

# ATLAS 2025 Annual Conference

## Call for Proposals



ATLAS invites submissions for the 2025 annual conference from faculty, staff, and graduate students at UMD and other based universities. We are accepting proposals for panel presentations, roundtable sessions, and a poster session. The conference welcomes various academic fields and research interests centered on the topic of Africa and/or its diaspora, which includes African American, Afro-Latino, and Caribbean studies.

The theme for 2025 ATLAS annual conference is “Agency, Decolonization, and the Politics of Knowledge Production.” With this theme, we hope to foster interdisciplinary, critical discussion broadly related to the recent calls for an epistemic break with Western forms of knowledge and control. The “decolonization debate” has impacted a range of scholarly fields including literature and language, education, sociology and anthropology, geography, women’s and gender studies, psychology, international development and politics, environmental sciences, agriculture/land management, and public health, to name a few. Scholars from any discipline whose work engages issues related to issues of power, domination, and agency (broadly defined) within and between communities and identities; histories and intellectual traditions; politics and policies; social movements; migrations and displacements; natural and built environments; infrastructure and urban planning; religion and spiritualities; engineering; material cultures; languages and literatures; or media and other forms of cultural production in African and African-diasporic contexts are encouraged to submit an abstract.

The 2025 ATLAS conference will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park campus from Thursday, February 27th – Friday, February 28th. The proposal submission deadline is Monday, December 2, 2024.

ATLAS (Africa Through Language and Area Studies) serves as a nexus for the study of African and African-diasporic languages, history, contemporary issues, and research at the University of Maryland with the goal of increasing the understanding of the African continent and its growing global influence. ATLAS seeks to highlight research and scholarship from a variety of academic disciplines. This program hosts numerous speaker series and an annual conference on the study of Africa and its diaspora; including African American, Afro-Latino, and Caribbean studies; bringing together faculty, staff, and students from the University of Maryland campus and beyond.

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