



**Symposium About Language and Society, Austin (SALSA):
January 15-16, 2027
The University of Texas at Austin**

**Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Kristina Wirtz (Western Michigan University)**

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 XXXI**, which will take place **January 15-16, 2027**. The deadline for submissions is **October 16, 2026**.

The theme for SALSA XXXI is “Rites and Ritual”: How can language forge identities and shape the way we encounter the social in ritualized life, both religious and secular? One panel will be thematically focused on the conference theme. 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, LLMs, and AI • Language policy and planning • Language education	• 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 16, 2026.

Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words, Times New Roman, size 12; 1.5 inter-line spacing as an attachment to

salsa.austin.tx@gmail.com

Subject: SALSA XXXI 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:

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, Maximilian Conrad (chair), Feiyao Liao, and Sara Gace.

SALSA

University of Texas at Austin
Department of Anthropology
William C. Powers (WCP) 4.114
Phone: (512) 471-4206
Email: salsa.austin.tx@gmail.com