

The Tenth Annual Open Books – Open Minds (Online) Student Conference

Call for Papers and Projects

Rhode Island College's Open Books – Open Minds Program invites students to submit papers and creative projects to be featured on [our website](#) and the [DigitalCommons@RIC](#) repository. We are seeking submissions in a range of formats and media on any topic inspired by **Tommy Orange's *There There***:

Visual art / Musical performances / Skits or dramatic performances / Poetry readings
Creative pieces/ Academic writing

Awards will be given in these categories:

- Research papers
- Creative writing
- Innovative visual/audio media

Deadline for submissions to be considered for awards: April 23, 2021

Use the [Submission Form](#) to submit your paper or project

Email inquiries to aduneer@ric.edu, bhawk@ric.edu or mbrucepatterson@ric.edu

Possible topics:

- Native American cultures, traditions, and rituals
- Nativism
- Native Americans in Rhode Island
- Genocide of Native Americans
- Native American names and naming practices
- Native American reservations
- Native Occupation of Alcatraz
- Urban Life
- Refugees
- Borders
- Colonialism
- Exile, Loss, and Dislocation
- Self and Other
- Race, ethnic, national, & class identities
- Intersectionality
- Human Rights
- Family
- Gun violence
- Drug and substance abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Addiction and Recovery
- Disability

- Storytelling
- Music and Dance
- Creative Writing and Culture
- American History
- Gender
- Self-Determination
- Rebuilding