



***Enchantment and Transformation***  
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Social scientists have long been drawn to captivating landscapes and the study of cultural difference. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must reckon with the inchoate process of facing and transforming the exclusionary relations and discourses that permeate our institutions, fields of work, partnerships, and habits of practice and thought. We invite social scientists to engage in, share, and reflect upon the work of transformation required of anthropology and to do so in the spirit of enchantment, of playful unruliness and wonderment at both the taken-for-granted and the new possibilities in our work.

Contributors are invited to share their efforts to radically diversify applied social science in a way that is hospitable to those historically excluded—in terms of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual identity, and ability, among others—and to focus on dismantling the systems and relationalities that produce exclusion. How do social scientists greet the everyday with a sense of awe at the possibilities for justice and care? How have we transformed our work in response to Black Lives Matter, decolonization movements, anthropogenic climate change and environmental injustices, Standing Rock and Bears Ears, and the COVID-19 pandemic? How can we imagine and operationalize these possibilities without falling into old habits and relationalities? How can we imagine and operationalize possibilities for transformation within our discipline, our fields of study, and in the general spaces in which we operate? What points of resistance and potentiality are we experiencing in navigating the institutions and collaborations inherent to practice? What is the role of social science in attracting and building foundations for knowledge production for on-the-ground transformation? How does applied social science look and feel when we put these perspectives front and center?

We invite contributors to showcase new forms of collaboration for mutual benefit in the spirit of care and radical hospitality; identify how to use social science in the service of projects for inclusion, autonomy, and social change; and to expand social science to the point where multispecies perspectives are less of a specialization and more central to disciplinary practice and transdisciplinary collaboration.

The Society for Applied Anthropology's 2024 annual meeting will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, long regarded as “the land of enchantment” for its mesmerizing landscape and rich, intersectional cultural histories. It is the region the Tewa, Towa, Tiwa, Zuni, and Keres-speaking Pueblos call home, as well as the Athapascan-speaking Navajo and Apache, and other Native American groups with close ties to the region. These lands were colonized by Spain and then the United States of America. It is a place where people contend with the environmental consequences of mining for the military industrial complex, but also world famous as a center for artistic production that reflects its rich and complex cultural history. Santa Fe and the broader Southwest are the product of long and still ongoing historical processes of migration and cultural change. Come join us in Santa Fe, an ideal space for doing the work of transformation in the spirit of enchantment.

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