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# ACCI Newsletter

*Happy New Year!*

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## **Conference Updates – Is your Calendar Marked? Milwaukee, April 9-11, 2014!**

### From Your Board of Directors

The ACCI Annual Conference is a constant on your Board of Director's agenda. The conference is literally what brings us together and connections made almost always prove important. Whereas there is no best formula to create a worthwhile conference, following the same approach year-after-year is never a recipe for success. The conference committee has already begun implementing new ideas and has adopted some promising innovations based on discussions held in Portland last year including:

- **More Invited Sessions:** To generate more common experiences and to increase selectivity thus ensuring that the conference showcases the most impactful and timely research
- **Featured Research Presentations:** This is a new focus on poster presentations capitalizing on thematic groupings following a standardized poster presentation format. Having Featured Research Presentations ensures that more individuals can present in what we believe will be rich and in-depth discussions not often possible when presenting a full paper orally in one of the concurrent sessions.
- **Conversations and Libations:** This taps into the creativity that often comes in more relaxed, interactive sessions. These evening get-togethers that center around research and the happenings of the day will allow for a free-flow of ideas and great networking opportunities.

This is just a sampling of the changes you will see April 9-11, 2014, in Milwaukee. We only ask that you keep an open mind, try some of these new approaches and provide us feedback so that we continue to meet your needs. Of course, you are welcome to contact Ginger Phillips at [gphillips@consumerinterests.org](mailto:gphillips@consumerinterests.org) at any time to share your thoughts and ideas. Your elected Board of Directors takes your input seriously and appreciates your thoughts and ideas.

### What is my Proposal Status?

The Conference team has made its selections and is currently placing all selected proposals into the agenda and updating ProposalSpace with the results. Proposers should do these things to stay informed:

- ☑ Make [ProposalSpace.com](http://ProposalSpace.com) and [MemberClicks.net](http://MemberClicks.net) "safe" in your email system so that your spam filter does not eliminate important system emails.
- ☑ Log in to ProposalSpace, click on your name which is hyperlinked to your profile. Make sure your profile is up-to-date. If you make any changes, also send those changes to [gphillips@consumerinterests.com](mailto:gphillips@consumerinterests.com).
- ☑ After Thursday, January 9, check the status of your acceptance. A new field has been added to your proposal indicating type of acceptance. Those proposals that were not accepted have been notified already.

### Check the Conference Website often for updates....

✚ <http://www.consumerinterests.org/conference-2014>

✚ Watch for the Conference App in place of a program book this year. The App will work on a computer, smart phone, or tablet.

## New Jobs and Calls-For

[New Jobs -- See all jobs and descriptions here....](#)

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) in the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University invites applications for a tenured/tenure track faculty position in the area of personal/family finance at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank, beginning August 2014. We seek candidates who are dedicated to high quality research, teaching and service/outreach; and are interested in joining a dynamic and growing multidisciplinary faculty.

The Department of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota seeks an Assistant/Associate Professor with responsibility for Extension scholarship focused on improving family financial literacy and economic well-being, e.g., health care, poverty, young adults and educational debt. This position is a 12-month, tenure track faculty position (75% Extension, 25% research) located on the St. Paul campus. The starting date for this position ideally is no later than Fall semester 2014.

[Calls for Proposals – see all Calls For here](#)

**Due May 2, 2014:** International Conference on Consumer Research (ICCR) 2014: Challenges for Consumer Research and Consumer Policy in Europe, September 29-30, 2014 in North Rhine-Westfalia, Germany Read more at: <http://www.vz-nrw.de/iccr>

Perspectives on Time Use in the U.S. Conference and Workshop, June 23-27, 2014 Call for Papers due **January 15**. When/Where: June 23-24 at the University of Maryland Inn and Conference Center. Submit abstracts for papers that address any question related to the collection or analysis of time use data. Although submissions on any time use topic are appropriate, papers that make use of data from the ATUS or American Heritage Time Use Data are especially encouraged. Immediately following the conference there will be a three-day training workshop for researchers new to the ATUS data, June 25-26-27. **Apply to attend the workshop by March 1, 2014**. For more information: <http://www.popcenter.umd.edu/research/sponsored-events/timeuse-2014>

## Get Active

- ✚ Join the ACCI LinkedIn Group: How? Search groups for *American Council on Consumer Interests*, submit request.
- ✚ Take the new poll on the home page

## Resources

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– and submit additions to [gphillips@consumerinterests.org](mailto:gphillips@consumerinterests.org)

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