



Announcing the Inaugural “Moving Beyond Implications” Conference!

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

12pm-6pm at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, Connecticut

CT SSN is excited to partner with Representative Jaime Foster (D-57 (Ellington, East Windsor, and Vernon)) and UConn’s InCHIP to host the inaugural “Moving Beyond Implications: Research into Policy” (Moving Beyond) conference. The conference will bring together academics, legislators, and other policymakers in advance of the 2024 Connecticut legislative session.

Moving Beyond will create an opportunity for researchers to present their policy-relevant scholarship to policymakers, provide an opportunity for policymakers to respond with their research needs and questions, and generate connections to inform evidence-based policymaking in Connecticut.

When and Where is *Moving Beyond*? The Conference will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, from 12-6pm at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, Connecticut.

Which Legislators Will Attend *Moving Beyond*? All members of the Connecticut General Assembly are invited to attend. However, we will focus our research presentations on the following committees:

- Children’s
- Education
- Energy and Technology
- Environment
- Human Services
- Judiciary
- Public Health
- Public Safety

Many committee members, including those in leadership, have already confirmed their attendance. We also welcome any and all of Connecticut’s policymakers to attend.

How Can Researchers Participate in *Moving Beyond*? There are three ways to participate in *Moving Beyond*: present, submit, and/or attend!

Present: If you have policy relevant research, we are excited to hear from you! We can accommodate up to eighteen 15-minute researcher-led presentations throughout the conference. If you are interested in presenting, please submit an abstract for consideration by **Wednesday, December 6, at 12pm eastern**. Presenters will be notified of selection by **Friday, December 15**. Submission instructions are below.

Submit: We will append policy briefs to the conference program. We invite 1-2 page research or policy briefs from both those who are selected to present and those who are not able to present. Briefs are due by **Friday, December 29, at 12pm**. Submission instructions are below.

Attend: This conference is open to all CT SSN members, SSN members from other chapters, and researchers without a SSN affiliation. Space may be limited. Conference registration is due by **Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5pm**. Please RSVP [here](#) to attend!

Will CT SSN Help Me to Prepare for *Moving Beyond*? Yes! The National SSN has agreed to host a virtual training on **Monday, December 18, from 10am to 12pm** focused on how to present to policymakers. The training will be tailored to presenters and those submitting briefs, but it is also open to all CT SSN members. It will include guidance on your presentation and your brief, as well as other tips for effectively communicating with policymakers. Further, National SSN has graciously agreed to read and comment on all briefs that are submitted by the December 29 deadline. Priority will be given to presenters' briefs, but we will strive to read and comment on all briefs.

What if I have Questions? If you have questions, please email Kerri Raissian at kerri.raissian@uconn.edu. Kindly include "*Moving Beyond Conference*" in your subject line.

[Presentation and Brief Submission Instructions follow on the next page.]



“Moving Beyond Implications”

Presentation and Brief Submission Instructions:

Presentation Submission Instructions: If you’d like to present please submit your information and abstract to CT SSN via email. Your presentation submission should include:

Your Details:

1. Your name(s)
2. Your title(s)_
3. Your affiliation/ institution(s)
4. Your email(s)

Committee audience:

5. The primary legislative committee your research would be of interest to from the following list of legislative committees:
 - Children’s
 - Education
 - Energy and Technology
 - Environment
 - Human Services
 - Judiciary
 - Public Health
 - Public Safety.
6. An alternative or secondary legislative committee your research would be of interest to from the above list of legislative committees.

Research submission:

7. How is your research relevant to Connecticut policymakers? Examples might include a link between your research and recent legislation, an area of need in Connecticut that has not been addressed by Connecticut policy, the way Connecticut is affected by a national phenomenon, etc.
8. A 500-600 word abstract about the research area you will present at *Moving Beyond*. Research presentations are meant to give an overview of a general topic. Therefore, your abstract should address the following: (1) the research area you will address, (2) an overview of the state of knowledge in your chosen research area, and (3) key policy takeaways.

Please note, those selected for presentation will also be asked to submit a 1-2 page brief to append to the program. The brief submission is not required as part of your abstract submission

and may be done separately. A prompt will be given when you are notified if selected to present at Moving Beyond.

Please submit an abstract for consideration by **Wednesday, December 6, at 12pm eastern**. Presenters will be notified of presenter selections by **Friday, December 15**. Abstracts should be submitted via email to ctscholarsnetwork@gmail.com. Kindly make your email subject, “**Moving Beyond Abstract Submission.**”

Brief Submission Instructions: Your brief should be 1-2 pages in length. Please submit your brief and the following information to CT SSN via email. Your brief submission should include:

Your Details:

1. Your name(s)
2. Your title(s)
3. Your affiliation/ institution(s)
4. Your email(s)

Committee audience:

5. The primary legislative committee your research would be of interest from the following list of legislative committees:
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Brief submission:

7. Your 1-2 page brief which should include:
 - (1) The research area/ question you are addressing,
 - (2) How this area affects Connecticut: Examples might include a link between your research and recent legislation, an area of need in Connecticut that has not been addressed by Connecticut policy, the way Connecticut is affected by a national phenomenon, etc.
 - (3) An overview of the state of knowledge in your chosen research area, and
 - (4) Key policy takeaways.

Briefs are due by **Friday, December 29, at 12pm**. Briefs should be submitted via email to ctscholarsnetwork@gmail.com. Kindly make your email subject, “Moving Beyond Brief Submission”. Please RSVP to attend using this [link](#).