



ARTS + WELLNESS

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The 12th **VERGE CONFERENCE** of the **School Of The Arts, Media + Culture**
Co-sponsored by the **TWU School Of Nursing**
Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia, Canada

The Concert, by Gerard van Honthorst

Discussions around wellness and wellbeing seem pervasive, touching ever-increasing aspects of life. This academic conference seeks to explore a variety of relationships concerning wellness/health and the arts.

for example...

- + How can/do the arts contribute to wellness in different facets of human society: persons, communities, environment, economies...?
- + How does wellness in these and other areas of human society in turn affect the arts?
- + Are there specific arts and health/wellness initiatives that others would benefit hearing about?
- + In what way has arts-based research or knowledge translation been used in healthcare?
- + With regards to nursing practice, how is aesthetic ways of knowing connected to health, healing, and/or wellness?
- + ...any topic relating to the arts and wellness.

Keynote Speakers:

Jeff R. Warren, Ph.D.
Professor and Coordinator of Music and Humanities
Quest University Canada

Kendra Rieger, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Nursing
University of Manitoba

We welcome submissions from any discipline that engage any topic relating to the arts and wellness.

Please submit presentation abstracts (300 words) and a short bio (100 words) to samc@twu.ca. Presentation length is 25 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion of each paper. We welcome non-conventional forms of presentation, including lecture-recitals and other performances (a different time frame may be proposed). In order to facilitate discussion throughout the conference, no more than thirty presenters will be chosen to present and there will be no more than two concurrent sessions.

The deadline for proposals is **May 21, 2019**, with notification of acceptance by June 15.

The Verge is a scholarly initiative of TWU's School of the Arts, Media + Culture, aimed at exploring interdisciplinary intersections of the arts with various other disciplines and cultural concerns. Past conferences themes have included spirituality, the Inklings, environment, ethics, knowing, social action, and identity.

Conference Hosts:

David Squires, Ph.D. *Artistic Director of The Verge*
Dean + Professor of Music, School of the Arts, Media + Culture

Angela Wolff, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

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