

**Revalorizing Extension: Evidence and Practice**

**Call for Proposals**

**for the Spring Symposium at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from April 2-3, 2018**

**Proposal submitted by: Proposal to:**

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| First Name: |  |  |  | present a research based seminar (15 min) | |
| Last Name: |  |  |  | display a research based poster | |
| Job Title: |  |  |  | speak on a panel | |
| Organization: |  |  |  | share material (e.g., job aides; training material, devices) | |
| Country: |  |  |  |  |
| Email Address: |  |  |  |  |

Are you registered for the event? \_\_\_ *(if NO: Please first register at* [*https://spring18symposium.eventbrite.com*](https://spring18symposium.eventbrite.com)*)*

Please indicate **which topic(s)** the presentation or poster pertains to

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|  | Effective extension methods at the farmer, organizational, and country/system levels |
|  | Innovative approaches to sustainably reach women farmers and youth |
|  | Using ICTs to empower staff and reach more farmers |
|  | The political economy of agricultural extension |
|  | Extension in post-conflict and post-disaster contexts |
|  | Partnerships to strengthen extension |
|  | Extension for improved nutrition, natural resource management, and sustainable agriculture |
|  | Extension for postharvest loss prevention |
|  | Market oriented advisory services, including advice on meeting food safety standards |
|  | Other |

**Which of these questions will your contribution help address?**

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|  | How to highlight extension’s crucial role in international agricultural development |
|  | What works in agricultural/rural advisory services and why |
|  | How to effectively deliver extension services to smallholder farmers |
|  | What it takes to increase support for extension services |

**Short Description**

In the space below, please write an abstract/short description not more than 750 words of what you plan to contribute. Include: (a) Introduction (b) Purpose of the paper/poster (c) Methods or data sources (or reasoning used in theoretical/philosophical papers), (d) Results, (e) Conclusions and extension implications.

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| Where was the research conducted? |  |
| During which time period? |  |
| How was the research funded? |  |

**Selection Criteria**

Submissions will be reviewed upon the strength of contribution to the symposium theme(s), importance of the research question, quality of analysis, contribution to extension evidence base, and contribution to practice and policy. Please write clearly and follow the outline.

**Cost of attendance and limited funding support**

There is no fee to attend and present at the symposium. Some meals will be provided, but all participants are responsible for covering all their own travel related expenses. Some funding is available to help offset travel expenses for a limited number of graduate students, who will be selected based on the merit of their proposal.

**Timeline**

November 6, 2017: Call for proposal is issued

January 15, 2017: Proposals are due

January 16-31, 2018: Committee reviews proposals and makes recommendations for acceptance/ denial

February 7, 2018: Notice of acceptance, wait-list or denial are sent out

**Submission**

Please submit the completed form via email to Andrea Bohn at [abohn@illinois.edu](mailto:abohn@illinois.edu) by **January 15, 2018.**