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CALL for ABSTRACTS

The Wecht Institute invites research on investigative, legal and forensic scientific topics pertaining to the Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations for presentation at its 17th Annual Symposium, to be held at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and live streamed to distance learning registrants on May 2-4, 2018. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed for quality research and logical presentation. Accepted abstracts will be scheduled for poster *or* oral presentations of up to 1 hour on the afternoon of May 2, May 3, and the morning of May 4, according to overall program needs.

The following guidelines address key factors that the Institute's advisory committee will consider in reviewing abstracts, along with the procedures for submitting them. Attention to these details will significantly increase the likelihood of an abstract being accepted.

I) Abstract Format

- 1) **Title:** A concise title that clearly indicates the content of the abstract
- 2) **Author:** Full name, academic degree(s), and professional affiliation(s)
- 3) **Abstract text:**
 - a. **Background:** The problem under investigation or a hypothesis
 - b. **Methods:** The methods and material used to conduct the research
 - c. **Results:** The essential results obtained in summary form
 - d. **Conclusions:** A summary of research findings supported by the results
- 4) **Presentation Format:** Oral or Poster
- 5) **Word Count:** Not to exceed 250 words
- 6) **Language:** English
- 7) **Contact Information:** Address, phone number and e-mail address

II) Submission and Acceptance Procedures:

- 1) The following must be received by email or mail *on or before January 31, 2018*:
 - a. **A properly formatted abstract**
 - b. **A current copy of the lead author's curriculum vitae** that includes any prior published and/or peer-reviewed research in his/her area of interest
- 2) On or before *Feb. 16*, the lead author will be notified as to whether or not his/her paper has been accepted for presentation. If a proposal is accepted, the contact person will also be mailed the presentation guidelines, along with further information about the program.

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