



CALL FOR PAPERS

for the Annual Conference of

The Communal Studies Association

September 29-October 1, 2022

Canterbury Shaker Village

Canterbury (near Concord), New Hampshire

“Communities Emerging from Crisis”

The deadline for submission of proposals is May 16, 2022



The CSA has not met in person since 2019 due to the pandemic. As we gather in 2022, having (hopefully) emerged from a global crisis, what better time to reflect on the way in which intentional communities have confronted and moved beyond the crises that threatened their existences. Prior conferences have focused on the crisis that typically unfolds following the death of a prophet or charismatic leader. However, communities past and present have faced many other types of crises: fire, flood, famine, financial malfeasance, sexual abuse, pestilence, persecution, and more. The CSA invites proposals for papers and panel sessions on these crises and the ways in which intentional communities have dealt with them.

As always, we are also interested in proposals that concern any other topic about intentional communities. **Please feel free to submit proposal on any aspect of communalism or intentional communities.**

Canterbury Shaker Village was established in 1792 when followers of founder Mother Ann Lee formed their seventh community in Canterbury, NH, which remained prominent for 200 years. The Village has operated exclusively as a museum since 1992 when the last Shaker sister in residence, Ethel Hudson, died. The few remaining Shakers live at the Shaker Village in Sabbathday Lake, Maine. At its height in the 1850s, 300 people lived and worked in over 100 buildings on 3,000 acres at Canterbury Shaker Village. Today, the museum at Canterbury interprets 200 years of Shaker life through its exhibits, buildings, gardens, programs, and tours. The museum has an enviable collection of Shaker objects, manuscripts, and photographs along with surviving architecture from all periods of its history.

Please submit your proposals for individual papers or whole sessions via the website submission portal (www.communalstudies.org/annual-conference). Please include an abstract of 150 words maximum describing your presentation and/or session. Also, please include your biographical statement of 100 words maximum. For information please contact Program Chair Christian Goodwillie, Hamilton College, cgoodwil@hamilton.edu **All presenters will be notified of their acceptance by email by July 1, 2020.** A limited amount of financial support is available for graduate student assistance. If applicable, please indicate your interest with your on-line proposal submission. Successful applicants will be notified of financial support by email by August 2020.

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.