

**RENEWED CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**(Deadline for Submissions: 30 January 2009)**

**RURAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION**  
**Triennial Conference**  
**Indiana University**  
**September 24-27, 2009**

The Triennial Conference of the RURAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION (RWSA) will be held September 24-27, 2009 at Indiana University, at Bloomington, Indiana. The theme of the conference is "Health, Healing, and Rural Life."

The RWSA is renewing its call for proposals for individual papers and/or panel sessions, workshops, or presentations on this theme, and all manner of interpretations of the theme. Possible topics might include:

- Comparative and/or interdisciplinary frameworks and ethnographic approaches that give space to rural women's voices as forms of agency;
- Research which concerns rural women's involvement in politics as related to health or related initiatives;
- Social/social reform movements; literary movements and interpretations; educational development; social and welfare policy initiatives; agriculture, environment (including policy, production, land use, and the utilization of science and technology) as relating, broadly, to health;
- Sustainability (including population health, environmental concerns, conservation strategies);
- Health and health education;
- Rural women's sexuality and health;
- Gender, race, ethnicity, and rurality as they relate to health and/or healing.

Inter-/trans-/multi-disciplinary proposals are all encouraged, as are those that develop connections between rural women's history and present-day social and economic concerns, world-wide. The RWSA encourages participation of all rural women, from all corners of the globe, whether working in or outside of academia. Alternative methods of presentation, such as workshops, interactive sessions, posters, performances, readings, documentary film presentations and/or audiovisual presentations are encouraged and welcomed. All manner of interpretations of the theme health, healing and rural life are solicited; indeed, all proposals and abstracts are welcome.

Please submit the following information by January 30, 2009:

1. Title of paper/session/workshop/performance
2. A one-page abstract of paper or brief description of proposed session/workshop, etc.
3. brief vita/bio of paper presenter/session presenters/persons involved, and complete contact information. **Submissions should be sent electronically to: [dstiles@nsac.ca](mailto:dstiles@nsac.ca).**

If it is not possible to send proposal electronically, if submitting from the U.S., please send by regular mail to:  
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Submissions by post from elsewhere in the world should be sent to:

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For more information about the RWSA conference, please contact RWSA Co-Chair Valerie Grim at 812-855-3875 or [vgrim@indiana.edu](mailto:vgrim@indiana.edu); for queries about the RWSA program, contact Deborah Stiles at 902-893-6705 or [dstiles@nsac.ca](mailto:dstiles@nsac.ca).

Review of proposals and abstracts will begin immediately and will conclude April 1, 2009.