

8th International Critical Dietetics Conference
Montgomery, Alabama, USA
November 16-18, 2018

Food and Health as a Human Right:
Intersections of Rights-based Movements with Critical Dietetics

Critical Dietetics originated as a social health movement in June 2009 and while it is primarily located in dietetics, it is also embracing of multiple disciplines and perspectives, located in and outside of the health professions, and the academy. Critical Dietetics has previously convened conferences in Canada, Australia, England, and Spain. Our 8th International Conference will take place in Montgomery, Alabama, USA.

The need for a global, critical dialogue about social justice is urgently needed. For the 8th international critical dietetics conference, we are taking up that call by hosting our conference at the heart of the civil rights movement in Montgomery, Alabama, USA. The theme for this year's conference is health as a human right.

This conference will spark critical conversations about novel ways of approaching the complex social, political, and cultural issues encountered in dietetics, and nutrition, more broadly. Central to the mission of Critical Dietetics is social justice, and the specific focus of this conference is to discuss the need to expand dietetics to include those who have traditionally been excluded locally and internationally within health professional and academic movements. Dietetics is a profession of traditionally feminized knowledge, forms of work, and workers. Hence, our interest in promoting diversity, redressing inequity, and seeking social justice relevant to people's ethnicity, nationality, gender, class, size, religion, ability, and sexual orientation.

This conference will be a space for all those interested in challenging traditionally unchallenged ways of knowing and doing in nutrition and dietetics in order to promote diversity, equity, and social justice. We look forward to papers including, but not limited to the following topic areas:

- Rights-based approaches to health
- Critical dietetics as a social health movement
- Intersections of civil rights and critical dietetics/critical food studies
- Addressing concerns regarding environmental justice, agricultural practices, workers' rights, and water/air/land protections
- Promoting Indigenous ways of knowing in dietetics and nutrition
- Engaging in social justice struggles for food security and food sovereignty
- Providing socially-just health care, food service, and working conditions for incarcerated populations and the criminal justice system
- Exploration of critical dietetics in relation to other rights based and equity movements including BLM, INM, #MeToo, #NeverAgain, #TimesUp

- Student and practitioner experiences of promoting diversity, redressing inequity, or seeking social justice
- Student and practitioner experiences of speaking and practicing from their own disenfranchised positions
- Raising issues regarding race, poverty, and justice in the media, including social media
- Arts-based or arts-informed inquiry on social justice in dietetics
- Educating dietetic students in preparation for activism and advocacy
- Working with marginalized individuals/groups towards enhancing nutritional health status
- Explorations of power and equity in food and nutrition pedagogy, praxis, and politics

Presentation Options:

Abstracts are welcome from students, interns, practitioners, and/or academics within and outside dietetics that speak primarily to the conference themes.

1. Individual Papers (30 min): Submit a 200-word abstract (may include one or more authors) that describes research, reflexive, or arts-based submissions.
2. Symposium of Three Papers: Thematic Session (90 min): Submit a thematic overview (up to 200 words) of the symposium and three abstracts (200 words each; one for each of the three papers). Please also identify the corresponding author.
3. Poster Presentation: Submit a 200-word abstract including the presenting author's name.
4. Pecha Kucha (20 slides of images to be shown for exactly 20 seconds each): Submit a 200-word abstract. Learn more about pecha kucha at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pecha_Kucha
5. Workshops or Roundtables: Submit a 200-word description of your interaction session that, if accepted, will be scheduled during the actual conference, not before like a pre-conference workshop. Describe goals of the session and how participants will be included to make this different from an individual paper, poster, or pecha kucha.
6. Pre-conference workshop: Facilitators will submit a 200-word description of the workshop, expected learning outcomes, length (1/2-day or full day), and cost to attend. Selected workshops will be offered to attendees as a separate learning opportunity on Nov. 16, 2018 i.e. the cost to attend workshops will NOT be included in the conference registration.

E-mail your submission as .doc attachment by July 1, 2018 to Jacqui Gingras (jgingras@ryerson.ca). Include the name of the presenters, the affiliation of each presenter, and the type of presentation you are requesting (individual, symposium, poster, pecha kucha, or workshop). Visit <https://criticaldieteticsblog.com/> for conference information including accommodations and travel options.