



## CMRS 2024 Call for Volunteers

Aligning with the theme *More than Betwixt and Between?: Solidarity and Liberation in Beloved Communities*, the CMRS Program Committee seeks volunteers to serve as reviewers, session chairs, and other support for the Conference. We need your help to ensure the quality and success of the Conference through these important volunteer roles! We invite CMRS community members to engage in the peer-review process of submitted proposals. As peer-review is a mainstay of academic conferences and publishing, we want to ensure all CMRS members - including our artists, activists, and community members - are able to contribute to the forming of the beloved community we wish to manifest through the conference program.

### **REVIEWERS**

Reviewers ensure the quality, integrity, energy of the conference program. Ideally, they also provide CMRS members a valuable service by offering concrete feedback on their work, regardless of whether a proposal is accepted for presentation at the conference. As this will be our first in-person conference since the pandemic, we are unsure of the number of reviews that will be assigned but will strive to limit the number of reviews to no more than ten proposals each. Anyone can sign up to review and you will be asked your expertise areas to help with appropriate assignments. Reviewers will be given a rubric for their review based on the proposal type (e.g., review criteria for research papers will look different from workshops).

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer session chairs help facilitate grouped sessions or panels created from individual proposals. As a session chair, you would introduce the speakers, keep time, and help moderate discussion with audience members. We see this role as an additional opportunity to network toward building a beloved community.

### **OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Lastly, we are also asking for those interested in other volunteer opportunities with the conference to please sign up. These roles could include pre-conference preparations virtually, as well as in person support during the conference (e.g., registration, technology). You will be asked your interests and skills for determining assignments.

[Please complete the brief volunteer form by the deadline for proposal submissions](#) by August 25, 2023.