



CALL FOR PAPERS

for the Annual Conference of

The Communal Studies Association

In partnership with the Foundation for Intentional
Community



September 30 – October 2, 2021

*****All Online via ZOOM*****

“Sustainability, Justice, & Inclusivity”

The deadline for submission of proposals is May 31, 2021

Many contemporary intentional communities have goals of creating more environmentally sustainable, socially and economically just, and/or inclusive societies at the heart of their visions. Current events in the U.S. and around the world make these goals and visions all the more relevant. The 2021 Communal Studies Association conference theme is designed to encourage scholars of communal studies and, especially, those who live or have lived in intentional communities to explore these topics. How do intentional communities attempt to build more sustainable, just, and inclusive micro-societies? How can those efforts serve as models or inspiration for the broader society? What are the challenges to scaling up or scaling out the efforts of intentional communities in the areas of sustainability, justice, and inclusivity? What does the interface between intentional communities and the broader society look like and how can we gauge the “success” of intentional communities in creating change? How can scholars serve as critical allies to intentional communities by, for example, collecting data and analyzing their efforts in these areas, providing constructive criticism and feedback, and using our positions of relative power to highlight the lessons intentional communarians might offer to others seeking to create a more sustainable, just, and inclusive world? We strongly encourage current communarians to consider proposing papers, whole panels, or other unique forms of contributing to and participating in the conference. A reduced registration fee will be available to current communarians upon request.

As always, we are also interested in proposals that concern any other topics relevant to the field of communal studies. **Please feel free to submit proposals on any aspect of communalism or intentional communities past, present, or future.**

Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant difficulties at our conference sites and hotel, a decision has been made to hold the conference virtually this year. We look forward to building on our incredibly successful 2020 virtual conference, adding new functionalities, and making the virtual conference even better this year. One benefit of this decision will be reduced registration rate relative to our normal, in-person conferences

Please submit your proposals for individual papers, whole sessions, or other possible unique formats via the website submission portal (www.communalstudies.org/annualconference) by **May 31, 2021**. Please include an abstract of 150 words maximum describing your presentation and/or session. If you are proposing an entire session or another format, please identify each of the presenters or participants. Also, please include a biographical statement of 100 words maximum for each presenter or participant. For information please get in touch with Program Chair Joshua Lockyer jlockyer@atu.edu **All presenters will be notified of their acceptance by email by July 1, 2021.** Reduced registration rates are available for graduate students and current community members. If applicable, please indicate your interest in this with your on-line proposal submission.

The Communal Studies Association is an interdisciplinary organization for people living in intentional communities, historic site personnel and academics representing topics including history, anthropology, religious studies, sociology, political science, and others. The CSA’s annual conference is often held at the site of an historic intentional community or other relevant venues. For more information about the organization, see our website www.communalstudies.org.