

10th International Conference on **TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING**

November 1-4, 2012, San Francisco, California



A FUTURE FOR EARTH: RE-IMAGINING LEARNING FOR A TRANSFORMING WORLD

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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About the Conference: The future of the earth and its people are inextricably woven together. Profound transformations are currently underway on many dimensions: personal, ecological, cultural, societal, and economic. To engage these challenges and opportunities, we must collaboratively re-imagine how individuals, institutions, and societies can learn new capacities and habits of being. We envision the upcoming Tenth International Conference on Transformative Learning as an opportunity to create a more coherent and dynamic praxis for transformative learning in multiple domains and at multiple levels; praxis weaves together theory and practice, action and reflection. We will gather to articulate a more inclusive and clear vision of what we already know, and to explore what we can discover together, about the role of transformative learning in creating a just and sustainable future.



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Program Vision and Criteria for Proposals: Transformative Learning Praxis weaves together theory and practice, action and reflection. This Call for Proposals invites prospective presenters to be imaginative in developing experiences for participants that transcend the conventional dichotomy between theory and practice, action and reflection. The Conference seeks presentation formats (panels, dialogues, workshops, talks, symposia, etc.) that actively engage participants' own experience. In this way, the Conference aspires to itself be an inquiry, a living model of what we seek to study, promote, and celebrate. In the hope that the Conference might evoke shifts in participants' perspectives on transformative learning, we invite proposals that offer innovative formats to engage participants in ways that are both experiential and collective.

This broad Call for Proposals is a way to gather the diverse strands of Transformative Learning Praxis as it is emerging internationally. The conference program will emerge through extensive conferring during the months preceding the conference. We hope that this Call for Proposals will catalyze such emergence. An overarching question is: How can we create a conference process that enables the conference itself to be an embodiment of wise transformative learning praxis?

Preparing the Proposal: Transformative Learning Praxis takes distinct form within and between specific domains of practice and levels of human systems. Domains include but are not limited to: education, business, psychotherapy, spiritual practice, social action and civil society, the arts, healthcare, governance and law. Level of human system can be designated as individual, group, organization, community, or society. When preparing your proposal, be explicit in your description of both the domain and systems level in which you situate your work. Your proposal should also describe how your session intends to weave together theory and practice, action and reflection.

In making your proposal, please keep in mind that your session cannot exceed 90 minutes. Some concurrent sessions may be longer than others, but none will be scheduled for longer than 90 minutes.

Proposals that entail collaboration involving 2-5 people are especially encouraged.

Delivering the Proposal: Proposal length should be a maximum of 750 words. Proposals should be delivered by email, with two separate attachments. The first attachment should identify the names and contact information (mailing address, phone number, email address) for the presenters; the second attachment is the proposal itself, including its title. Please identify the email's subject line as: "TLC Proposal. [Your last name, first initial]". **Please send proposals to: CTL@MeridianUniversity.edu**

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Proposals are due April 10, 2012. The conference Program Committee will respond by April 30, 2012. Presenters will need to register for the conference by June 1, 2012. Registration will open on April 1, 2012; Registration information will be available on Meridian's website, www.MeridianUniversity.edu.



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Proposal Feedback Option: (for practitioners, early-career professionals, or others who want help in formulating ideas for a formal proposal): We are eager to encourage conference participation by those who may be unfamiliar with responding to a Call for Proposals. Program Committee members can offer feedback on draft proposals if they are submitted no later than February 24, 2012. To submit a draft proposal for feedback, follow above directions for delivering the proposal, but include in your email message: "This draft proposal is submitted with a request for feedback on how to clarify and improve."

April 12-15, 2012 Telesummit on Transformative Learning: As we approach the Tenth International Transformative Learning Conference in San Francisco in November, 2012, Meridian University's Center for Transformative Learning will present a telesummit on Transformative Learning on April 12-15, 2012. Approximately 30-40 speakers are being invited to speak about their praxis of transformative learning. These speakers' work represents distinct domains and levels of praxis.

Each day of the Telesummit will feature live conversations, including live Q&A. These conversations can be listened to by phone or webcast. There is much significant and exciting development occurring in transformative learning, and the telesummit is an opportunity to share in and confer about this work. **You may register for the telesummit at no charge by clicking on or pasting this link into your browser:**
<http://tinyurl.com/meridiansummit>

Conference Location in San Francisco:

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<http://tinyurl.com/hyattmeridian>



Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport

On the shores of San Francisco Bay, the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is just two miles from San Francisco International Airport and just a short drive (or subway ride) from the heart of San Francisco and 20 minutes from the high-tech corridor of Silicon Valley. The atrium of this hotel with lush greenery, cascading waterfalls, and natural light welcomes both leisure and professional engagement. The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is one of the largest convention hotels in San Francisco with over 50,000 square feet of meeting space and wireless Internet access in all guest rooms and public space. Complimentary shuttle service is provided to and from San Francisco International Airport and the shops and restaurants in downtown Burlingame.



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