

[CFP: 45th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, March 17-20, 2022 \(with virtual contingency in April '22\) \(updated deadline: 10/15\)](#)

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45th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference

Making, Creating, and Encoding: Crafting Possibilities in Appalachia

March 17-20, 2022 (or April 22-24, 2022, virtual contingency*)

West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

Proposal deadline (updated): Oct 15, 2021

The 45th annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference will explore the theme “Making, Creating, and Encoding: Crafting Possibilities in Appalachia” by focusing on the work of makers, builders, cultivators, and creators who are (re)interpreting existing traditions and forging new creative places, practices, and politics for contemporary contexts. In particular, this conference will highlight the work of individuals and organizations in the Appalachian Mountain region of the United States who are engaged in creative action that challenges us to consider new possibilities for the region’s future. We seek papers, presentations, and performances that spark our ability to imagine and enact Appalachian futures that are economically, politically, and socially just. In particular, we seek contributions from historically marginalized individuals and groups, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) presenters and youth.

Proposals may be submitted online via the ASA website, <http://appalachianstudies.org/> through **October 15, 2021**. Late and incomplete proposals will not be considered. Submitters will be notified in late November regarding the status of their submissions. All presenters must pay the registration fee.

***Virtual Contingency Plan**

At this time, our plan is to present in person at West Virginia University. In the event that we cannot meet in person due to COVID circumstances that include restrictions at WVU, feedback from

speakers and attendees, and/or local public health guidance, the conference will move to virtual and be rescheduled for April 22 - 24, 2022. That will allow everyone time to make the shift. Virtual participation instructions will be shared at that time. With that in mind, please note, that when submitting your proposal, we ask that you indicate whether you are willing to present virtually (there is a check box on the proposal form for that purpose). Should we need to pivot to a virtual conference, exhibitors, advertisers, sponsors, and posters will be hosted virtually on the conference website. Virtual presentations and performances may be live or recorded. Please check social media and the website frequently for updates at www.appalachianstudies.org. Registering for the conference means you understand that it may be a virtual meeting.

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