

2017 NCECA TOPICAL DISCUSSIONS / NCECA CONNECTIONS PROPOSALS

Future Flux, the 51st Annual NCECA Conference takes place in Portland, Oregon
March 22-25, 2017

Deadline: May 4, 2016, 11:59pm MST.

NCECA seeks diverse, interactive group leaders from its membership for conversations that will appeal to our conference attendees. Students (Undergraduate, Post-Baccalaureate, Graduate), Studio Artists, Educators (K-12, Community College, University), Gallerists, Curators, etc. are all encouraged to apply!

NCECA seeks proposals for facilitated discussions that will appeal to the concerns of our conference attendees. Topics that have conceptual resonance with the theme of NCECA's 51st Annual Conference, *Future Flux*, are of special appeal. As journey's end for Lewis and Clark in the early 19th century, Oregon frames our imagination with *expedition* and *discovery*. As we pass beyond NCECA's first fifty years, the interconnection of mind, materials, and transformation at the heart of ceramic process, art and education can serve as trail heads to our future. Our creative work in the 21st century engages with hybrid practices, issues of diversity, notions of community, and dynamic change.

How will more sustainable models of ceramic art and education continue to evolve?

What are the essential capacities of artists and educators today and for the future?

How can we reinvigorate and draw from rich historic traditions in the context of today?

Portland, Oregon, a city of rivers, makers, and entrepreneurs is an ideal vantage point from which to investigate these questions and others.

NCECA's annual conference has earned a reputation worldwide as a premier event for ceramic art drawing thousands each year. *Future Flux* will join ceramic art's historic engagement with empirical research and discovery to today's evolving creative commons.

TOPICAL DISCUSSIONS

Leaders of Topical Discussions should propose the topic for discussion and provide a brief introduction to that topic. The Topical Discussion format takes place in a roundtable format. Topics should be developed to appeal to others and promote an informal group discussion. Topical Discussion leaders might expect to take questions from the attendees.

NCECA CONNECTIONS

As a discussion leader of NCECA Connections, you will initiate and promote a lively conversation amongst attendees! Group Leaders will act as moderators of the discussion and ensure that all attendees have a chance for participation. NCECA Connections aims to bring together participants and promotes sharing of ideas, techniques and practices.

FORMAT

- Sessions are 1 hour in length. Proposed topics and discussions should utilize the time allotted.
- Presenters should create proposals that are not dependent upon technology (i.e. projectors and laptops will not be available).

ELIGIBILITY

Everyone is eligible EXCEPT for those who participated in the program in Kansas City, MO during NCECA 2016. Participation is generally limited to only one presentation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All proposals must be submitted using NCECA's Online Submittal process (a link to the form is provided below). Proposals related to the Conference Theme of *Future Flux* will receive preference. Your ONLINE submittal form must include the following or it will not be considered. (**Only** .doc, .docx, .JPEG or .PDF files will be accepted):

Contact Information of Proposal Primary Contact

Proposal Title

Proposal Description (2000 character limit)

Program Guide Abstract (300 character limit)

Short Bio (Up to 300 characters)

Head shot (upload as jpg, 100dpi 2"x3")

If your proposal is accepted the abstract, short bio, and headshot will be used for website and print publications.

ADJUDICATION

Proposal abstracts will be made available to a committee including at least one NCECA board member for review prior to making. Make sure your online submittal is complete. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. You will be notified of the committee's decision by email as soon as possible.

HONORARIUM

No honorarium, conference pass or other compensation is provided for services

NCECA recommends using **Google Chrome** or **Firefox** when using forms on this site. Some forms do not respond well to Internet Explorer or Safari

Submittal form (coming soon)

If you have questions about leading either a Topical Discussion or NCECA Connection group, contact Roberto Lugo robertolugo.nceca@gmail.com

If you encounter problems and require technical assistance with submission contact candice@nceca.net or kate@nceca.net

Topical Discussions and NCECA Connections for 2010 Philadelphia Conference are archived [HERE](#).