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# ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

The Appalachian Studies Association strives to ensure that all events are accessible to all participants and that participation be in a meaningful and comfortable manner for all.

## Individuals with Disabilities

All buildings on Tennessee Tech campus are accessible. The ramps are either in the front, rear or the side of the building.

RUC (main building for registration, exhibits, silent auction and posters): accessible from either the side or the basement.

For the session buildings, the accessibility ramps are as follows:

- Henderson Hall: located in the back of the building,
- TJ Farr Hall: located in the front of the building,
- Bartoo Hall: located on the South side of the building.

## Gender Inclusive Restrooms

There are several gender inclusive restrooms located around campus, including one in Henderson Hall (session building). It is on the 2nd floor, room 203. Another is in Southwest Hall 153. Other restrooms will be labeled if they are gender inclusive.

## Sober-Friendly Events

All events that occur on campus are sober-friendly.

## Areas of Loud Music, Crowds and High Traffic

- Exhibit Hall, Registration, Silent Auction  
*RUC Multipurpose Room*
- Posters, Breaks  
*RUC 1st & 2nd Floor Lobbies, Bryan Fine Arts*
- Publishers' Reception and Newcomers' Reception  
*Tech Pride Room*
- Rachel Rodriguez Performance  
*Wattenbarger Auditorium*  
*TJ Farr Building (FARR)*
- Music Event (The Billbreys)  
*Putnam County Library*
- Memorial Gym Memories Community Event

### *Memorial Gym*

- Conference Opening, Awards Ceremonies, & In Memoriam; Keynote; and Plenaries  
*Stonecipher Lecture Hall (SCL): 113 & 126*

## Infants and Children at the Conference

Lactation rooms are available on campus.

- Southwest Hall, Room 134
- Henderson Hall, Room 101

## First-Time Attendees

First-time attendees are invited to wear ribbons, which are available at registration. Everyone is encouraged to seek out our new members to make them feel welcome. Please join us in welcoming our newcomers at the Publishers' Reception and Book Signing and the Newcomers Reception on Saturday, March 22, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm. Both are in the Roaden University Center, Tech Pride Room.

## Pronoun Stickers

There are pronoun stickers available at registration. ASA would like to thank Sylva Pride for their generous donation of stickers.

## Childcare Grant Program

Creating an inclusive conference is a priority of the Appalachian Studies Association. While all are welcome to attend the conference, we understand the financial burden of seeking child and/or dependent care during conference events. With this grant program, we hope to offset the cost of the conference for those with dependents. Learn more [here](#).