



The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking  
Connecticut - Massachusetts - New Jersey - New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island

## **15th Annual Joint-Mini Conference**

Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center  
Corona, Queens, N.Y. 11368  
Friday, May 10, 2019

***DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 31, 2019***

# **Call for Proposals:**

## ***Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Libraries Empowering Communities***

The Annual Joint-Mini Conference (JMC) brings together the five ethnic affiliates of ALA: American Indian Library Association (AILA); Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA); Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA); REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking; and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and, Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) and the Association of Specialized, Government and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASGCLA) for a day of intellectual collaboration and networking opportunities for librarians. The Annual Joint-Mini Conference is a day of professional development providing librarians the opportunity to share current information about library collections, services, and programs that serve newcomers and underserved populations in our communities.

Now more than ever we need to strengthen and support the diverse communities we serve, in particular communities affected by changing policies that are anti-immigrant or that adversely affect marginalized groups. Our presentations will focus on how to better support our multicultural communities through empowering multicultural collections, including, but not limited to information on English language learning, assistance on preparing to become a citizen, job and career assistance, etc., and programs that empower these communities by promoting respect and understanding of newcomers and underserved populations.

Presenters are encouraged to explain from their own perspective, ways in which their individual work or organizational policies, culture, resources, services, programs and activities have successfully worked to assist individuals, organizations, families and children affected by policies that are detrimental to the well-being of newcomers and underserved populations.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

Proposal, presentations and papers must be written and delivered in the English language.

Proposal should include:

1. Title of the presentation
2. Name, title, institutional affiliation, and full contact information (including a valid email address) for each presenter
3. Abstract of 300-500 words
4. A short biographical profile of each presenter, with a professional photograph (JPEG) for public relations and publication on the Annual Joint-Mini Conference (JMC) website

The Proposal should be submitted electronically (as a single Word document attachment) to the Annual Joint-Mini Conference Chair, Evelyn Muriel-Cooper via email at [evlmuri413@gmail.com](mailto:evlmuri413@gmail.com) with a copy to REFORMA Northeast at [reformane@gmail.com](mailto:reformane@gmail.com). Please include the subject heading: 2019 Annual Joint Mini-Conference Proposal.

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**SELECTION PROCESS:** Five official and three alternative proposals will be selected. Alternative proposals will be ranked and considered in place of the official ones in case substitutions are necessary. Proposers will be notified by Monday, April 1, 2019.

**PRESENTATION FORMAT:**

The RNE Annual Joint-Mini Conference program is 4 hours total. Presentations should run a approximately 20 minutes each, including a five minute question-and-answer session.

Presenters are encouraged to prepare a dynamic and interactive presentation. Also, presenters are encouraged to upload their PowerPoint presentations to slide-share in order to be published on the RNE website. We would like to invite you to view previous presentations listed on the RNE website (tab Mini-Conferences) or by visiting the following links: [Mini-Conferences](#)