## **Speaker Guidelines for Slide Presentations**

- The preferred file type for speaker presentations is a PowerPoint presentation (.pptx).
  - Files created in <u>Keynote</u> or <u>Canva</u> should be converted to PowerPoint and checked by the speaker for conversion errors before submission.
- Slides should use the 16:9 aspect ratio.
  - o Choose Widescreen under Slide Size in the Design ribbon in PowerPoint.
- To ensure your slides are legible for both in-person and virtual audiences, avoid using:
  - o Font size smaller than 20-point type
  - o Embellished fonts (text with shadows, angles, special effects, or highlighted)
- Preferred fonts include Arial, Calibri, Candara, Century, Century Gothic, Courier New, Franklin Gothic, Garamond, Georgia, Roboto, Source Sans Pro, Times New Roman, and Trebuchet.
- Do not crowd slides with text.
  - Use slides to provide a basic outline of the most significant points and examples rather than as a verbatim reproduction of the presentation.
  - Speakers are encouraged to use the notes section to include specific information that may not be useful to attendees as a resource.
- Avoid using images that may be copyrighted. Use publicly available images from a stock
  photo platform whenever possible, such as <u>Creative Commons</u>. The <u>Harvard Law Library</u>
  also has a helpful guide on accessing public domain sources.
- All videos must be submitted in MP4 format. Linking to videos from YouTube or elsewhere
  on the internet is not supported.

