



The Association for the Study of Play

2020 Conference Call for Proposals



2020 Theme: Play and popular culture

Rosa Parks has a Barbie. Toy Story 4 came out this summer. TASP was at the beginning TAASP. The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play. Our culture is steeped in play but not always in a serious way. On the other hand, the critique of the popular culture of play is constant. What do dolls represent? What color should Lego bricks be for girls? TASP 2020 will examine the cultural content of media and the anthropology of play. The historical significance of advocates of play who have influenced the study of play will also be recognized. Workshops, current research and commentary on play and culture will be welcomed for the 2020 conference.

Guidelines for Presenters

Organized Session (75 minutes)

Organized sessions offer the opportunity for attendees to organize a series of presentations related to the conference themes. Organizers of organized sessions will be responsible for: being the primary point of contact with Conference Planning Committee, identifying and inviting their session's participants and ensuring that they are registered for the conference and will attend the organized session. Organized Sessions will be comprised of four paper presentations with a suggested time of 20 minutes per speaker (15 min presenting, 5 min Q & A).

Roundtable Presentations Sessions (35 minutes)

Roundtable sessions include 10 participants who engage in an academic discussion on a specific topic of common interest. The roundtable discussions are an opportunity for participants to get together in an informal setting to examine issues as they relate to Play. There is no formal agenda, but there are specific topics. The roundtable facilitator must provide as much information as possible to the roundtable participants. Include any summary background information that is available, pertinent or pending legislation or regulatory requirements, web links, other references.

Workshops (75 minutes)

Workshops emphasize learning-by-doing and provide participants the opportunity to explore topics in depth through a combination of hands-on activities, reflection, and discussion. Proposals should include a detailed outline describing the types of learning activities and interaction you plan. Proposals should indicate the maximum number of participants and any special room set-up you might need.

Research Sessions (20 minutes)

Research session include a presentation and discussion of new or ongoing educational, professional, research related to play. Session leaders present their original research (i.e., systematically designed, generalizable studies employing sound methodologies and data

analysis practices) for the first 20-25 minutes, reserving 10-15 minutes for discussion. Although research sessions are designed primarily to share research projects and findings, proposals should clearly leave room for discussion or other activities, although the level of interaction is not expected to be as high.

Poster Sessions

The poster session provides an ideal format for presenting your research, program, or work-in-progress in a context where you can engage in many one-on-one discussions with colleagues. Attractive posters using large, readable fonts and illustrative graphics will attract conference participants and invite conversation about your work. Each poster presenter will have a 3×4-foot tri-fold poster board and tacks. The poster board can support single-sheet posters or individual 8½"×11" sheets. The poster session site has no multi-media support and no power outlets. Personal laptops may be used during the poster session, but we recommend bringing an additional battery, a back-up laptop, and/or paper handouts. Wireless internet access will be available throughout the conference space.

Proposal Guidelines

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Current contact information for main presenter and all co-presenters
- Session title (no more than 10 words)
- Session abstract (no more than 150-250 words)
- Session description (no more than 350-500 words)
- Provide a conceptual framework for your work.
- State expected outcomes for session participants.
- Outline the session activities and plan for interaction.
- Room setup
- Maximum number of people in the session

Proposal Submission

We welcome proposals featuring best practices, new resources, innovative approaches, discussion of critical issues, presentation of research, and work-in-progress. All proposals will be evaluated using a blind peer-review process. While we hope that presentations will include the conference theme we welcome all presentations that address play. Please submit your proposal by **January 15th, 2020**. [Click here to submit a proposal](#).

Conference Housing Information

[DoubleTree by Hilton San Antonio Downtown](#)

502 West Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

San Antonio, TX 78207

1-210-224-7155

Use reservation code TAS for online reservations. To reserve by phone with this rate, please ask for the contracted rate for The Association for the Study of Play (TASP). Our assigned contact at the hotel is Anthony Valdez (1-210-388-0322).