already underway is highly encouraged.

The deadline for TCRM submissions is Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 11:59 pm. Authors of accepted papers will be required to submit a full version of the paper, up to 30 pages, by **August 15, 2017**. TCRM proposals should be emailed to the TCRM co-chairs, **Thomas Blume and Isaac Washburn**, at the following email address: TCRM2017@gmail.com. Note that TCRM proposals are not submitted through the usual NCFR online submission portal. Please feel free to contact Thomas or Isaac with any questions regarding TCRM, the proposal process, or being a paper discussant. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2017!

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