



Call For Papers
ASAT's 67th Annual Conference
“Harmony & Discord”

Starting May 20, 2024, submissions of abstracts for presentations and panels will be accepted for the 2024 ASAT conference, which will take place from November 14 - 16 on the campus of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

This year's theme is Harmony & Discord. Emerging from last year's theme of Death and Rebirth, ASAT continues to explore the fertile terrain of contrasting ideas. On a daily basis, we experience harmony's strength and beauty clashing against discord's messy notes and ugliness. The world seems to be in an endless push and pull between harmony and discord, with détente frequently undercut by tribalism and suspicion. This is true on the global stage as well within the United States. We are excited to see submissions that interpret this theme from an American Studies perspective.

ASAT encourages the submission of academic and creative proposals for panels, papers, and visual presentations that reflect a contemplative inquiry of the conference theme from an interdisciplinary perspective. Presenters should be professionals in their field, though graduate and undergraduate students are also encouraged to submit proposals endorsed by a faculty mentor. Blind abstracts should be limited to 250 words and include a separate cover sheet with a working title, your full name, school affiliation (if applicable), and contact info. Your name and/or affiliation should not appear on your abstract. **Submissions open May 20, 2024, and close September 30, 2024.**

We kindly ask prospective presenters to write abstracts that examine the complex relationship between harmony and discord, but we will also consider presentations that deal with issues relating to American culture in any form or fashion, especially ones that focus on Texas, the South, or the Southwest. The following is a list of suggested areas of scholarship you may consider when exploring our conference theme:

African American/Black Studies	Native American Studies
Health & Wellness	Environmental Studies
Agricultural & Rural Studies	Philosophy
Hispanic Studies	Fashion Design
Art (visual/performing) and Music	Popular Culture
Historical and/or Political Perspectives	Film/Theatre Studies
Asian American Studies	Sociology
Journalism	Folk Lore Studies
Communication Studies	Technology
Language & Literature	Gender Studies
Creative Writing	War