



March 6-8, 2014

***Undergraduate Student Poster Presentation &
Competition:
Participant Guidelines & Information¹***

Info Session: Monday, February 17th @ TBA

¹ Guidelines and information adapted from a packet developed by the UT Department of Geography for the University of Tennessee Department of Geography Research Symposium, "Mapping Outside the Lines: Geography as a Nexus for Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Research."

General Information

Date of Competition: Friday, March 7, 2014

Time of Competition: TBA

Location: The University Center (Room TBA)

Awards: TBA

Authorship: No limit to the number of authors/co-authors. However, all authors should contribute significantly to the research being presented.

Poster Presentation: Please make sure that at least one author listed on the poster (preferably the first author) is present during the hours of the poster competition. Typically only one speaker is associated with one poster. However, if multiple authors would like to represent the poster, we recommend taking the post 'in shifts' of at least one hour.

What to Wear: Business casual is the expected wear (but not required).

Submission Requirements: Participants must submit a brief abstract for NEXUS 2014 by February 9th, 2014 to utnexus2014@gmail.com. Abstracts must be 250-300 words.

Poster Guidelines:

- Poster size may not exceed 42 inches by 36 inches (landscape or portrait orientation)
- All posters should contain the following components:
 - Title; Abstract; Background/Introduction; Methods; Results; Conclusions
 - Figures; Graphs; Pictures

Tips for Writing Your Abstract

Your abstract cannot exceed 250-300 words. As you develop your abstract, be sure to include the following information:

- Introductory sentence(s)
- Statement of hypothesis, purpose or question of study
- General methods/procedures/theories used
- Primary result(s)
- Primary conclusion of the work
- General statement of significance of the research

Before submitting your abstract, ensure that your writing is free of grammatical and spelling errors and that it does not exceed the 250-300 word limit. To be considered for participation in NEXUS 2014, be sure to submit your abstract by the deadline.

Tips for Creating Your Poster

The dimensions of your poster must not exceed 42 inch by 36 inch dimensions (can be either landscape or portrait). Some information and tips to help with your poster:

- *Program software recommendations:* Two commonly used programs for designing a poster are Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe Illustrator.
- *Content:* Consider putting the title and author's name in bold. Display the major/important elements of the project. Be concise and try to not clutter the poster with too much information. Make use of graphs, tables, maps, diagrams, and images where appropriate.
- *Design:*
 - Use all the space at your disposal without overcrowding the poster.
 - Be aware of the use of color.
 - Bright or loud colors can help when trying to emphasize a point. The overall background should be kept to a white or muted color.
 - The flow of information should be clear. Consider ordering the information layout either into rows, columns.
 - Clearly label all figures, diagrams, images, etc.
 - The title should be readable from 20 ft. away. The body text should be readable from 7 ft. away.
 - Use only traditional font types (the most widely accepted is Times New Roman)