

The Association for the Study of Play



CALL FOR PAPERS **2017 International Conference of** **The Association for the Study of Play (TASP)** **April 5-8, 2017**

Conference Venue
The Strong Museum
One Manhattan Square
Rochester, NY 14607 USA

Conference Hotel
Hyatt Regency Rochester
125 E. Main St.
Rochester, NY 14604 USA

Theme: Playful Communities

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: November 15, 2016

[Link to 2017 Conference Proposal Form](#)

The organizing committee has chosen the theme of *Playful Communities* for the 2017 conference. Communities exist at multiple levels from classrooms, neighborhoods, and cities to entire nations and the world. None is homogenous and some are more diverse than others, but transcending this diversity are the ubiquity and power of play. Play keeps communities healthy, unified, and adaptable through times of prosperity and tragedy.

In the spirit of this theme, we are pleased to announce that the keynote speakers for the 2017 conference are play theorist Bernie De Koven, author of *The Well-Played Game*, and associate professor of popular culture Montana Miller, author of *Playing Dead*. In addition, there will be a special tribute to Jim Christie and the many contributions he made to our community of play practitioners, researchers, and advocates.

Play can be examined at multiple levels, from many perspectives, and in different species. Therefore, we are eager to bring together a diverse group of researchers, practitioners, and advocates, both those new to play and those who have made it their life's work. We are especially interested in extending the reach of TASP to emerging fields and arenas of practice that could enrich and be enriched by our experiences together at the 2017 annual meeting.

Proposals are being encouraged from all professions, endeavors, and academic disciplines related to play from research to practice to advocacy. Submissions from undergraduate researchers and graduate students are encouraged. Students and international scholars may also apply for a TASP travel grant to defray some of their expenses (link on TASP website). All proposals will go through a peer-review process. Below is a brief description of the possible formats that sessions may take:

Individual Research Paper- These sessions present results of original research and will be arranged by the program committee around research themes and comprised of 3-4 related papers within one session.

Organized Session- A group of papers from presenters that are submitted together and organized around a common theme with a chair and an optional discussant.

Workshop/Performance- These interactive or performance based sessions will focus on current issues in play centered on research, practice and/or advocacy.

Report Roundtable- These sessions will include formal presentations of student research, research in progress, pilot studies, and play-oriented programs. Presenters will discuss their research/practice/endeavor with small groups of interested participants.

Poster- Participants wishing to share their work in a visual medium may submit posters presenting new research and scholarly work. The sessions will provide an opportunity for presenters to discuss their work informally with interested participants.

To submit a proposal please complete the [2017 proposal form](#). You will need to have:

- contact information of all the presenters
- title of proposal
- presentation abstract of 200 words or less
- program description of 50 words or less
- bios for all presenters
- audio-visual needs
- preferred day of presentation

Please note that all presenters will be required to register for the conference.

If you have any questions or are having trouble submitting your proposal,
please contact:

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