

# 2024 Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA) Symposium

## Relevancy(?)

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Indiana University, Bloomington

Featuring a keynote lecture by

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The Annual Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA) Symposium is hosted by the AGSA of Indiana University, Bloomington each spring. The Symposium provides a venue for graduate students in anthropology and related fields to share their research with the larger departmental, university, and Bloomington communities. We welcome presentations from students at all stages and especially encourage students to present formal conference papers, dissertation proposals, or works-in-progress. Additionally, to facilitate engagement between students and faculty, faculty serve as discussants for each panel.

This year's Symposium is oriented around the theme of *Relevancy(?)* in which we consider the relevancy of anthropological fieldwork, research, and the discipline itself. Anthropology often mediates between academia and the public sphere, keeping concerns of disciplinary and interdisciplinary relevancy fresh. The intentional framing of the theme with a parenthetical question mark opens up space for consideration of anthropological relevancy, lack thereof, or other possibilities in-between. In what ways is our work relevant to our own lives and social contexts, those of our interlocutors, and the larger publics with which we may engage? What constitutes relevancy in our work, or in anthropology or ethnography more generally? This symposium invites presentations of conventional and creative formats that somehow connect to or reflect on the theme of *Relevancy(?)*.

Students will have 15 minutes to present papers or proposals. Poster presentations will occur at a designated time in which students will have about an hour to present and answer attendee questions as needed. As alternative formats are accepted, please make a note in your submission if you require more than 15 minutes for your presentation as well as any other materials or accommodations.

Submissions require:

- Title of presentation
- Presentation Type
- Abstract (250-300 words)
- Presenter(s) Information



Please submit proposals to our submission form:

[https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0rNnGCmxYwgDQ10](https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rNnGCmxYwgDQ10)

**The deadline for proposal submissions is 11:59pm EST on Friday, February 2nd, 2024.**

If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified by February 10th, 2024.

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Attendance and participation in the Symposium are free and open to both graduate and undergraduate students from any department.



More information can be found on our Symposium website:

<https://agsasympoium2024.wordpress.com>

Further inquiries can be directed to the AGSA Symposium Organizing Committee at [iuagsasympoium@gmail.com](mailto:iuagsasympoium@gmail.com)