

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share that America Nepal Women Association of Greater Washington D.C (ANWA) is organizing Women's Forum in forthcoming Bigger Better Best Ever 12<sup>th</sup> ANMA NAsEA Joint Convention 2016 (<http://jointconvention.org>). This is a friendly reminder for August 15, 2016 deadline to submit papers for the women's forum. This is the place to be this summer where we will have largest Nepali gathering outside of Nepal to meet, have fun and basically to discuss our common goals. Theme for this year is ""Nepali American Community, Preserve Our Culture And Identity". As we all know we cannot preserve our culture and identity if there is no equality. It is our common responsibility to make Nepali community in USA to be violence free. Violence in any form is not acceptable! Therefore, ANWA choose the topics of "Women's Empowerment and Domestic Violence"

### **ANMA/NAsEA Women's Forum**

#### **Theme: Women's Empowerment and Domestic Violence**

Women forum is looking papers on the basic of below listed criteria. We will select three panelists among the best paper presented. There will be one topic and three panelists to speak on different aspects of the same topic. Also, please send your brief bio for the organizer to understand your subject matter expertise in that area.

#### **Women forum will focus on issues and solutions on the following topics:**

- 1.The basics of domestic violence (definitions, statistics, effects on children, why people are abusive) and how Nepali community members in USA can respond to domestic violence.
- 2.Presents data on its incident, compare the data to South Asian population and then data on Nepalis in the USA.
- 3.Impact on victim, children, family and social fabric, economic costs, suicide, depression, guilt workdays lost emergency room visits with data.
- 4.Resources available, government, laws, non-profit organizations, especially those dedicated to South Asians, any such models in benefiting Nepali community in USA.
- 5.Nepali women's dilemma: performing a multitasking role, daunting challenges for domestic violence.

#### **Panelist Qualification:**

- 1.Presentation or Research paper should be focused on one of the above-mentioned topics.
- 2.Panelist must be highly knowledgeable and MUST possess work/study experience in this area.
- 3.Panelist MUST focus on outcome -strategic/recommendation as to what can be done at individual, household, community and policy level.

Only selected panelist will be invited to speak. Submission dead line: August 15, 2016. Paper submitted after the deadline would not be accepted.

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