



**Call for Papers, Extended Abstracts, Experiential Learning Activities,
Simulations, Games, Demonstrations, Panels and Other Submissions**

**44th Annual Conference in *magnificent* Myrtle Beach,
South Carolina
March 8-10, 2017**

Theme

Let's Play

“Learning is Not a Spectator Sport”—Chickering & Gamson, 1987

Submission Due Date: October 3, 2016

The 2017 program organizers of the Association for Business Simulation and Experiential Learning (ABSEL) invite new and experienced academicians, professionals, and students from all disciplinary areas to submit papers for presentation and/or demonstration. ABSEL welcomes quantitative and qualitative research, theoretical models, literature reviews, cases, demonstrations, exercises, panels, and other work related to **creative or innovative teaching and learning methods** for our main tracks of: **Experiential Learning Methods, Simulations, Innovations and Future Directions in Education, and Games Ready to Play** (see below for further details on each track). Student participation in ABSEL is highly encouraged.

The Proceedings of the conference will be posted on-line in an open-access, word-searchable publication, *Developments in Business Simulation and Experiential Learning* (DBSEL) available at <https://journals.tdl.org/absel/index.php/absel/issue/current>. A complete archive of DBSEL papers (from 1974) is available for either direct access and search or search through Google Scholar.

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guaranteed to be talked about for years to come!**

Submission Types

Extended abstract—an extended abstract is minimum 1,000 words, including references. Extended abstracts will be included in our on-line proceedings. *

Full paper—full papers will be published in the on-line proceedings and will enter the best paper review procedure. *

Games to play/discussion panel/workshop/research poster—for detailed submission form please refer to the website or contact the Track or Program Chair.

Submission Timeline

October 3, 2016	Due date for submission of full manuscripts, games, or abstracts for review. All submissions must be done electronically through the Conference Review System: www.conferencereview.com
November 23, 2016	Notification of reviewer decisions on acceptance of papers.
December 19, 2016	Due date for submission of revised, camera-ready manuscripts for inclusion in the conference proceedings.
January 20, 2017	ABSEL Registration fees must be paid by January 20, 2017 in order to receive the early bird discount. Registration payment due in order to be included on Conference Program. At least one author must register by this date. Register at: https://www.regonline.com/absel2017conference
February 5, 2017	Hotel reservations must be made by February 5, 2017 in order to receive the ABSEL rate of \$69 (plus 12% tax and \$11.20 resort fee). To make your room reservation please call the Hotel at 855-571-0904 (alternate numbers: (843) 449-4441, Fax: (843) 497-3041, Toll Free: 1-888-322-6411). Address: 7100 North Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. E-mail: info@oceanreefmyrtlebeach.com

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Also see <http://www.absel.org> for submission, registration, and conference information.

Conference Tracks

Experiential: focuses upon experiential methods including, but are not limited to classroom experiential exercises, service learning, cultural immersion/study abroad, business planning/new venture creation, and internship/live case. These methods may be employed in the classroom, community as laboratory, or workplace as a learning community. This track also focuses on the development, application, assessment, and research associated with any form of experiential learning activities.

Track Chair: **Kenneth E. Long**, kenneth.e.long20.civ@mail.mil

Simulations: focuses on the development, application, assessment, and research associated with business simulations and gaming.

Track Chair: **Chris Cassidy**, cassidy@shsu.edu

Innovations and Future Directions in Education: focuses on developments in education that reflect new educational and/or technological innovations, including online learning, distance education, other web-based learning, and the use of new teaching technologies.

Track Chair: **Maja Zelihic**, Maja.zelihic@ashford.edu

Games Ready to Play: This track will allow conference attendees to actually participate in simulations and games that can be either played to completion or for some games, played for at least a single round within a time frame of 1–1.5 hours.

Track Chair: **Pat Hendrickson**, Pat.hendrickson@cpcc.edu

* Note that, while we accept extended abstracts, we encourage full-paper submissions. This improves the quality and timeliness of the research available in our proceedings. Our policy allows for subsequent journal publication of a later version, or if a journal's editorial policy precludes publishing a revision of a published paper, ABSEL allows you to withdraw the original paper from its proceedings prior to submission or final journal publication.