

## Call for Presentations American Studies Association of Texas 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference "Reconciliation & Restoration"

Abstract proposals for presentations & panels will be accepted for ASAT's2025 conference starting May 31 and will be open through Sept. 30, 2025. This year's theme is "Reconciliation & Restoration." Use "ASAT2025" as your Subject. Send your "blind" 250-word abstract to: mail to:asat2025submissions@gmail.com.

Our conference will beat Baylor University in Waco Nov. 13-15.Registration and an exciting program are set for Thursday night, with the conference running all day Friday and through noon on Saturday.

This year's theme, "Reconciliation & Restoration," emerged from last year's theme of "Harmony & Discord." While last year's theme focused on contrasting ideas, this year's theme focuses on reconciling and restoring relationships. We see reconciliation as a healing process that allows individuals and groups to address tensions. We understand restoration as a means to rebuild communities and cultures through healthy discourse. We'll be excited to see abstract proposals that interpret this year's theme from an American Studies perspective.

ASAT encourages academic and creative proposals for panels, papers and visual presentations that reflect contemplative inquiry of the conference theme from an interdisciplinary perspective. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals (endorsed by a faculty mentor). We also welcome contributions from retired scholars. Again: keep it simple. Please limit your "blind" abstract (no name or professional affiliation) to250words. But do include a separate cover sheet with a working title, your full name, school affiliation (if applicable), and contact info. If your presentation is accepted, you will be enrolled as an ASAT member through your conference registration fees.

We'd like prospective presenters to write abstracts that examine the complex relationship between Reconciliation & Restoration, but we'll also consider presentations dealing with issues relating to American culture, especially ones that focus on Texas, the South – or the Southwest.

## Please see the list below for suggested scholarship areas we'll welcome as abstracts:

African American/Black Studies
Health & Wellness
Agricultural/Rural Studies
Hispanic Studies
Art (visual/performing)/Music
Historical and/or Political Perspectives
Asian American Studies
Journalism/Public Relations/New Media
Communication Studies
Language & Literature
Creative Writing

Native American Studies
Environmental Studies
Philosophy
Fashion Design
Popular Culture
Film/Theatre Studies
Sociology/Anthropology
Folk Lore Studies
Technology/Artificial Intelligence
Gender Studies
War