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Response to Call for Papers

**Title:** Inside – Outside – Morningside

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**Abstract:** From 1904 to the 1960s, Alaskans who needed mental health services were sent to Morningside Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Alaskans were convicted of being insane and shipped to Oregon where they became patients of Morningside. They were taken from their families and communities, and, often, never heard from again. In the end, we believe that there were 3,000 to 3,500 adults and children sent to Morningside. The members of the panel will discuss their individual areas of research (territorial court records, federal administrative records, genealogical resources, etc.) that are being used to piece together the story of Morningside Hospital and the Alaskans sent there. We will also discuss the role of the project blog (<http://morningsidehospital.com>) in reaching individuals with family members who were sent to Morningside.