

[Connecticut League of Museums 2024 Annual Conference](#)

## **Unity and Belonging: The Power of Interconnection**

Monday, June 3, 2024, Central Connecticut State University

### **Call for Session Proposals**

Deadline: Monday, April 8, 2024

This year's Connecticut League of Museums conference centers our strategic goals of unity and belonging to explore the power of museums and museum people when we come together as one diverse community. We invite session proposals that consider the many ways that museums are fostering a sense of unity and belonging in our fragmented society. The theme "Unity and Belonging: The Power of Interconnection" addresses both the ways individual institutions are serving their audiences and drawing in new ones, and the work we are doing as a big-tent field to come together and elevate one another. Here are some guiding questions to get you thinking—we're looking for your ideas, whatever they may be!

- What does belonging mean to you? In what ways do your collections, exhibitions, education, and/or programs communicate a sense of belonging?
- How do you balance the need for many voices and stories with the importance of presenting a coherent narrative?
- What collaborations, partnerships, or reciprocal relationships have you built to foster a sense of trust, community, or shared authority?
- How are you creating space for productive and diverse conversations?

Conference sessions are usually 50 minutes. We welcome all formats, including dialogues, conversations, roundtables, workshops, moderated discussions, performances, demonstrations, think tanks, panel presentations, working groups, and more. Successful sessions offer practical examples of projects and efforts that tackle real-world challenges, bring together presenters from more than one institution or community, and provide takeaways that participants can bring back to their own communities. We aspire to provide information and inspiration on Monday that can be put into practice on Tuesday, as well as spark thought in the year ahead.

In the spirit of unity and belonging, we are committed to broadening participation and making this our most inclusive and welcoming conference ever. We are especially seeking proposals from first-time attendees and presenters, as well as from organizations that have not been part of the League in the past. Opportunities will be available for newcomers to attend for free.

You don't have to be an expert to propose a session! We're eager to hear your ideas for think tanks and discussions on a subject you're curious about. If you've got some thoughts and are willing to moderate a conversation on a timely museum topic or issue, suggest it.

Got a session idea but need to find some fellow presenters? Join us for one of our virtual matchmaking sessions to get inspired and meet potential collaborators, [Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 12:00 noon](#) or [Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.](#) More info at [ctleague.org](http://ctleague.org).