

Presentation Title	Place in Schedule
Decent Work and Well-being: Taking an interdisciplinary approach to worker health	Poster Session <i>Day 2 – Wednesday – May 9th, 2018</i> <i>8:30am-9:30am</i>
Description of Presentation	Presenter Name(s) And Credentials
<p>Health and well-being of informal workers is an ubiquitous problem, yet one that has received very little attention in our fields. Informal workers are those that are outside of formal systems of governmental taxation. Informal workers are present everywhere and their health and well-being concerns are frequently neglected. Particularly in developing economies, informal workers practice exceptionally skilled work and tend to be an integral aspect of the social system. Using information from multiple disciplines that includes labor economics, psychology, and policy, this presentation will highlight the health and wellbeing concerns of informal workers. Specifically, this presentation will focus on the challenges faced by informal workers in their daily work lives, how these can be alleviated using occupational health psychology theories and research methods, and delve into the practical implications of the same. The author has worked on multiple such projects that have involved interventions for public health projects involving communicable disease control, and also has served as principal investigator on projects focused on understanding the work experiences of informal workers. These have included using modified experience sampling methods to understand the presence of disease in rural rice farming communities as well as understanding work experiences and occupational risks and ergonomic hazards for communities of informal workers in skilled trade. Using findings and research experience from these investigations, as well as the literature from different disciplines, the author will highlight the health and safety concerns of said population along with practical implications for our science and practice. The presentation will end with how worker well-being needs to be broadened to include the health, safety, and well-being concerns of skilled and unskilled workers in both formal and informal economies.</p>	<p>Mahima Saxena, PhD <i>Illinois Institute of Technology</i></p>