

## Call for Participation

2011 Annual Conference of the  
Pacific Association for Public Opinion Research

**Conference Theme: "Cutting Edge Research in Changing Times"**

**December 8-9, 2011 - Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, CA**

The Pacific Association for Public Opinion Research's (PAPOR) annual conference welcomes paper, poster, and panel proposals exploring cutting edge research in changing times. Abstracts on any topic related to public opinion research, theory, or methodology are equally welcome. We encourage participation from all sectors engaged in public opinion and public policy research including academia, government, private sector, and non-profit. In addition to presentation at the conference, authors will have the option to post accepted papers online at [www.papor.org](http://www.papor.org) after the conference.

### **Proposal Submission Process**

Submitted abstracts for papers and posters must be in MS Word or PDF format and no longer than 300 words. Proposals should include complete contact information on all presenters including the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of each author and presenter. All abstracts must be received no later than **5pm PDT on October 1, 2011**. All submitters will be notified by October 31, 2011 of their abstract's disposition. Please submit abstracts as electronic attachments in MS Word or PDF via email to 2011 Conference Chair, Amy Simon at [confchair@papor.org](mailto:confchair@papor.org).

Undergraduate and Graduate student participation is highly encouraged. Students (and their faculty) are encouraged to submit their paper for the Ninth Annual Student Paper. Email your paper by October 15, 2011 to PAPOR Student Paper Chair, Kelly Patterson at [studentpaper@papor.org](mailto:studentpaper@papor.org). Please include your name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. Entries should not exceed 30 pages total. The entries will be judged by a panel of survey and public opinion researchers selected from PAPOR's membership. Feel free to email in advance with questions about the submission process. Winners receive a cash award and travel expenses courtesy of Scientific Telephone Samples, sponsor of the 2011 Student Paper Competition. For more information, visit the PAPOR website: <http://papor.org/studentaward.shtml>.

### **Panel Participation**

If you are willing to serve as a discussant for one of the panels, please submit a written proposal no longer than 300 words discussing the suggested session topic. In addition, submissions should list the potential panelists, their areas of expertise, and tentative titles of presentations. Panels related to the conference theme are especially encouraged.

### **Short Course Proposals**

We will offer two short-courses at the 2011 Annual Conference and are seeking short-course proposals, specifically for courses that address:

- a) Focus groups and qualitative research at mid-level, with particular emphasis not only on qualitative research methods, but on designing qualitative research in conjunction with quantitative research;
- b) Any other topic that addresses opinion research methods in changing times.

### **Conference Location: Sir Francis Drake Hotel**

*The location of the conference is unbeatable!* **The beautiful and historic Sir Francis Drake Hotel is located at 450 Powell Street right in the heart of Union Square** shopping district, all decorated for the holiday season. To make reservations at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, call the hotel directly at (800) 227-5480 or (415) 392-7755 or via e-mail at [reservations@sirfrancisdrake.com](mailto:reservations@sirfrancisdrake.com) before Monday, November 7, 2011. Be sure to tell them you are with the "PAPOR Annual Meeting 2011" to ensure that you get the discounted rate of \$140.00, plus tax, for single or double occupancy (\$160.00 for triple occupancy, \$180.00 for quad rate).