

Women & Theatre Program+: Allied Feminist Coalition
Call for Proposals
Association for Theatre in Higher Education Summer 2026 Conference
Wednesday, July 22 - Sunday, July 26

[ATHE's 2026 summer conference call](#) themed: "Activating Imagination In/And Community" asks us to think deeply and courageously about the role of theatre and performance in shaping our shared presents and collective futures. As we engage with ATHE's call to center collaboration "not only as a practice but as a political and ethical stance," Women & Theatre Program+: Allied Feminist Coalition welcomes proposals that examine how feminist, queer, and anti-oppressive practices remake collaboration itself—challenging hierarchies, redistributing power, and imagining what becomes possible when we build from care rather than control.

In addition to the broader questions posed by ATHE, WTP+ encourages the creation of innovative and non-traditional formats. We welcome session proposals that engage with the particular issues and concerns of our field and also encourage multi-focus group sessions. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- What does feminist imagination look like in practice—onstage, in the classroom, in rehearsal, in scholarship, and in institutions?
- What does it mean to create collaborative environments that center care?
- What hiring, promotion, and teaching practices embody feminist principles of equity and care and economic justice?
- What scholarship and pedagogy are we legitimizing, and how does this relate to the sharing of knowledge?
- How do we make space for collaborators across abilities, life circumstances, and career stages?
- How can we create inclusive spaces when institutional or production timelines and expectations don't align with these practices?
- How might we approach collaboration from global and transnational perspectives?

Submission Guidelines:

- ❖ **December 12, 2025: Proposals for complete summer conference sessions due to ATHE web portal.** A session is complete if it has 3 presenters, a title, a format, and a description. Session coordinators can "opt in" or "opt out" of opening up their session to the "Second Round of Submissions." To have your submission reviewed by WTP for sponsorship, select "WTP" in the "Select relevant Focus Group(s)" field of the portal.
- ❖ **March 9, 2026: Second round of summer conference submissions open.** ATHE will release a list of all of the sessions from the first round that opted into the "Second Round of Submissions." This is not a time to propose a new session. This round opens the submission process to add individual participants to already accepted sessions. If you are an individual member, this will give you an opportunity to find a session that you would like to join. **Second round submissions due March 27, 2026.**

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions to WTP+ Co-Conference Planners Wendy-Marie Martin (martinwml@hollins.edu) and Camilla Morrison (camillam@vt.edu).