

Call for 2018 Appalachian Studies Conference Volunteers



Restitching the Seams
Appalachia Beyond Its Borders
41st Annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference
April 5-8, 2018
Millennium and Hyatt Hotels, Cincinnati, Ohio

In April 2018, the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition, an alliance of individuals and organizations committed to the well-being of Appalachian people, communities and cultural expression in the greater Cincinnati area, will host the **41st Annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference** in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference will draw more than 1,000 regional, national, and international leaders, scholars, educators, service providers, activists, advocates, and artists to address the issues that affect Appalachians both inside and outside the region, with a particular emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion, Economic Sustainability, Education, Environmental Sustainability, Health, and Migration. Activities will include over 200 sessions of conference presentations; exhibitions of organizational and publisher displays and evening music, literature and dance performances in downtown and Over-the-Rhine.

The mission of the Appalachian Studies Association is to promote and engage dialogue, research, scholarship, education, creative expression, and action among a diverse and inclusive group of scholars, educators, practitioners, grassroots activists, students, individuals, groups and institutions. The Urban Appalachian Community Coalition's mission is to provide an organizational structure through which urban Appalachians in the Cincinnati region can build mutual support, promote awareness of urban Appalachian people's contributions, and take action to address common concerns.

Together, we are calling students, teachers, human service professionals and all interested community members to assist in various aspects of pre-conference and conference tasks. College and high school students who volunteer will be able to participate in conference activities when not working, and they may be able to receive service learning credit from their schools for their volunteer efforts.

Volunteering for the Appalachian Studies conference allows you to deepen and increase your own knowledge and professional networks while assisting a valuable community effort. We hope you will join us for the fun and excitement of the 2018 Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Cincinnati!

Conference Volunteer Roles

We will need a small army of volunteers during the four days of the conference. Volunteers can serve as hosts for individual conference sessions, help with registration and hospitality, as well as volunteer for specialized jobs like helping backstage with performances. The full list of volunteer roles at the conference can be found at <http://uacvoice.org/asa2018/>, along with opportunities to sign up for volunteer roles that most interest you.

Pre-conference Volunteer Roles

Community members are also invited and encouraged to join us in preparing for this conference, starting now and leading up to April 2018. A list of pre-conference volunteer roles can be found at <http://uacvoice.org/asa2018/asa-volunteers/>. Interested? Email Debbie.Zorn@uacvoice.org.