

# Southeastern Immigration Studies Association

## 2021 Meeting

The Southeastern Immigration Studies Association (SEISA) is excited to host its second annual conference from April 7th to 10th, 2021. This year's conference will be entirely virtual and embraces the theme:

*“Immigration in Overlapping Pandemics: Racism, COVID, and a Call for Systemic Change”*

### Call for Proposals:

This conference promises to bring together interdisciplinary perspectives from scholars, practitioners, students, and community-based advocates to discuss pressing contemporary issues related to immigration. While we are located and focus on issues in the Southeast, we invite comparative analysis across regions in the U.S., as well as proposals from scholars and practitioners in other areas of the U.S. who can speak to contemporary immigration issues in their communities. Facilitators will moderate discussions and paper presentations related to the mechanisms through which the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic continues to reveal, amplify, and entangle with the magnitude of past and current injustices including the uneven distribution of, and access to economic, educational, environmental and health resources along racial, gender, and immigrant status lines. Moreover, we seek to trace the long-lasting needs and consequences of this particular moment, one in which racialized immigration restrictions, policies, and discourses continue to gain traction as the pandemic rages. We aim to focus not only on the challenges of current times and spaces, but also the resilience and leadership of various activist and community organizing efforts. This conference will build and strengthen relationships between various stakeholders revealing the opportunities and challenges of the current moment.

Given this broad scope, we invite proposals related to topics, including:

- Activism and organizing
- Anti-immigrant policies and analysis
- Belonging
- Change in presidential administration and the 2020 elections
- Community-based organizations and immigrant networks
- Collective resistance
- COVID-19
- DACA
- Education
- Economics
- Faith-based organizations and immigrant networks
- Geography
- Immigrant detention and deportation
- Immigration and education
- Immigration reform

- Immigrants and identity
- Language learners/emergent bilinguals
- Methods/methodology
- Police reform
- Public health
- Racial/ethnic dynamics among/between immigrants
- Racial uprising and protest
- Sanctuary cities/campus

SEISA encourages multiple methods of analysis, including policy analysis, conceptual, qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods, and collaborative, practitioner-focused, or community-based research. We also encourage papers/presentations from a variety of stakeholders, community organizations, and graduate, undergraduate, and K-12 students.

Proposals can be made for one of three session types:

- Traditional Paper/Presentation: Authors will have approximately 15 minutes to share a paper presentation. Discussion and questions will follow.
- Current Issues Dialogue: This session will feature structured conversations among participants regarding pressing issues, immediate concerns, or necessary collaboration.
- Open Sessions: 45 minute - 1-hour blocks for workshops, creative works, book talks, fireside chats/interviews, and other miscellaneous ideas.

Proposals should be no longer than 750 words and address the project/study/session, including aims/purpose/outcomes, methods of inquiry (if applicable), and significance to the study of immigration and/or conference theme.

Please submit proposals by **11pm EST on February 20th, 2021**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out no later than March 1st, 2021. Additional details regarding the virtual format will be provided upon notification of acceptance.

Registration for full-time faculty will be \$100. For graduate students and part-time faculty, the registration will be \$50. We are also working to create a few registration scholarships for those facing financial difficulties or restraints related to COVID-19. The event will be free for community advocates and undergraduate students. More details regarding registration will be provided shortly.

We look forward to receiving your proposal,  
The SEISA planning team

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