



## **Call for Proposals**

### **ACSUS 2027 28th Biennial Conference**

## **Ahead by a Century**

**November 11-14, 2027**

**The Westin, Ottawa, Ontario**

2027 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Canada. In recognition of this milestone, the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) is pleased to announce its 28th biennial conference from November 11 - 14, 2027 in Ottawa, Ontario, under the theme of "**Ahead by a Century**". The conference is open to all proposals with a significant Canadian focus. We welcome papers and panel proposals from students, professors, independent scholars, and practitioners on all diverse and critical perspectives and topics related to our 2027 theme. We especially encourage panels and papers addressing subjects in the following categories:

- Border Issues, Integration, Trade, and Economics
- Critical Cultural Studies and Philosophy
- Energy and the Environment
- Foreign Policy and Defense
- Gender, Identities, Minorities, and Diversity
- History
- Indigenous and Settler Colonial Studies
- International Relations
- Law, the Constitution, and Land Claims
- Literature, Film, Music, and the Arts in English
- Literature, Film, Music, and the Arts in French
- Politics and Public Policy
- Québec Studies and the Francophone Presence in North America
- Teaching of Canada and Education Through Diverse Perspectives
- The North and Arctic Studies Through Diverse Perspectives
- Students' research

### **Ahead by a Century**

The 2027 conference theme borrows its title from a hit song by the Canadian rock band The Tragically Hip, whose iconic status at home was never quite matched by commercial resonance in the U.S. market -- a fitting emblem of the complex shared history, and enduring differences, that define the Canada-U.S. relationship. As ACSUS marks a century of U.S.-Canada diplomacy, our 2027 theme invites retrospection and anticipation: what has a century of diplomacy meant for Canada and its neighbor, and what does it mean to stay "ahead" in a period of rapid change and new challenges in U.S.-Canada affairs? How have

Canadian identity, policy, and culture evolved over the past century, and where might they be headed? What inflection points, past and present, have shaped the relationship between the two countries? Proposals that engage with these themes of milestones, change and continuity, and their implications for the future through diverse, critical, and cross-disciplinary perspectives are encouraged, though submissions on any subjects addressing Canada and/or Canadian American topics are welcome.

The conference venue is The Westin Ottawa, located in the heart of downtown Ottawa, within walking distance of Parliament Hill, the ByWard Market, and many of the city's national museums. Accommodations are provided at the special ACSUS conference rate of **\$265 CAD** (single or double occupancy), which would convert to approximately \$190 USD based on current exchange rates (which will likely change over time). Attendees may book deluxe rooms at higher rates; please call the Westin Ottawa to explore other options within our group rate package. For a detailed overview of this property, please see [The Westin Ottawa website](#). ACSUS group rates will be available through **October 13, 2027**.

The opening reception will take place on the evening of **Thursday, November 11** at the Westin Ottawa. The academic program, including paper and panel sessions, meal plenaries, and other conference activities will begin the following morning, **Friday, November 12**, and continue through **Sunday, November 14**.

Details for the conference schedule, and its registration fees (***which include a required 2-year ACSUS membership valued at \$120 USD***), are as follows:

- The final date to submit a conference proposal to the [ACSUS website](#) is **February 1, 2027**.
- Confirmations will be sent out to participants by **April 1, 2027**.
- For individuals who stay at The Westin Ottawa, the early conference registration fee is **\$359 USD before August 1, 2027**. To receive this discounted members' registration rate, individuals must first make a hotel reservation with The Westin Ottawa. At the time of [on-line registration](#) for the conference, you will need to enter your assigned hotel confirmation number to secure the reduced registration rate.
- For individuals who stay at The Westin Ottawa and who register **after August 1, 2027**, the registration fee is **\$399 USD**.
- For individuals who opt to stay at a non-conference hotel, registration fees are **\$459 USD**.
- Registration for undergraduate and graduate students is sharply discounted at a rate of **\$125 USD**, which includes a 2-year ACSUS membership.
- For individuals residing in the National Capital Region, registration fees are \$359 USD before August 1, 2027, and \$399 USD after August 1, 2027.
- A one-day registration fee is available at **\$150 USD** for non-members. Accepted presenters who register at the one-day rate will be also required to purchase an ACSUS membership at the appropriate fee.
- For individuals who are retired and stay at The Westin Ottawa, the registration fees are **\$299 USD before August 1, 2027**, and **\$399 USD after August 1, 2027**. For retirees who do not stay at the conference hotel, the registration rate is **\$399 USD**.

All registration fees listed above are in U.S. dollars, while Westin Ottawa room rates above are in Canadian dollars. All presenters who wish to be listed in the printed and online conference program must register

for the conference by **September 1, 2027**. Conference registration refunds will be honored until **October 1, 2027**.

ACSUS has an online access platform on our website, which allows for conference paper and panel submissions, as well as membership registrations. Scholars interested in submitting a proposal for the conference should forward an abstract of not more than 300 words (including a working title) to [www.acsus.org](http://www.acsus.org) no later than **February 1, 2027**. Paper presenters must be current ACSUS members in good standing, and submissions from graduate students and exceptional undergraduates are warmly welcomed. Confirmations regarding participation at the conference will be sent out to participants by **April 1, 2027**. Please see the [ACSUS conference website](http://www.acsus.org) for more information.

For further inquiries, kindly contact the 2027 ACSUS conference program chair, David Stewart, at: [vicepresident@acsus.org](mailto:vicepresident@acsus.org).

*ACSUS acknowledges that Ottawa is situated on the unceded and unsundered territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation, whose presence in this region reaches back many thousands of years. We make this acknowledgment to remind ourselves that, by being here today, we strive to remedy this injustice through our beliefs and actions in helping to steward our communities and our relationships with Indigenous peoples and nations.*

*ACSUS is an organization committed to the principles of equity, justice, and diversity and works to ensure meaningful inclusion.*