

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Guidelines



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 28, 2024

Key Dates

- June 28 - Submission Deadline
- Mid-July - Notification of Acceptance
- August 2 - Registration Deadline for Presenters
- November 7-9 - RCC Roundtable 2024 at University of California Berkeley

If you have any questions or wish to receive feedback on your idea before submitting, please feel free to contact the RCC Team at relationalcoord@brandeis.edu.

Seeing the Whole Together Through Relationships and Networks

When we see the whole together, we can more easily find solutions to complex challenges such as equitable healthcare, community well-being, climate change and world peace. However this is easier said than done, especially for leaders navigating in systems under stress. Each stakeholder necessarily sees each situation from their own unique perspective. But through dialogue and deep listening we can understand each other's perspectives and see the whole together. Relational theories, methods and practices can be helpful for this purpose.

At this Roundtable, hosted at UC Berkeley by Professors Amanda Brewster, Hector Rodriguez and Steve Shortell, we will explore how relational coordination and social networks can help stakeholders see the whole together, design solutions for complex challenges, and engage in coordinated collective action for multilevel systems change.

What is the Roundtable?

The Roundtable is the keystone event of the Relational Coordination Collaborative. It is a highly interactive annual event that brings community members and friends together to share their work and learn from each other, through interactive presentations, keynote speakers, professional development workshops, and informal engagement that help participants develop their knowledge and networks, and move their knowledge into action. The Roundtable is hosted each Fall in different locations for members to submit their work to a peer-reviewed process, then share their work. It is an event to build new relationships and renew existing ones.

Submission Information

We invite submissions from multiple disciplines and methodologies for either completed work or work in process. We welcome 1) individual abstracts, 2) group proposals with 3 to 4 abstracts on a common theme, and 3) workshop proposals with hands-on interactive activities. Presentation formats will vary - see below!

Abstract Specifications

- **Word limit:** 500 words per abstract (not including the title and author[s])
- **Content:** Abstract should provide a concise summary of your project, the context, your research or practice methods, and your key findings or takeaways. For workshop proposals, also include a description of the interactive elements you plan to incorporate.

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- [Submit individual abstracts](#)

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- [Submit workshop proposals](#) with hands-on interactive activities.

Presentation Formats

For each accepted proposal, presenter(s) will be notified of the designated presentation format:

- **Formal Presentation:** 15-minute oral presentation grouped together with 3 other presentations, followed by interactive group discussion
- **Shift & Share:** 5-minute oral presentation followed by 15-minute small group discussion, repeated 4 times
- **Workshop:** 1.5 hour hands-on interactive session

Hot Topics to Consider

- **Cross Sector Coordination and Boundary Spanner Roles.** Many of the challenges we face cannot be solved by one organization or sector. How are organizations engaging in cross-sector coordination to solve wicked problems? How do boundary spanner individuals, teams or organizations help make this happen?
- **Healthcare Networks.** How do we strengthen networks within and across healthcare systems, community organizations, and public health to deliver high value care with attention to the needs of patients and the healthcare workforce?
- **Relational Model of Change.** Many organizations are engaged in interventions using the Relational Model of Change. What are we learning? How do relational, structural and work process interventions help to build RC into our daily work? What are the challenges and what are the outcomes?
- **Leadership Training to Strengthen Collaboration.** What are the leadership training approaches that help to strengthen RC? Bringing leaders from the same organizations or networks together to learn what others do? Helping them to "see the whole together"? Training them to role model RC to "be the change they wish to see"?
- **Relational Human Resource Management.** Every day our organizations select, train, reward, manage performance and resolve conflicts - but many of our HR structures are non-relational. How can organizations develop HR practices that build relational coordination internally and with their partner organizations?
- **Relating Across Difference.** Diversity efforts are often about showing people how they are wrong. We can also work to strengthen relationships among people with diverse professional and social identities. How does a relational approach to diversity differ and how does it work?

- **Seeing the Whole Together Through Measurement and Visualization.** RC is a social network measure of communicating and relating for the purpose of task integration. There is a huge opportunity to bring relational coordination, social networks and other data visualization methods together to help stakeholders see the whole together and make desired changes.
- **Relational Society and Resilient Communities.** How can we build inclusive, equitable, vibrant and resilient communities, at home and at work? Doing so may require us to make changes at the interpersonal, organizational and institutional levels. Bring your experiences about how relational society happens in your part of the world.
- **Strengthening Education.** How can education leaders strengthen relational coordination among faculty, students, administrators, staff, families, communities, alums, donors, public sector funders, board members and other key stakeholders for better more sustainable outcomes in educational systems?
- **Relational Foundations of Worker Voice, Power and Well-Being.** Worker voice and power are on the rise as workers respond to exploitation, burnout and the lack of well-being at work. How can relational coordination help workers to build voice and power for greater well-being - for themselves and the people they serve?
- **Technology, AI and Workplace Relationships.** AI and other technologies are rapidly transforming the workplace and how we coordinate our work . How can we build RC into the human/AI relationship, and use AI and other forms of IT to facilitate RC among the workgroups who need to better coordinate their work?

Registration

All presenters are required to register for the RCC Roundtable. For more information on registration, please go to [RCC Roundtable 2024 | Registration](#). Please contact us for scholarship opportunities (relationalcoord@brandeis.edu).