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EIGHTH ANNUAL

REGIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

"BRIDGE BUILDING: CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE, CULTURE, AND PRACTICE IN THE 21st CENTURY"

February 24, 2018

The *Regional Undergraduate Student Research Consortium* invites submissions for its Eighth Annual interdisciplinary conference to be held on the campus of **Arcadia University** in Glenside, PA. The conference theme asks you to consider the interconnections between epistemology, or the origins of knowledge, and the presence of activism in the academy. From a cultural standpoint this conference requires conversations with multiple origins, beliefs, and philosophies outside of the limitations of a "western" structure.

Over the years, scholar-activists have presented the idea that knowledge is cultivated and informed by social engagement. More specifically, over the past *year*, university campuses have become the stage for debates regarding free speech, radical conservative politics, radical liberalism, and the responsibility of the student activist in the 21st century.

For this conference, we are interested in topics that address how ideas transform into action; how an enhanced understanding of cultural experience is critical to social progress; and the relationship between experimentation and practical application. The general focus of the conference will be how undergraduate research in all fields can move out of private spaces into those public areas that inspire change.

All disciplines, ideas, and projects are welcome.

Possible Topics Include:

- The Power of Social Media
- Humanism and the concept of "mattering" in the 21st century (Black Lives, All Lives, Blue Lives, etc.)
- Digital Humanities as Activism
- Transforming Philosophy into Action
- Science and Social Change
- Music as/and Revolution
- Rhetoric, Language, and Education
- Gender and Politics

And more...

Students must complete the attached "Abstract Form" and send it to the RUSRC member(s) affiliated with your educational institution by **November 30, 2017**. (A list of current members and institutions is included in the left column.)