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Dear Lehman Faculty and Students:

Because of COVID 19 and the inability to gather in person, the Student Research Advisory Board has decided to **go virtual** with this year's student research conference! Now more than ever, we feel that it is important to maintain connection as a community. Students, please join us on **May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** to present your research and interact with the Lehman college community. Faculty, please encourage your students to participate.

Please note, you can present your project at whichever stage it is in currently. You can present what you have done so far, even if you have not been able to complete it. **PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION IN THIS EMAIL** as you prepare to apply.

You can do this in a couple of ways. Please click on this link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZPhAr00VK2PpcrK4Lj8aowhgEbGnSy2v4ZP4Py3e\\_g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZPhAr00VK2PpcrK4Lj8aowhgEbGnSy2v4ZP4Py3e_g/edit?usp=sharing) and choose your preferred method of presentation. Please register and submit the requested information by **midnight on April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The choices for presentation method are: (1) Live synchronous video presentation/performance OR (2) Asynchronous poster upload or pre-recorded presentation or performance with discussion thread. Instructions for self-enrollment into the blackboard site where the conference will take place are below.

Please note for those who choose **virtual LIVE** presentations: There will be time slots on **May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>** for live science (including social sciences) posters and live arts (dance, art, poetry, etc) presentations as well as live individual or panel presentations of non-performance research in the humanities (History, English, Journalism and Media Studies, Africana, LALS, Languages or Philosophy). Please choose your preferred time/date – we will do our best to accommodate. Also, you should be prepared with your poster or presentation (in powerpoint), panel, performance, etc on the date of presentation. We will create blackboard collaborate live sessions for all of these presentations, panels, reading, and performances. You will be able to invite anyone you wish (including family members) to observe and participate in your presentation.

Please note for those who choose **ASYNCHRONOUS** presentations (not live): The discussion boards will be open all day (24/7) on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for participation. If you prefer to do an asynchronous presentation (a pre-recorded dance or music presentation, poetry reading, discussion of humanities research or a science/social science poster or presentation that can be uploaded), please check this option. If you choose asynchronous presentation, we will need you to submit your pre-recorded presentation or finished poster (in PDF form) **by May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm** so that we can set up your discussion board for you.

**Regardless of your choice of presentation format, we will need you to attach a copy of your project or performance or art presentation abstract (a summary of your work) in the registration site (the Google Doc link above). Please remember to complete all fields, including your faculty sponsor's information.**

We will hold support and information sessions via zoom or blackboard collaborate to help students put their virtual posters together or provide guidance for asynchronous presentations. So, stay tuned for this!!

In order to encourage participation from the entire Lehman community, the SRAB will do Amazon gift card give aways for the presentations that gather the most participation. More details on this to follow!

Instructions for self-enrollment into the student research conference (either as a presenter or as an interested participant):

1. Log into **Blackboard** (using your blackboard login and password)
2. Toward the bottom of your home page on Blackboard, you will find a search bar called “**search for organizations**”
3. In the search bar, please type in “**Lehman College 2020 Student Scholarship Showcase**”. When it comes up, you will be asked for the password, which is **LehmanStudentShowcase** (case sensitive).

If you have any questions, please contact Professor Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, Chair of SRAB: [AMANDA.SISSELMAN@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:AMANDA.SISSELMAN@lehman.cuny.edu)

Sincerely,

The Student Research Advisory Board (SRAB)

