

## CALL FOR PAPER & WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is pleased to issue this call for proposals for the sixth gathering of **Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship** to be held **September 28-30, 2023** (begins at 4:30 Thursday and ends at noon Saturday, with optional immersion experiences on Thursday afternoon).

### CONFERENCE THEME & LOGISTICS

#### **Pathways Through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience**

Building on the conversations held in September 2014, October 2015, April 2017, October 2018, and October 2021, Rooted & Grounded 2023 will examine theological, biblical, and pastoral care responses to climate doom. Rather than being stuck in despair, how do people of faith find ways to combine active engagement and deeply rooted hope?

Keynote presenters will be:

- Kaitlin Curtice, Potawatomi Christian author and speaker, Thursday evening keynote and Friday morning workshop on “Resistance”
- Leah Thomas, AMBS Pastoral Care professor, Friday afternoon workshop on “Resilience”
- Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, AMBS Hebrew Bible professor, Friday evening keynote “Seeking Hope when the Path is Crooked: The Bible and Climate Change”

Current plans are to offer the conference in a hybrid format. Some elements will be available only to in-person participants, and some will be available to participants joining via livestream.

### GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS

Use the “Presentation Styles & Workshop Criteria” below to determine which option describes what you want to share at the conference, and submit your proposal using the corresponding form:

- [Paper Proposal Form](#)
- [Workshop Proposal Form](#)

Forms may be submitted through **April 30, 2023**. If you have difficulty with either form, please contact [rootedandgrounded@ambs.edu](mailto:rootedandgrounded@ambs.edu).

## PRESENTATION STYLES & WORKSHOP CRITERIA

### Guidelines for Papers

In a paper session, we are expecting a traditional presentation from a pre-written paper or an abbreviated version of a longer paper. The planning committee expects a paper's theme to be connected to the conference theme as this will be the primary criteria the committee will use to accept or decline submissions. Expectations for structure: a 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion

### Guidelines for Workshops

Like papers, workshops will also need to demonstrate how they are connected to the conference theme. An additional requirement for the review process is for workshop leaders to outline their plan for the workshop: sharing content, leading/facilitating interactive learning, and making space for reflection. Here is the suggested structure for a 60 minute workshop:

1. Introduction — 10 to 15 minutes
2. Interactive Learning Activity — 30 to 35 minutes
3. Reassembly for Reflection & Synthesis — minimum 15 minutes

## CONTACT

Please send questions to the conference committee at [rootedandgrounded@ambs.edu](mailto:rootedandgrounded@ambs.edu). Additional information will be made available at [ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded](http://ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded).

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