

Epsilon Pi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International

Invites you to participate in our

26th Anniversary Research and Scholarship Day: “Celebrating Nursing Creativity and Scholarship – Past, Present, & Future” Call for Abstracts for Paper Presentations and Posters (Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: January 10, 2008)

Epsilon Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International invites you to participate in our **26th Anniversary Research and Scholarship Day to be held on Friday, April 18, 2008. We will also be celebrating the Valdosta State University College of Nursing’s 40th Anniversary!** Research and Scholarship Day activities will be held at the University Center, on the campus of Valdosta State University, in Valdosta, Georgia.

The keynote speaker will be **Karen Saucier Lundy, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor**, College of Nursing, The University of Southern Mississippi. She is author of an AJN Book of the Year award in 2001, entitled *Community Health Nursing: Caring for the Public’s Health*. The second edition of the text will be available in March, 2008. Dr. Lundy is also an internationally known nurse researcher and historical scholar and has published widely.

Abstracts and Format: Abstracts of completed research, research in progress, and other scholarly work addressing any area of nursing, research, clinical practice, nursing education, or interdisciplinary practice is invited. Submit a one-page typed anonymous abstract in MS Word format. Use 8” x 11” format with one-inch margins and a 12-point font. Abstracts for research should address the following areas: problem statement, research questions, hypotheses or topic, significance, methods, sampling or participants, findings or evidence, and relevance to nursing and/or clinical practice. Abstracts for other scholarly work should address the following areas: conceptual framework, purpose, relevant applications, and implications.

Cover Sheet: Include a cover sheet with the abstract, which includes the research or scholarly, or project title, presenter(s) name, credentials, title, institutional affiliation, contact phone number, address, and email address. Indicate if the research or work is completed or in progress. Indicate whether the abstract is for paper presentation or poster or either. A blind review process will be used to review abstracts; therefore, **do not place the presenter’s name or institutional affiliation on the abstract.** Identify the primary contact person for all correspondence by placing an asterisk beside the name on the cover sheet. If the research is completed, indicate preference for podium presentation or poster (or either). All research in progress will be considered for poster presentation. Graduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts as well.

Submission: Cover sheets and abstracts must be submitted electronically by the contact person. Submissions must be received by January 10, 2008. Make sure submissions are saved in a format compatible with Word 1997-2003. Submit abstracts to: Dr. Sarah Steen Lauterbach, Research Chair: shlauterbach@valdosta.edu **In addition**, other materials to be submitted include: a biography form, an evaluation form with a brief content outline with two learner objectives. **Only complete submissions will be reviewed. Those selected are expected to participate.** The **required forms** are available on the VSU Epsilon Pi Chapter website: [Epsilon Pi Chapter Sigma Theta Tau Home](#)

Selection Process and Notification: All abstracts will be acknowledged upon receipt. Results of the selection process will be communicated to the contact person by late February, 2008. Presenters are responsible for their own expenses, including registration and travel expenses.

Presentation Format: Podium presentations will be scheduled for either 15 or 45 minutes and will conclude with a discussion period. Please indicate if you prefer the shorter or the longer session. Posters must stand alone and fit on a 6-foot table. Presentations should be submitted electronically to Dr. Lauterbach by March 15, 2008. Copies of abstracts and PP handouts will be available for participants.

For additional information contact: Dr. Sarah Steen Lauterbach (shlauterbach@valdosta.edu) Phone: (229) 249-4929 or Dr. Jean Smith Temple, VSU Phone: (229) 333-5960, (atemple@valdosta.edu). Continuing education documentation will be provided for those who register for CEUs.

Registration: Registration is required by April 11th for presenters and for other participants.