

Call for Proposals
2018 Mid-America College Art Association Conference
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, Nebraska October 4 – 5, 2018

Techne Expanding: Tensions, Terrains and Tools, the 2018 Mid-America College Art Association Conference at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will take a wide-ranging look at technology and its use and impact on the teaching, making and performing of art as well as the broader human experience. Recognizing that technology has art and craft at its root (techne) and isn't limited just to bigger, better or faster tools and products, we will examine how we embrace or resist technology, how we celebrate or critique it, and consider its promise as well as its limits.

We are interested in the impact of technology on issues of privacy, gender, identity and the environment, its use in the teaching of art, its pervasiveness or invisibility, and how it affects ourselves, our bodies, our stories and our tools. Topics could include examinations of how technology affects our senses and our perceptions, its effects on storytelling and narrative, the potential and the limits of artificial intelligence, the relationship of technologies to hand labor and traditional tools and its use in collaborating as well as resisting or taking social action. We invite the consideration of any aspect of technology's promise, potential or pitfalls.

We hope for a broad, vibrant and thought-provoking look at technology. We hope to include designers, animators, game designers, and those working with virtual reality or computational, data based work. We welcome and expect to have exhibitions and performances at multiple venues.

In addition we are interested in proposals for workshops to be held on October 3, 2018, the day preceding the symposium.

Educators, Artists, Makers, Performers, Designers and Scholars across the full spectrum of disciplines are invited to share their expertise and perspectives in the form of presentations, panels and performances. We welcome proposals by individuals and groups and invite proposals for linked activities or streams.

To propose a session, workshop or performance, please send a title, proposed length in minutes of presentation and an abstract of no longer than 250 words to MACAA18@unl.edu. All proposals must be received by January 20, 2018.

Proposals should be sent by email to MACAA18@unl.edu by January 20, 2018.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Williams, Associate Professor and Conference Chair, swilliams2@unl.edu