



## Call for Presentations Communities of Care Symposium

<b>Communities of Care Symposium</b> <b>April 24 - 25, 2025</b> <b>Buffalo, NY</b>	<b>Featuring Keynote Speakers</b>  <b>Dr. Julie Avril Minich</b> <b>Dr. Jina Kim</b>
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This two-day symposium will bring together interested students, faculty, community organizers, and others to share their work on care and caring communities. We invite people who are interested in discussing care, disability, and communities from all backgrounds, including but not limited to, scholarship, activism, art. While we are grounded in critical disability studies, we are interested in the broader range of approaches to care and disability.

**We invite community members, artists, activists, and scholars to join us to:**

**Celebrate:** Share our successes in caring for one another, building networks of care and resilience, and creating joy in sharing time with one another.

**Interrogate:** What does care mean? In what directions does it flow? How do we think about care in the past? How can we imagine care now and in the future? When does care cause harm and how can harm be reduced? In what ways is care limited? How can we work toward more collective forms of care?

**Create Solidarity:** How can we support one another in our movements and goals? How can disparate work on care structures that impact particular people be supported by people doing work in other spaces?

**Share Knowledges:** What do we know about care? Where does this knowledge come from? What do we still need to learn? What are opportunities for co-creating and sharing knowledge that take into account the diversity of standpoints and experiences of care?

### **Types of presentations:**

Following are suggested presentation types, but you should feel free to be creative in your proposal.

Workshops (90 minutes)

These may be individual or cofacilitated.

Roundtables (90 minutes)

These should include a moderator and 3-5 respondents.

Panels (90 minutes)

These should include 3 individual papers and a chair or commentator.

Individual papers (15 minutes)

These will be organized into panels with 3 papers and 30 minutes for discussion.

Art displays or performances (90 minutes)

These may be organized with multiple artist statements or performances in the allotted time, or to run the full 90 minutes. Please specify your needs for set up and time in your proposal.

Other types of proposals are welcome





### **What to include in your presentation proposal:**

- A description of the presentation. (Approximately 100-300 words. Images may be included). This might include:
  - an abstract for each paper for panels
  - an abstract or outline for a workshop
  - proposed questions and a brief introduction to each participant for round tables
  - a summary or artists statement for displays or performances
  - or other types of explanations for other types of proposals.
- A statement on how the presentation relates to the theme of Communities of Care (Approximately 100-300 words)
- A brief statement of how you come to this work (as a scholar, activist, artist, community member, or any other identities or affiliations that may apply)
- Any requirements for set up (for example a projector)

Please send your proposal to Laurel Payne ([laurelpa@buffalo.edu](mailto:laurelpa@buffalo.edu)).

### **Important dates:**

Deadline to submit proposals: November 27, 2024

Notification of the status of your proposal: December 20, 2024

Deadline to submit access requests: January 31, 2025

Date of symposium: April 24 - 25, 2025

Location: Hyatt Regency Buffalo

2 Fountain Plz, Buffalo, NY 14202

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