

THE 76TH UFVA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FREDONIA, JULY 25-30, 2022.

Greetings, UFVA members, friends and potential members!

Dean of the SUNY Fredonia College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dr. J. Andy Karafa and UFVA Conference Vice President Marc May extend an invitation to you to gather in idyllic, western New York on the SUNY Fredonia campus for the 2022 UFVA conference.

Since 1947, the University Film & Video Association has been dedicated to advancing the study and teaching of the cinematic arts. After two years of virtual conferencing, UFVA's dynamic community of artists, researchers, writers, teachers and scholars will return to an in-person meeting for our 76th UFVA Conference in July.

Again we will spotlight and share our innovative filmmaking, scholarship, scriptwriting, new media, and pedagogy across all our areas of professional achievement. Primary conference events such as speakers, panels, vendors, screenings, workshops and exhibitions will be presented over the **four days from the morning of Tuesday, July 26th thru the evening of Friday, July 29th.**

The exchange of ideas at UFVA is valuable, and we welcome the opportunity to foster new relationships and rekindle old ones with our peers. Thus, expect the return of traditional events such as the picnic, banquet, golf and basketball.

Located on the ancestral home of the Erie and Seneca peoples, the SUNY Fredonia campus is situated in the charming, picturesque village of Fredonia. With a population of less than 10,000, Fredonia has a small town atmosphere and is located three miles from the beaches of Lake Erie.

The main campus is modern and known for its attractive architecture, co-designed in 1968 by the legendary I.M. Pei. "Founded in 1826, the university is among the most storied in the State University of New York system. It is home to a world-renowned School of Music and over 100 degree programs." The Department of Communication at SUNY Fredonia is providing conference support via its students, spaces, and Chair Roslin Smith serving as Conference Host.

Average high temperatures in Fredonia in late July are 80 degrees (F) with average overnight lows of 62. Daytime highs during this same period in 2021 ranged between 84 and 72 degrees (F).

Buffalo Niagara International is the nearest large airport, approximately 60-70 minutes away by car, and serviced by seven major carriers. The much smaller Erie airport is about the same distance, serviced by two carriers. A transportation option directly to Fredonia from the Buffalo airport is being planned for the respective beginning and end dates of the conference.

Fredonia is approximately an 8 hour-drive from Boston, Chicago, New York City; and 90-minutes from the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Pre-pandemic, international travelers to Fredonia commonly flew into Toronto Pearson, about two and a half hours.

There are a plethora of vacation and recreational opportunities in the area including: Niagara Falls; the National Comedy Center; Chautauqua Institution; Lake Erie Wine Trail; Lily Dale Assembly; Audubon Community Nature Center; Robert H Jackson Center and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History.

Conference attendees should plan to arrive on Monday, July 25 and depart on Saturday, July 30. (Board and Foundation members should expect to arrive a day earlier for Monday meetings.) Announcements about hotel options and on-campus housing will be made.

Due to Covid-19, the vaccination policy of SUNY Fredonia for campus visitors will be in effect. Proof of vaccination will be requested of all visitors. We require that masks be worn inside **all buildings** on campus for everyone. This is subject to change per policy update.

Conference submissions will open in January.

SUNY Fredonia website:

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We look forward to seeing you in-person in Fredonia in July 2022!

Sincerely,



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