

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
VASTA FOCUS GROUP AT ATHE  
DETROIT 2020**

The Association for Theatre in Higher Education's (ATHE) annual conference will be held in Detroit, Michigan from July 29 - August 2, 2020. This year's theme is "DRIVE: Combustion ⇔ Energy ⇔ Resilience ⇔ Drive ⇔ Resilience ⇔ Energy ⇔ Combustion." For more information on the conference and its theme, head to: [https://www.athe.org/page/20conf\\_home](https://www.athe.org/page/20conf_home)

Below are some important details about the proposal process for the VASTA Focus Group at ATHE. It is important to notify me, the VASTA Focus Group Conference Planner, what you are intending to propose **before** you submit your proposal form. I will be able to make sure we keep the proposals varied and can link up similar proposals if needed. Additionally, ATHE prefers that all sessions have more than one presenter, so I can also help you find others with a related focus area that also wish to present. Start planning now and reaching out to me with your ideas!

*For the following proposals, the deadline is November 1st, 2019, 11:59pm, Central Standard Time:*

- Workshops: Demonstrating practical, hands-on work. Workshops usually have a minimum of three (3) presenters but can include more. These can be experiential or pedagogical in nature.
- Paper Panels: A formal panel presenting papers/research exploring the facets of a single topic. Minimum of three (3) presenters as part of the panel.
- Panel Discussion/Roundtable: A more informal discussion of a single topic with three to five participants.
- Multidisciplinary Panels: These can be any of the above formats, but must include multiple disciplines, such as VASTA and the Acting focus group. Please contact Stacey Cabaj ([scabaj@vasta.org](mailto:scabaj@vasta.org)) if you plan to put together a Multidisciplinary Panel. These panels must be sponsored by at least two focus group conference planners and each focus group's conference planner must be contacted. If you have an idea for a multidisciplinary panel but don't have a group assembled, let me know and I can help you to reach interested parties from other Focus Groups. There's a list of Focus Groups available at: <https://www.athe.org/page/FocusGroups> Note: The presenting group does not have to contain representatives from focus groups but must have the sponsorship of the two groups.

*For Debut Panels the submission process and deadline are different:*

- Debut Panels: We encourage First-Time ATHE Presenters who have short presentations (approximately 20 minutes) to share hands-on voice exercises and/or paper topics. Please send your "proposed exercise to present" or paper abstract directly to Stacey Cabaj ([scabaj@vasta.org](mailto:scabaj@vasta.org)) by March 30, 2020.

If you have questions about the submission process or if you just want to talk through your ideas, please don't hesitate to contact the VASTA at ATHE Conference Planner – [scabaj@vasta.org](mailto:scabaj@vasta.org)