

## Call for Abstracts: Mental Health and Ethics in the Time of COVID-19

The new Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Affinity Group (<https://psychiatry-and-psychotherapy.weebly.com/>) is welcoming abstracts for the 2020 ASBH conference. We are interested in individual presentations, but we also welcome multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary panel proposals.

Some possible subtopics include (but are not restricted to):

- Mental health effects of lockdown, including increased abuse and neglect
- Telehealth in psychiatry/psychotherapy (which has uncertain insurance coverage going forward)
- Psychiatric hospitals as a locus of vulnerability in a public health crisis
- Trauma among healthcare workers
- Mental health wellness initiatives for healthcare workers and the general public
- Homelessness for persons with mental health needs during the pandemic
- Quarantine for incapacitated patients with mental health conditions
- Mental health effects of restricted visitation in inpatient settings
- Concerns about triage discrimination against persons with mental health diagnoses
- Exacerbated inequities in healthcare for persons with mental health needs

Please send the following to Laura Guidry-Grimes ([LGuidryGrimes@uams.edu](mailto:LGuidryGrimes@uams.edu)) and Harold Braswell ([harold.braswell@slu.edu](mailto:harold.braswell@slu.edu)) no later than **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**:

- Your name, institutional affiliation, and discipline (e.g., academic bioethicist, social worker)
- Whether you are an official ASBH member
- Whether you are willing to be part of a panel instead of presenting individually
- An abstract of 500-750 words

We will inform those who submitted of the decision by October 1<sup>st</sup> and announce the agenda shortly thereafter.

ASBH members can join the Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Affinity Group through their membership portal or upon new member registration (see [here](#) for more instructions). You can also sign up by using the [ASBH Member List Serve](#).

Kind Regards,

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