**Call for Papers and Panels: Disability Studies Subject Area**

**Midwest Popular Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association Annual Conference**

**Friday-Sunday, October 6-8, 2023**

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

DePaul Center, 1 E. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

Deadline for Receipt of Proposals: April 30, 2023

The Disability Studies Subject Area welcomes proposals for the 2023 Midwest Popular Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association Annual Conference. Topics may include, but are certainly not limited to:

* Media representations of disability
* Intersections of disability with other modes of identity and power such as race, gender, class, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, etc.
* Disability advocacy organizations
* Feminist Disability Studies
* Narratives of disability
* Disability Studies pedagogy
* Disability and citizenship
* Disability and communication
* Disability and the Internet
* Conceptualizations and critiques of Disability Studies as a field of inquiry
* Trends & new directions in Disability Studies

Projects that engage neurodivergence are especially welcome!

Please submit 250-word paper or panel proposals to the Disability Studies Subject Area. Include the title of your paper/panel, name, affiliation, and email address in your proposal. For panel proposals, each presenter must have an abstract; additionally, it would be helpful if one presenter emailed the area chair with the title of the panel, list of presenters, and their email addresses. *Please note you may only submit one proposal to the conference and only in one Area.*

Graduate students are strongly encouraged to submit and are also invited to apply for competitively awarded MPCA/MACA travel grants at <https://www.mpcaaca.org/awards-travel-grants>

**Proposals are due by April 30, 2023.** The submission portal can be found here: <https://www.mpcaaca.org/submit-panels>

Information on the 2023 conference, including the broader CFP, can be found here: <https://www.mpcaaca.org/2023-mpca-aca-annual-conference>

If you have questions about the Disability Studies Subject Area or would like more information, please email Sam Kizer at [samkizer@iu.edu](mailto:samkizer@iu.edu).