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Formatting Instructions for Special Session Abstracts**

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**ABSTRACT**

A publication containing abstracts prepared for this conference will be produced from the manuscripts received from authors. The first release will include abstracts submitted for presentation-only and those intended to be published as papers in the proceedings using a separate guideline found at https://samueli.ucla.edu/lifelines2021-call-for-abstracts. This guideline is for special session abstracts, which may be added to the Book of Abstracts at a later date, and used in the interim as part of finalizing information needed for the session. The abstract should consist of about 100 to 400 words and fit within 1 paragraph if possible. In addition, include a title and contributor byline(s) and affiliation(s) as shown above. The following information may be provided for all special session contributors including the coordinators and presenters: coordinator/presenter full name; academic degrees or honorifics; professional licenses; ASCE membership grade; current employment affiliation; and mailing address. Each contributor has one and only one note with contact information. Only people who will significantly contribute to the session should be listed as contributors. The session coordinator(s) will attest that any people named as contributors have confirmed the final version of the abstract, agreed to its submission for publication and to participate in the special session at the conference.

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