

## **Call for Abstracts – Creating Space 11: The Edit**

Friday, April 16 2021

St. John's, NL (*in spiritu*)

*“... if the rapid changes in the last few weeks and months have taught us anything, it is these two lessons. First, health care is a shared cultural value and basic human right around which just societies can and must be built. Secondly, in a world whose social, economic, and political systems are being whipsawed by a pandemic and the variability of responses to it, the humanities are needed more than ever.”(Creating Space 10 Organizers, March 2020)*

Planned in the ‘Before Times,’ Creating Space 10 was to explore the multiple meanings of humanism in current health care and health professions education. Then it was cancelled. Nearly a year on, ever-watchful health care workers, educators, patients and clients now find ourselves wind-lashed. We’re trying to keep intact a health care system we helped build and defend.

The humanities are needed now more than ever. To help us rebuild life with greater justice, equity, and caring in the ‘After Times.’ The humanities may well be our port in the storm.

The annual Creating Space conference was dreamed up in St. John’s at the 2010 meeting of the Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME). Creating Space meetings have since been held in cities from Vancouver to Halifax; this year, Creating Space 11 was meant to be held in the place that inspired it. Instead, it will come to you from the everywhere/nowhere of the online universe. It will still come to you with a St. John’s sensibility: creative, cheeky, and pragmatic.

Thus, we bring you the Creating Space 11: The Edit, with its “un-theme.” Like the quiet following a storm, let Creating Space 11 be your blank canvas, your empty page. We want your scholarship, your analysis, your interpretation, your criticism, your new writing, your performances, your view of health and health care through a humanities lens — whether it is literature, philosophy, history, geography, law, politics, journalism, or art. Creating Space 11 will feature both scholarly and creative presentations, co-curated by a panel of health care professionals and creatives. Creating Space 11 will also mark the beginning of a new CAHH podcast series.

## Abstract Guidelines and Information

- Because Creating Space 11 will be virtual, we are accepting only abstracts for video presentations by single presenters. (Multiple authors may be on the abstract, but we are asking that the presentation be made by one person only.)
- Twelve 30-minute time slots will be reserved for live presentations on the day of the conference by Zoom, for a total of 6 hours of live programming on April 16; a number of other presenters will be invited to submit a 15- to 30-minute pre-recorded video of their paper or performance, and these will be made available on a password-protected part of the CAHH website for participants to view at their leisure. All presentations, whether "live-to-tape" or pre-recorded, will be available for watching at a later date until June 30, 2021. In this way we hope to include more material than we might have been able to at an in-person event.
- Abstracts must be written in English or French, maximum words 250, and authors should indicate whether their presentation is scholarly or creative. Scholarly presentations should include one learning objective and three key words. CME credits will be available for these.
- Those who had an oral abstract selected for Creating Space 10 are invited to re-submit, although re-acceptance cannot be guaranteed based upon this year's format.
- Please email abstracts to [creatingspace2021@gmail.com](mailto:creatingspace2021@gmail.com) with the subject line: "abstract submission [author last name], [scholarly/creative]"
- Abstract submission deadline Feb 15, 2021; notifications will be sent by Mar 15, 2021.
- Conference registration fees will go toward stipends for a conference assistant and creative co-curator, and include membership in CAHH for 2021. Full rate for Clinician or Academic \$200, Non-MD Health Professional \$150, Artists and Learners, free Please register here: <https://www.cahh.ca/new-products/annual-membership>. Registration will open Feb 1, 2021.
- Conference Proceedings will be distributed to registrants, CAHH members, and published on the CAHH website, but will not be indexed (e.g., Web of Science, Scopus). Select presenters will be interviewed for a new CAHH podcast.



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