

CONFERENCE *for* MERCY HIGHER EDUCATION

**Mercy Roundtable
at Saint Xavier University
Chicago, Illinois
June 9-11, 2025**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – due January 31, 2025

Submit: <https://forms.office.com/r/BS8QFb5qMq>

The Conference for Mercy Higher Education (CMHE) welcomes proposals from presidents, faculty, administrators, and staff serving at our institutions for presentation and discussion with colleagues at the Mercy Roundtable. The goal of the Mercy Roundtable is to bring together colleagues to share and discuss their work through our Mercy lens including scholarly and service interests in matters related to the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy and our Catholic identity allowing for deeper understanding and reflection.

The theme for the 2025 Mercy Roundtable is **Immigration**. CMHE invites proposals around the Immigration Critical Concern, but strongly encourages proposals that intersect with at least one other Mercy Critical Concern – Earth, Women, Nonviolence or Racism.

Presentations may include visual, print, film and research findings, and must allow time for active participant engagement and discussion.

Descriptive Abstract Proposals (500-word limit) should be submitted electronically no later than **January 31, 2025**. Your abstract should provide a brief overview of the work to be presented and adequate explanation to give the reviewers an opportunity to assess suitability and select presentations from a broad array of disciplines and roles on our Mercy campuses. Notification of accepted proposals can be expected by **March 1, 2025**. Upon notification of acceptance, you will be asked to complete the registration form including verification of final title and condensed abstract for inclusion in the program.

Proposal Submission Guidelines (500-word limit)

1. We encourage presentations that: • Speak to the theme in creative ways • Demonstrate measurable impact • Foster interactive, engaging, discussion • Have clear and specific descriptions • Feature multiple perspectives • Offer new insights • Connect to other Mercy Critical Concerns.
2. Proposals should include a title, scope and key elements of your work, and goals of the presentation.
3. All presentations will be delivered in-person. Each proposal can have one primary presenter and no more than two co-presenters.
4. Presentations will be one hour long, with 50% of the time for the presentation and the remainder for questions and discussions.

Please direct any questions to Julia Cavallo (jcavallo@sistersofmercy.org) or Andrea Lee, IHM (aalee@sistersofmercy.org).