



**Symposium About Language and Society, Austin (SALSA):
January 16-17, 2026
The University of Texas at Austin**

**Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Luke Fleming (University of Montreal)**

The Symposium About Language and Society, Austin (SALSA) is an annual conference that brings together scholars from around the world who study the social life of language. We are now accepting submissions for **SALSA XXX**, which will take place **January 16-17, 2026**. The deadline for submissions is ~~October 6, 2025~~. **Note: Deadline extended to October 15, 2025!**

One panel at this year's conference will be devoted to the theme "Taboo and Transgression." For the other panels, we welcome papers on any topic concerning the use of language in social life. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Language and social interaction
- Gesture and embodiment
- Language ideologies
- Semiotics
- New media and AI
- Language policy and planning
- Speech play and verbal art
- Language documentation and revitalization
- Raciolinguistics
- Multilingualism and language contact
- Political communication
- Language and posthumanism

If you would like to submit your paper for consideration on the thematic panel, please indicate so on your proposal. If your proposal is not accepted to the thematic panel, you will still be considered for the conference as a whole.

Submission Guidelines

The deadline for abstract submission is October 15, 2025.

Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words as an attachment to

salsa.austin.tx@gmail.com

Subject: SALSA XXX Abstract

Please include the following in your email message but NOT in the abstract (with the exception of title, which should appear in both):

- Paper Title
- Author's name (if more than one author, list primary author first followed by subsequent authors)

- Consideration for thematic panel?: Yes ____ No ____
- Author(s) affiliation
- E-mail address at which author prefers to be contacted
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12; 1.5 inter-line spacing
- Equipment required for presentation

For more information about the conference, see <https://sites.utexas.edu/salsa/>
Questions can be sent to salsa.austin.tx@gmail.com

Conference Organizers

The conference is presented by the SALSA Graduate Student Organization at UT-Austin, Jessica Bernard (co-chair), Kristina Juergensmeyer (co-chair), Will Norton, and Maximilian Conrad.

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