



USC Judith D. Tamkin International Symposium on Elder Abuse

The Elder Justice Panorama: Promising Programs, Sustainable Progress, and the Path Forward

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Poster Submission Guidelines for the 2026 USC Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse

Applicants. The Tamkin Symposium Committee seeks poster submissions from students, early investigators, and junior faculty. Authors will be required to upload their full CV in a .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. The First Author is required to attend the Tamkin Symposium and present the poster. Up to seven co-authors can be attached to each poster.

Please indicate:

- student, early investigator (i.e. postdoc, post-graduate trainee, etc.), junior faculty
- prior Tamkin Scholar

Poster Submission Site. Authors must submit applications through the poster submission site accessible through this [link](#). We will not accept submissions via mail or email. There is no limit to the number of posters you may submit.

Submission Period. The submission period begins September 17, 2025 and ends December 15, 2025.

Submission Criteria. Posters must be based on original scholarship. Both empirical and theoretical/conceptual contributions are welcome. Posters must report realized results (not anticipated results) and/or summarize major conclusions. Once the submission is received, it can no longer be edited. The following items will be considered during the review process:

- Clear statement of research aims, scholarship, or educational objectives and the significance of this work.
- Specificity and appropriateness of methods.
- Specificity of key findings (results and/or major conclusions).
- Clarity of implications for theory, further research, education, or practice.

Poster Format. We will be using the new poster format, #betterposter. You can watch a short video about the format [HERE](#) or read about it [HERE](#). If accepted, a Tamkin poster template will be provided. While you are not required to use the Tamkin poster template, you are required to follow the Better Poster format. Poster dimensions should be 24" x 36".

CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

Topic. The Tamkin Symposium seeks submissions that address topics related to elder mistreatment. Our theme this year will be: The Elder Justice Panorama: Promising Programs, Sustainable Progress, and the Path Forward.

Title. Limited to 100 characters (including spaces) and must be in title case format. Review the APA style guidelines before finalizing your title.

Format. All submissions should be in the form of a single paragraph; headings, tables, and figures are not permitted. Your study question must be clearly stated. Provide background, methods, results, and conclusions. A maximum of 250 words will be accepted.

Peer Review. Submissions will be peer-reviewed and rated based on all material submitted and submission criteria.

Symposium Policies. Materials previously published or presented at any professional meeting may not be submitted, except in cases of substantial elaboration (e.g., additional findings) from the initial report. Substantial elaboration or additional findings from an initial report is defined as providing new knowledge and results that advance the understanding of the field and/or practice. Data/information regarding new interpretations of existing data may also be included in this category. A submission containing the same hypotheses, data, findings and/or evidence and/or discussion points, and/or conclusions as a previously published paper or presentation at a professional meeting would not be considered substantial elaboration. Manuscripts submitted to peer-reviewed journals that have not yet published are eligible for poster submission.

Submission acceptance is due no later than December 15, 2025. Submission withdrawals must be submitted to elderjustice@med.usc.edu by January 22, 2026, to be removed from meeting materials. Communication regarding presentation materials will be sent to the submitting author at the time of notification.