

converging pathways

2022 VASTA Hybrid Conference
Sonoma State University, CA



In 2022, VASTA will have its first in person conference in two years. In the spirit of inclusion and accessibility, we will have hybrid online events and workshops available.

Voice and speech practitioners have learned how to connect and collaborate in new ways over the past few years. The varying pathways through which we can communicate beyond our established sensibilities have expanded the colours in the palette of life and in our practice and pedagogy.

Through the convergence of our multicultural and interdisciplinary voices, bodies, communities, and narratives, we are launching ourselves into a brave new arena, “ripe” with inspiration and collective wisdom. Converging Pathways is the time to collect our knowledge and study new intersections between voice, speech, culture, storytelling, technology, and artistry.

The conference team is creating a dynamic, engaging, thoughtful conference schedule with three keynote sessions, countless workshops and panels, and endless opportunities for connection.

Join us virtually or in-person for VASTA’s 2022 Hybrid Conference: Converging Pathways!

Online 3-Day Professional Pass:

Access the online-only portions of the conference. The perfect package for members who are unable to attend the conference in person this year!

Standard Rate: \$150

Online 3-Day Student Pass:

Access the online-only portions of the conference at the student rate!

Standard Rate: \$50

Remember, this year's in-person registration for the conference is ALL-INCLUSIVE! Included in the price is:

- A four night stay (July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th)
 - Three meals a day (14th, 15th, 16th)
 - Breakfast on July 17th
 - Welcome and farewell dinner
 - Parking for your entire stay
- Access to the entire conference both onsite and online

The accommodations in the Beaujolais Village at Sonoma State offer a 4-bedroom apartment with private baths and a shared living space and kitchen. Rooms can be shared with family for additional rates. The floors have radiant heating and there is a swimming pool and spa located in the middle of the village.

This package offers our **best deal** for the conference - \$300 for your conference access and all meals, and only \$350 for your accommodation. That's \$87.50 a night!

Early Bird: \$650
Standard Rate: \$750

Learn details about registration and pricing here: vasta.org/2022-conference-registration.

All you have to worry about is arriving and let us do the rest!

Please contact us with any questions:
conferencedirector@vasta.org.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Safwat Saleem is a Pakistani-American visual artist, graphic designer, and filmmaker. Safwat will share a unique story about overcoming his fear of public speaking by discovering the magic of voiceover and subsequently voicing his own cartoons.

Stan Brown and **Nicole Cowans** will have an inter-generational conversation on shared experiences in the voice and speech world. Currently a professor and Director of the MFA Acting studies at Northwestern, Stan published his column, "The Cultural Voice"—which includes personal experiences as a black man in actor training and anti-racist approaches to voicework—in the first-ever VSR publication. Nicole is an established voice and speech coach, integral sound healing practitioner, performance artist, and member of the Converging Pathways team.

Patsy Rodenburg will discuss her newest research and workshops mediated by Registered Rodenburg Teacher, **William Ryder**. All keynotes will be featured on our hybrid platform with opportunities to participate in the Q&A as well.

Make sure to follow @vasta on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to keep apprised of the latest updates.

We cannot wait to connect, collaborate, and create at beautiful Sonoma State this July!
