



**Sherman College of Chiropractic Announces the
International Research and Philosophy Symposium (IRAPS) 2026
Call for Abstracts – Platform and Poster Presentations**

Spartanburg, S.C.- Sherman College of Chiropractic is now accepting abstracts for its 21st International Research and Philosophy Symposium (IRAPS). This peer-reviewed chiropractic conference addresses vertebral subluxation research and the philosophy of chiropractic. ***Abstracts and the author's CV must be submitted by November 1, 2025***, to be considered for presentation at IRAPS 2026, which will be held in conjunction with the college's flagship event, Lyceum, April 30 – May 2, 2026, on the Sherman College campus in Spartanburg, SC. ***IRAPS presentations are scheduled for Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2.***

Topics for abstracts, both for both platform and poster presentations, may include:

- Case studies focusing on the location, analysis, and correction of vertebral subluxation (LACVS).
- Philosophy of chiropractic as a component of LACVS-type care.
- Scholarly pursuits that will advance chiropractic education, practice, and the profession.

Abstract Information:

- Abstracts should be formatted as short papers, approximately 300 words, and include appropriate references.
- Authors must include a curriculum vitae (CV) with the abstract.
- Additional information and the rubric for peer review of abstracts are available on the Sherman website at www.sherman.edu/iraps.

Important dates include:

2025:	November 1	Abstracts due
	November 14	Notification to authors
	November 21	Author confirmation to present due
2026:	April 30 – May 2	Sherman's Lyceum/IRAPS 2026
	May 1 – May 2	IRAPS presentations

This year, thanks to the generous sponsorship of **ChiroFutures Malpractice Insurance Program**, we're excited to announce the continuation of the **IRAPS Research & Scholarship Awards**. Awards will be

distributed across multiple categories and evaluated based on alignment with chiropractic principles, innovation, methodological rigor, philosophical depth, and presentation quality.

“The goal of IRAPS is to bring leaders in philosophy and research together, along with practitioners and educators who are centered on vertebral subluxation practice, to build a stronger academic community worldwide regarding the subluxation model of chiropractic,” explains Christopher Kent, DC, ACP, JD, Sherman’s Director of Global Presidential Initiatives. “The program intends to foster a view that the chiropractic profession is centered on vertebral subluxation, based on vitalism, dedicated to research and developing a discipline of philosophy.”

Continuing education credit will be available, and attendees may attend the entire Lyceum program, including IRAPS, or a one-day IRAPS-only package. IRAPS speakers will receive a 25 percent discount at registration, and complete program details will be released after speakers have been selected. Conference registration opens in November 2024.

For more information, please contact: Alan Brewster, DC, ACP, Director of the Center for Scholarly Activity, at abrewster@sherman.edu or 800-849-8771, ext. 212.

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