

MODERN MODELING METHODS (M³) CONFERENCE

MAY 22ND-25TH, 2017



The Modern Modeling Methods (M3) conference is an interdisciplinary conference designed to showcase the latest modeling methods and to present research related to these methodologies. Please join us for the 7th annual conference on May 22nd-25th, 2017. Our keynote speakers for the 2017 conference include Dr. Steven Boker (UVA) and Dr. Kenneth A. Bollen (UNC). In addition, Steven Boker will conduct a full day pre-conference workshop on Monday (May 22nd), on Dynamic SEM. Kenneth Bollen will offer a half day post-conference workshop on Thursday (May 25th), on Model implied instrumental variables using MIIVsem. A special double session Multiple Imputation for Multilevel Data will be held by Craig Enders on Wednesday (May 24) as well!



The deadline to register for the conference, including submission of housing and transportation information, is May 5th, 2017. Early bird rates available until 5:00pm on April 22nd, 2017. We do offer discounted conference rates for students, as well as a discounted rate if you register for all four days. Please note: Space is limited. Please register soon to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

For more information or to register, please go to <http://www.modeling.uconn.edu/>

The Modern Modeling Methods (M³) conference (www.modeling.uconn.edu) is an interdisciplinary conference designed to showcase the latest statistical modeling methods and to present research related to these methodologies. The seventh annual M³ conference will be held at the University of Connecticut, May 22nd to 25th, 2017. Confirmed keynote speakers for 2017 include **Dr. Steven Boker** (UVA) and **Dr. Kenneth A. Bollen** (UNC). Steven Boker will be offering a full day Pre-Conference workshop on Dynamic SEM on May 22nd ; Ken Bollen will be offering a half day Post-Conference workshop on Model implied instrumental variables using MIIVsem the morning of May 25th .

We are soliciting both methodological research papers and papers that illustrate methodological techniques in the area of modeling, broadly defined. Papers related to multilevel modeling, structural equation modeling, mixture modeling, longitudinal modeling, and item response theory are especially encouraged. Given the interdisciplinary focus of the conference, it is completely acceptable to present papers that have been published or presented elsewhere. Presenters may select the length of the session that they prefer: 30 minutes, 60 minutes, or 90 minutes. We also welcome proposals for multi-paper symposia on thematically grouped topics. Generally, symposia sessions will be 90 minutes in length. Finally, there is a poster session and reception at the end of the first day of the conference, and we are seeking submissions for the poster session. Graduate students are also encouraged to submit proposals, especially for the poster session.

Conference proposals for the Modern Modeling Methods conference may fall into one (or more) of four categories: Methodological Innovation, Methodological Application, Methodological Illustration, or Methodological Evaluation. Methodological Innovation proposals introduce a new technique. Methodological Evaluation proposals present the results of empirical research evaluating a methodology. Most often, these will involve simulation studies. Methodological Application proposals present the methods and results of a real research study in which the technique was used. Methodological Illustration proposals provide a pedagogical illustration of when and how to use the technique; these papers are designed to help the audience be able to implement the technique themselves.

There are three different types of presentations: Paper sessions (in which authors submit a paper), Symposia (in which a group of authors submit a set of related talks/papers), and posters. Methodological Research paper proposals should be no longer than 1000 words and should include purpose, background, methods, results, discussion, and significance. Methodological Illustration paper proposals should be no longer than 1,000 words and should include a description of the methodology to be illustrated as well as an outline of the paper/talk. Proposals for symposia should include titles, authors, and brief descriptions/abstracts for all of the paper presentations within the symposium. Symposium proposals may be longer than 1000 words if needed, but they should be less than 2000 words. Proposals for the poster session need only submit an abstract: the 1000 word proposal is **not** required for poster session proposals.

Proposals for the 2017 conference are due February 1st, 2017. Notifications of presentation status will be emailed by February 18th, 2017. All proposals should be submitted electronically at the MMM website. The proposal submission portal will be available at www.modeling.uconn.edu starting November 1st. If you have any questions about the conference, please email D. Betsy McCoach at betsy.mccoach@uconn.edu.