



## AIM Alliance Nonprofit Data Conference

Nov. 19, 2009 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
and Nov. 20, 2009 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
ARNOVA Conference, Cleveland, Ohio



The **AIM Alliance Nonprofit Data Conference** seeks to provide a venue for students, researchers and faculty from the Midwest to discuss nonprofit sector data, research and research methodologies. The goal is to increase understanding of the sector's state, impact and effectiveness by creating a venue for robust discussion on data and research methodologies. The AIM Alliance Nonprofit Data Conference is being organized as a session track within the ARNOVA conference in Cleveland, Ohio in November 2009.

**Graduate students, researchers and faculty are invited to participate** in this conference to learn from and contribute to presentations on nonprofit sector data, research and opportunities for research collaboration. Feedback from researchers and faculty on panel presentations will help build knowledge on cutting edge research methodologies in the field. Further, participation in the student presentations will help shape their research and cultivate future scholars in the field.



The panel sessions and student presentations will be kept to small group sizes and will be presented in a casual atmosphere to provide a space for students to discuss and explore research topics with experts in a non-threatening manner. Most of the topics presented by the students are in the conceptualization stage. Thus, an integral part of the conference is geared towards topic conceptualization.

Participation in this conference is **FREE**.

To register, please e-mail **Susan Morales-Barias**, AIM Alliance Coordinator at [moralesu@gvsu.edu](mailto:moralesu@gvsu.edu) on or before November 6, 2009.

Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

## About the AIM Alliance

The Arizona-Indiana-Michigan Alliance (AIM) is a collaboration between three nonprofit academic centers, the **Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation at Arizona State University (Arizona)**, **The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (Indiana)** and the **Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley State University (Michigan)**. The AIM Alliance is a strategic collaboration that grew through the vision and commitment of the three academic centers' leadership teams focused on addressing the needs of an evolving nonprofit sector and sustaining capacity. It received a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in 2006 to continue this collaboration and utilize each center's strengths to increase capacity and diversity of the nonprofit sector.

The work of the alliance centers on knowledge sharing and strengthening of diverse communities, cross delivery of flagship programs, development of standardized research protocols and joint publication and dissemination of research, and cross participation in significant events.

The alliance will further the sector by improving nonprofit management practice, generating and sharing scholarly and practical knowledge, increasing communication and collaborating on research. It will also strengthen its work with diverse communities by developing leadership and contributing to the public's understanding of nontraditional forms of philanthropy. Finally, the collaborative work will focus the centers by helping each other advance to the leading edge of nonprofit management education by bolstering each center's distinctive niches.

## The conference committee

This conference is being organized through the leadership of our planning committee which is composed of:

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Professor of Philanthropic Studies and  
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