Conference Theme: “Rehearsing the Possible: Practicing Reparative Creativity.”

From the 2022 Conference Theme Statement: “Following adrienne maree brown’s vision of emergent strategy, or “[..] ways for humans to practice being in right relationship to our home and each other, to practice complexity and grow a compelling future … [to] change in ways that grow our capacity to embody the just and liberated worlds we long for,” we ask: How can our collective live presence in Detroit offer emergent strategies that shape sustainable change in our field, our host city, and our communities? Building upon the work of the 2021 conference of RE: (claim, frame, pair, write, etc.), 2022 invites ATHE to deepen engagements with questions that Detroit urges us to address. How will we abolish institutional, embedded racist structures? As we seek to reimagine, rebuild, and rise up, what are some new arrangements of the possible that we might pursue?

See the Full Conference Theme Here

The Two-Year College Program Focus Group of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education invites proposals for papers, panels and presentations for the July 2022 annual conference to be held in Detroit, Michigan. The Two-Year College Program Focus Group is the focus group of the Association of Theatre in Higher Education that is dedicated to the advocacy, networking, pedagogy, practice and scholarship of/for the faculty and staff of community colleges and other two-year institutions.

We invite proposals that help us investigate, question, celebrate and better our work in two-year college spaces, ones that might simultaneously explore both the 2022 conference theme, as well as the specific concerns and considerations for teaching, learning, researching and creating theatre in two-year institutions.

We invite proposals that are not only in dialogue with the above but that also take us in new, necessary directions, that expand our collective work and encourage collaborations with colleagues across the field. Some possible topics may (or may not) explore:

- workload requirements and reassigned time for two-year college faculty.
- diversity, equity, inclusion in pedagogy & production.
- expanding the two-year college network and finding solutions for the lack of conference funding in two-year institutions.
- teaching performance and studio classes via remote technology.
- production budgets, challenges and solutions
- addressing neurodiversity needs for students and faculty within two-year college spaces
- work/life balance for faculty and staff
- advocating for your program within your institutions
- challenges and questions related to transfer and articulation to four-year institutions
- the importance of open pedagogical practices in two-year college settings.
- practice-as-research for two-year college faculty
- combatting the community college stigma, for both our students and our colleagues.
- contingent faculty challenges and victories within community colleges

The TYCP Focus Group will be holding a Panel Proposal Social on November 8, 2021 at 8pm EST via Zoom. This will be an opportunity to discuss panel ideas, identify potential collaborators, hear topic ideas for the annual Two-Year College Summit and simply connect with two-year college colleagues. To register for the event and to receive Zoom sign-in information, please register here.

The deadline for individual papers or presentations is November 1, 2021. Once submitted, all individual papers or presentations will need to become part of a fully formed panel in time for the December 3rd submission deadline. The TYCP Focus Group leadership will help connect individual proposals with colleagues who are investigating similar questions, both within and beyond our focus group. If you are interested in submitting an individual proposal, please email an abstract to the TYCP Focus Group Conference Planner, Thomas Rothacker (thomas.rothacker@kbcc.cuny.edu) by November 1, 2021.

The deadline for fully formed panel proposals is Friday, December 3, 2021 by 11:59pm EST. Fully formed panel proposals will need to be submitted directly through the ATHE website at www.athe.org. For more information on deadlines and proposals, please visit https://www.athe.org/page/22conf_proposalguidelines.