



Association for
Borderlands Studies

Conference Program

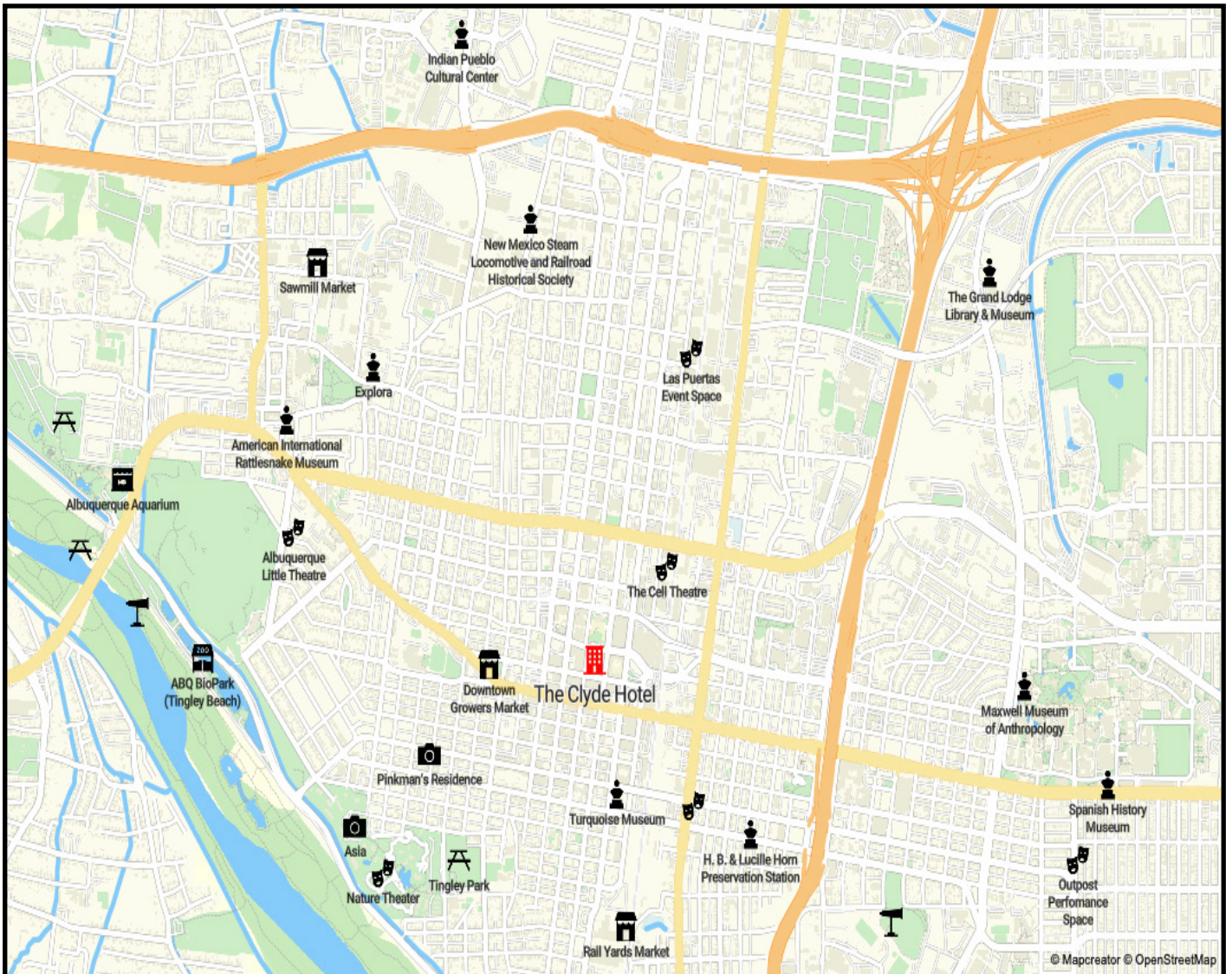


Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

March 25-28

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Locations Near Hotel



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Conference Hotel Map



Ground transportation: Airport-Hotel
Albuquerque ABQ RIDE (bus, 25 min)
On the lower level at the west end look for the Bus Stop Signs
Route 50: Airport/Downtown <https://live.goswift.ly/abq-ride/route/50>
Hotel nearest stops: 2nd @ Marquette; 2nd @ Copper

Taxis (8 min)
On Bag Claim level, proceed to Door 2 to find taxis

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WSSA* Conference Events

Open to All ABS attendees

Wednesday March 25

TIME 6:00pm-8:00pm

WSSA Opening Reception

Location: Pavillion VI

Thursday March 26

TIME 8:00am-9:30am; 1:30pm-3:00pm

Coffee Break

Location: Pavillion Court

Friday March 27

TIME 8:00am - 9:30am

WSSA Gives Back Breakfast

Location: Pavillion VI

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Coffee Break

Location: Pavillion Court

Saturday March 28

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Coffee Break

Location: Pavillion Court

Saturday March 28

TIME 6:00pm-8:00pm

WSSA Presidents' Reception

Location: Pavillion VI



Celebrating 50 Years of Border Studies:

Past, Present and Future

The Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) is celebrating! In 2026, we will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Association and the 40th anniversary of the Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS). Founded in 1976, the ABS originally promoted the study of the US-Mexico border. As its membership grew, the association expanded its focus to encompass a broader range of geographical areas, disciplines, theoretical perspectives, and methodological approaches. First published in 1986, the JBS embodies the dynamism and diversity of the ABS and has evolved to become the leading international forum for the interdisciplinary and comparative study of borders.

Through its activities, including the Annual and World conferences and the JBS, the ABS has contributed to and witnessed the development and institutionalization of Border Studies. Over the past 50 years, our academic community has documented how borders affect the physical, psychological, economic, cultural, and environmental well-being of border communities and people on the move, and how borderlanders and migrants have actively shaped the trajectory of states. The 2026 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, coinciding with these anniversaries, provides an opportunity to discuss both the conditions that enabled Border Studies' emergence, positioning and formalization, and its thematic, theoretical, conceptual, and methodological trajectories. Despite significant progress, there is still much to be done and challenges that lie ahead. We hope to gain a clearer and more complete vision of the emergence, current state, and future directions of this academic field.

We aim to foster epistemological dialogue and comparative research between borderland regions, and invite submissions that create opportunities for such exchange. To this end, the ABS invites border scholars from all disciplines, areas, and regions, as well as colleagues from non-academic sectors, including policymakers, non-governmental organizations, and artists, with diverse perspectives on borders and borderlands to present their research and share their knowledge. As always, the ABS extends its invitation beyond the conference theme. We welcome proposals from across the diverse field of Border Studies, that reflect a diversity in themes, focus, methodologies, and voices. We particularly encourage individual papers, complete panels and roundtable sessions, as well as book presentations.

2026 ABS Scientific Programme Committee:

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Celebrando 50 años de los Estudios Fronterizos:

pasado, presente y futuro

¡La Asociación de Estudios Fronterizos (ABS) está de celebración! En 2026 conmemoraremos el 50° aniversario de la Asociación y el 40° aniversario de la revista Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS). Fundada en 1976, la ABS promovió inicialmente el estudio de la frontera Estados Unidos-México. A medida que aumentaba el número de miembros, la asociación amplió su enfoque para abarcar un abanico más amplio de áreas geográficas, disciplinas, perspectivas teóricas y enfoques metodológicos. Publicada por primera vez en 1986, el JBS encarna el dinamismo y la diversidad de la ABS y ha evolucionado hasta convertirse en el principal foro internacional para el estudio interdisciplinario y comparativo de las fronteras.

A través de sus actividades, incluidas las conferencias anuales y mundiales y el JBS, la ABS ha contribuido y ha sido testigo del desarrollo e institucionalización de los estudios fronterizos. Durante los últimos 50 años, nuestra comunidad académica ha documentado cómo las fronteras afectan al bienestar físico, psicológico, económico, cultural y ambiental de las comunidades fronterizas y las personas en movimiento, y cómo los habitantes de las regiones fronterizas y los migrantes han influido activamente en la trayectoria de los estados. La Conferencia Anual de 2026 en Albuquerque, que coincide con estos aniversarios, ofrece la oportunidad de debatir tanto las condiciones que permitieron el surgimiento, posicionamiento y formalización de los estudios fronterizos, como sus trayectorias temáticas, teóricas, conceptuales y metodológicas. A pesar de los avances importantes, aún queda mucho por hacer y hay retos por delante. Esperamos obtener una visión más clara y completa del surgimiento, el estado actual y el futuro de este campo académico.

El objetivo de la conferencia es fomentar el diálogo epistemológico y la investigación comparativa entre regiones fronterizas, por lo que les invitamos a presentar propuestas que creen oportunidades para dicho intercambio. Con este fin, invitamos a académicos/as de todas las disciplinas, áreas y regiones, así como colegas de sectores no-académico (incluidos cargos públicos, organizaciones de la sociedad civil y artistas) interesados en las fronteras y las regiones fronterizas, a presentar sus investigaciones y compartir sus conocimientos. Como en otras ocasiones, el Congreso Anual de la ABS no se limita al tema del congreso. Son bienvenidas todas las propuestas procedentes del amplio campo de los estudios fronterizos, que reflejen una diversidad de temas, enfoques, metodologías y voces. Animamos especialmente a presentar ponencias individuales, sesiones completas y mesas redondas, así como presentaciones de libros.

Comité del programa del Congreso Anual de la ABS 2026

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Program at a Glance

Thursday March 26, 2026

Time	Enchantment A	Enchantment B	Enchantment C	Enchantment D	Fiesta 2
9:00am - 10:30am	Adverse Consequences of Militarized U.S. Border Policies	Economía fronteriza México–EE. UU.	African borderlands	Scientific and Policy Innovations Along the U.S.-Mexico Border	
10:45am -12:15pm	Capitalising on the economic benefits of cross-border cooperation for its funding	Advancing binational environmental cooperation in a time of political uncertainty	Borders and Economy: Markets, Institutions, and Integration	Health and Vulnerability in Border Contexts: Migration, Labor, and Gender	
12:15pm -1:00pm	Journal of Borderlands Studies: Meet the Editors	Migration and Refugee Reader (2026)	We are Coast Salish: Indigeneity, Settler Colonialism, and Border Securitization (2024)		
1:00pm- 2:30pm	Playing the Frontier: TTRPGs as Border Studies	Cincuenta años de investigación y análisis sobre las problemáticas sociales, urbanas, demográficas, ambientales y de salud en la Región Paso del Norte		Identity, Belonging and Language in Borderland Communities	
2:45pm- 4:15pm	50 years of ABS: Emerging scholars reflect on the first annual Graduate Student Border Symposium	Cross-Border Cooperation: Models, Meanings, and Methods	Cultural and Political Landscapes on the North American Borders: Impacts to Today's Governance	The potential of new data approaches for border studies	
4:30pm- 6:00pm	ABS: preserving our history	Constructing the Texas-Mexico Borderlands: Narratives, Culture, and Power (19th-20th Centuries)	Learning Across Borders: Education, Mobility, and Lived Bordering		Migración, frontera y vulnerabilidad

The green boxes indicate hybrid sessions.



Program at a Glance

Friday March 27, 2026

Time	Enchantment A	Enchantment B	Enchantment C	Enchantment D	Pavillion VI
9:00am-10:30am	Contested Borders: Security, Militarization, and Lived Bordering	Border Cities: Urban Space, Power, and Exclusion	Border Regimes and Human Consequences: Enforcement, Well-Being, and Political Agency	Advancing soft governance in hard political times - The future of hydrodiplomacy in the US-Mexico border	
10:45am-12:15pm	Border Trauma	Revisiting Theoretical Debates in Border Studies	Materializing the Border: Terrain, and Infrastructures	Pollution, Sustainability, and Resiliency: Shared Resource Governance in the Pacific Northwest Border Region	
12:15pm-1:00pm	Emerging Scholars Workshop	Frontières en mouvement (Frontem): Which Models of Cross-Border Cooperation for the EU? (2024)	Mexico-US, Serbia-EU Border Lives and Works (2025)		
1:00pm-2:30pm	Continuities of Resistance: The Cucapá from the Delta	Border perceptions in Europe in times of (re) bordering (B-Shapes): crossed views from Western and Eastern	Journalism, Communication, and Politics in Border Regions	Celebrating Cultural Border Studies: From Borderlands to Bordertextures	
2:45pm-4:15pm	Bordered Lives, Bordered Care: Family, Youth, and Aging Across the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (Past, Present, Future)	Energy, Resources, and Cross-Border Governance in the Sonora-Arizona Region	Civil Society Navigating Border Crises: Humanitarianism, Security, and Participation		
4:30pm-6:00pm			Lines, Fences and Neighbours: Reflections on a Forty Year Career in Border Studies		
6:00pm-7:00 pm					Business Meeting
7:00pm-8:30 pm					ABS Reception & 50th Anniversary Celebration

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Program at a Glance

Saturday March 28, 2026

Time	Enchantment A	Enchantment B	Enchantment C	Enchantment D
9:00am-10:30am	Border Studies in the Making	Borderlands Pedagogies, Representations, and Aspirations: Education, Memory, and Solidarity Across Borders	Borders and Borderlands in Asia: Security, Belonging, and Geopolitics	Environmental Challenges in Borderlands: Policy, Governance, and Adaptation
10:45am-12:15pm	Rethinking Border Security: From Territorial Control to Transnational Flows	Borders in Dispute: Art, Conflict, and Everyday Resistance	Material Culture Across Borders	
12:15pm-1:35pm		Governing Migrants: Populism, Policy, and Criminalization		

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Detailed Program

Wednesday March 25, 2:00pm - 5:00pm, Location: Boardroom North

ABS Board of Directors Meeting (Executive and Board Members only)

Thursday March 26, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment A

Panel: Adverse Consequences of Militarized U.S. Border Policies

Moderator/Chair: Nathan Goodman, George Mason University

- Fractured Families: The Unintended Consequences of Immigration Enforcement for Families - **Karla Segovia, George Mason University**
- Coyotes: Migrant Smuggling and the Dynamics of Interventionism - **Molly Rovinski, George Mason University**
- Border Policing as Political Policing: How Efforts to Control Borders Are Used to Repress Social Movements - **Nathan Goodman, George Mason University**

Thursday March 26, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment B

ROUNDTABLE: Economía fronteriza México–EE. UU. ante el neoproteccionismo: tendencias críticas rumbo a la revisión del TMEC/USMCA (2026)

Moderator/Chair: Humberto García Jiménez, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte; Edna María Villarreal Peralta, Universidad de Sonora

Participants: James Gerber, University of California San Diego; Pablo Wong-González, Centro de Investigación en Alimentación y Desarrollo; Francisco Lara-Valencia, Arizona State University; Daniel Covarrubias, Texas A&M International University

Thursday March 26, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment C

Panel: African borderlands

Moderator/Chair: Olivier Walther, University of Florida

- Seeing Like a Borderlander: Toward an Embodied Epistemic Revolution in Zimbabwe's Borderlands Studies - **Nicholas Nyachega, The Ohio State University, Mershon Center for International Security Studies**
- Transnational political violence in African borderlands - **Olivier Walther, University of Florida**
- Exploring Human (in)Security and Uncertainty in Ungoverned Spaces: A Historical Analysis of Sengwa Island Livelihoods in Lake Kariba, c.1950s to present.- **Teverayi Muguti, University of the Free State**
- African Cross-border Cooperation and Conflict: Botswana and Namibia Interactions - **Robert Hitchcock, University of New Mexico; Melinda C. Kelly, Kalahari Peoples Fund**

Thursday March 26, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment D

ROUNDTABLE: Scientific and Policy Innovations Along the U.S.-Mexico Border

Moderator/Chair: Kimberly Collins, California State University, San Bernardino

Participants: Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University; Steve Mumme, Colorado State University; Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University; Josiah Heyman, University of Texas at El Paso



Thursday March 26, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment A

Panel: Capitalising on the economic benefits of cross-border cooperation for its funding

Moderator/Chair: Ricardo Carvalho Bruno Ferreira, DG REGIO, European Commission

- The Cost of Non-Cooperation: Why Cross-Border Cooperation Pays Off in the Southern Luso-Spanish Border? - Rui Alexandre Castanho, VALORIZA - Research Center for Endogenous Resource Valorization, Instituto Politécnico de Portalegre
- The Costs of Non-Cooperation at Europe's Borders: Losses along the Finnish-Russian Border - Jussi Laine, University of Eastern Finland
- Place-based and Across Borders: Developing Territorial Capital as Innovation - James Scott, University of Eastern Finland
- Income Inequality and the Economics of Cross-Border Cooperation: A Focus on Western Balkans Border Regions - Vesna Bucevska, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

Thursday March 26, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment B

ROUNDTABLE: Advancing binational environmental cooperation in a time of political uncertainty

Moderator/Chair: Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University

Participants: Kimberly Collins, California State University, San Bernardino; Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University; Francisco Lara-Valencia, Arizona State University; Steve Mumme, Colorado State University

Thursday March 26, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment C

PANEL: Borders and Economy: Markets, Institutions, and Integration

Moderator/Chair: Pablo Wong-González, Centro de Investigacion en Alimentacion y Desarrollo

- Cross-Border Online Medicine Price Differences - Thomas M. Fullerton, University of Texas at El Paso; Steven L. Fullerton, University of Texas at El Paso
- Cross border economic integration, raw and cooked - James Gerber, Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California San Diego
- Economics, institutions, and borders - James Gerber, Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California San Diego

Thursday March 26, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment D

PANEL: Health and Vulnerability in Border Contexts: Migration, Labor, and Gender

Moderator/Chair: Maria Josse Navarro Ibarra, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California

- Gender differences in core depressive symptoms among migrants in Northern Mexico - Marisela Gutiérrez-Vega, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez; Oscar Armando Esparza Del Villar, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez; Priscila Montañez Alvarado, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez
- Hot Homes, Vulnerable Children: Energy Poverty and Household Heat Exposure in the Southwest - Lindsay Keeling, New Mexico State University
- Transborder action for health: lessons and challenges at the Arizona-Sonora border - Hilda García Pérez, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte



Thursday March 26, 12:15pm - 1:00pm, Enchantment A

Journal of Borderlands Studies: Meet the Editors

Discussants: Sergio Peña, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte; Christophe Sohn, Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research (LISER); Kimberly Collins, California State University, San Bernardino

Thursday March 26, 12:15pm - 1:00pm, Enchantment B

Book Presentation: Migration and Refugee Reader (2026)

Moderator/Chair: Claudia Donoso Moreno, St. Mary's University

Author: Grzegorz Welizarowicz, University of Gdańsk

Thursday March 26, 12:15pm - 1:00pm, Location: Enchantment C

Book Presentation: We are Coast Salish: Indigeneity, Settler Colonialism, and Border Securitization

Moderator/Chair: Laurie Trautman, Western Washington University

Author: James Hundley, Rowan University

Thursday March 26, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment A

ROUNDTABLE: Playing the Frontier: TTRPGs as Border Studies

Moderator/Chair: Hilmi Ulas, Chapman University

Participants: Tobias Schank, Saarland University; Ryan Ahn Roden, University of Hawai'i Mānoa; Paula Tubbenthal, Saarland University; Rebeka Hatvani, Saarland University

Thursday March 26, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Cincuenta años de investigación y análisis sobre las problemáticas sociales, urbanas, demográficas, ambientales y de salud en la Región Paso del Norte

Moderator/Chair: Rafael Mauricio Marrufo, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez

- Cincuenta años de estudios en Salud Pública en la Región Paso del Norte: mortalidad materna, mortalidad infantil y acceso a servicios - **Rafael Mauricio Marrufo, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez; David Reyes Ruvalcaba, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez**
- Factors driving south-north cross-border travel in the Ciudad Juárez-El Paso metropolitan area. An analysis using geographically weighted negative binomial regression - **César M. Fuentes, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte; Vladimir Hernández, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez;**
- Cincuenta años de estudios fronterizos: el agua como eje estratégico de la relación México-Estados Unidos - **Sonia Bass Zavala, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo; Mirielle Calderón García, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo**
- Desarrollo urbano en la frontera norte, tiempo y participación para resarcir el déficit neoliberal. Caso Riberas del Bravo. - **Leticia Peña-Barrera, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez; Luis Herrera Terrazas, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez**



Thursday March 26, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment D

PANEL: Identity, Belonging, Memory and Language in Borderland Communities

Moderator/Chair: Ekaterina Mikhailova, University of Tromsø

- This Arable Land: Identity Negotiation in Second Generation Filipino Americans in California's Imperial Valley - Layla Villanueva, George Mason University
- Negotiating Memory at Borderlands: the case of the Skolt Sámi, their Lieux de Mémoire and Lieux d'Oubli - Ekaterina Mikhailova, University of Tromsø
- Negotiating Borders: How anti-immigrant policies and stigma affect Identity and decision-making in public programs - Michelle Garcia Rangel, Northern Arizona University
- Las Ganas del Mexicano: An Analysis of Mindsets and Identities In The Mexican Community of Yuma, Arizona - Layla Arcega, Northern Arizona University

Thursday March 26, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment A

ROUNDTABLE: 50 years of ABS: Emerging scholars reflect on the first annual Graduate Student Border Symposium

Moderator/Chair: Gabriela Aros, Arizona State University

Participants: Julia Wurm, Arizona State University; Megan White, New Mexico State University; Zaira Martin, Arizona State University; Samuel Aguilera, Arizona State University; Katie Clones, Arizona State University

Thursday March 26, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Cross-Border Cooperation: Models, Meanings, and Methods

Moderator/Chair: Birte Wassenberg, University of Strasbourg

- The Central Asian Model of Cross-Border Cooperation? Cases of the Kazakh-Uzbek and Kazakh-Kyrgyz Borders - Sergei Golunov, SDU University (Kaskelen, Kazakhstan)
- Floating in Between: Capturing Visual Meaning-Making Strategies in Cross-Border Cooperation along the Rhine-River - Christophe Sohn, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)
- Qualitative Methods when Studying Borderlands: Limits and Opportunities of Studying Cross-Border Cooperation in Times of Re-bordering - Hynek Böhm, Technical University of Liberec, University of Opole

Thursday March 26, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment C

PANEL: Cultural and Political Landscapes on the North American Borders: Impacts to Today's Governance

Moderator/Chair: Donna L. Lybecker, Idaho State University

- The US Canada Border: The Social Construction of Perceptions through Narratives - Donna L. Lybecker, Idaho State University; Misty Prigent, Columbia Basin College; Mark K. McBeth, Idaho State University
- Resolving the Rio Grande Water Crisis - Stephen Mumme, Colorado State University; Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University; Donna L. Lybecker, Idaho State University; Mark Howe, New Mexico State University
- Insights from 25 years of the International Joint Commission's International Watersheds Initiative - Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University
- Borderlands and the Border Wall-Changes Along the Border as a National Defense Area (NDA) - Mark Howe, New Mexico State University



Thursday March 26, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment D

PANEL: The potential of new data approaches for border studies

Moderator/Chair: Tobias Chilla, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

- The potentials of “new data” in border studies: A scoping review - **Stefan Hippe, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg**
- Policy relevance of cross-border data availability - **Ricardo Ferreira, European Commission - DG REGIO**
- Exploring Language Patterns in Online Reviews as a Spatial Proxy of Cross-Border Interaction - **Vít Pászto, Palacký University Olomouc; Karel Macků, Palacký University Olomouc**
- Exploring hypothetical cross-border Functional Rural area - **Matteo Berzi, European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC)**

Thursday March 26, 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Location: Enchantment A

ROUNDTABLE: ABS: preserving our history

Moderator/Chair: Xavier Oliveras-González, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

Participants: Francisco Lara-Valencia, Arizona State University; María de los Ángeles Flores, University of Texas at El Paso; Machteld Venken, Université du Luxembourg

Thursday March 26, 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Constructing the Texas-Mexico Borderlands: Narratives, Culture, and Power (19th - 20th Centuries)

Moderator/Chair: Ibrahim Berrada, Northern Arizona University

- Two Stories, One Territory: competing border narratives over Texas before its annexation to the United States (1845) - **Mauricio Hernandez Ramirez, University of Texas at El Paso**
- Material and Social Structures of Defense in the 19th century Texas-Mexico Borderlands - **Marie Saldaña, University of Arizona**
- Authoring the Land of Mañana aka mañana de tierra: American writers and the peaceful conquest of Mexico - **Mason Robles, Northern Arizona University**

Thursday March 26, 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Location: Enchantment C

PANEL: Learning Across Borders: Education, Mobility, and Lived Bordering

Moderator/Chair: Iliana Reyes, University of Arizona

- The Transborder Lifestyle: Studying, Parenting, And Schooling Across Borders - **Paula Michelle Ochoa, Texas A&M University**
- To Cross a Border is to Build a Border: Grounding Students' Experience - **Esther Korsah, New Mexico State University**
- Beyond Contrastive Analysis: Portuguese Critical Pedagogies, Linguistic Socialization, and Symbolic Power in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands - **Caroline Scheuer Neves, University of Arizona**



Thursday March 26, 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Location: Fiesta 2 (Hybrid)

PANEL: Migración, frontera y vulnerabilidad

Moderator/Chair: Concepción Martínez Valdés, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, México

Discussant: Patricia Pinzón, Mexican consul in Albuquerque

- Cuando la escuela no alcanza: educación en contextos de movilidad, frontera y precarización en territorios de violencia y tránsito migrante - **Urith N. Ramírez Mera, Universidad de Guadalajara**
- Entre la precariedad y la vulnerabilidad estructural: experiencias laborales de jornaleras indígenas migrantes en San Quintín Baja California- **Lourdes Camarena-Ojinaga, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California; Concepción Martínez Valdés, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, México**
- Contención y orientación para personas migrantes a través de la plataforma digital UNAM acción Migrante - **Diana Tamara Martínez Ruiz, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México**
- Emociones, separación y afrontamiento en familias de estatus migratorio mixto: voces de mujeres en comunidades migrantes de Michoacán - **Alejandra Ceja Fernández, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; Diana Tamara Martínez Ruiz, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México**
- La migración transnacional desde la mirada interseccional: un enfoque para abordar la movilidad de los pueblos originarios y afromexicanos - **Luis Esteban Huacuz Dimas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; Diana Tamara Martínez Ruiz, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México**



Friday March 27, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment A

PANEL: Contested Borders: Security, Militarization, and Lived Bordering

Moderator/Chair: Anna Casaglia, University of Trento

- You Are Now Entering the United Kingdom: Dover and the Making of Post-Brexit Britain - **Luke Dowling, University of Kent**
- "Pourquoi s'emmurer?", tackling border militarization from the field of border studies and political science - **Damien Simonneau, INALCO**
- The border as a "scene". Controversies at the EU internal borders - **Anna Casaglia, University of Trento**

Friday March 27, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment B

Panel: Border Cities: Urban Space, Power, and Exclusion

Moderator/Chair: Sergio Peña, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

- Women and Border Town: An ethnographic study of work in Assam - **Sharonee Dasgupta, University of Massachusetts Amherst**
- Utopia, Dystopia, and heterotopias: The US-Mexico Border Urbanism - **Sergio Peña, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte**
- Cities in Their Sights: Social Bordering and the Punishing of Urban "Others" - **James Scott, University of Eastern Finland**
- Asymmetrical Development of Border and Inland Cities: Challenges and Perspectives - **Bienvenue Comlan Iwikotan, Université d'Abomey-Calavi; Bénéït Koffi Sossou, Université d'Abomey-Calavi; Marie Odile Attanasso, Université d'Abomey-Calavi**

Friday March 27, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment C

PANEL: Border Regimes and Human Consequences: Enforcement, Well-Being, and Political Agency

Moderator/Chair: Luis Rubén Díaz Cepeda, The University of Texas at El Paso

- The Border and the Mind: Psychological Well-Being Among Immigrants in the El Paso-Juárez Region - **Arifa Akter, University of Texas at El Paso**
- From Resilience to Protest: Differential Political Participation of Migrants in transit through Mexico - **Luis Rubén Díaz Cepeda, The University of Texas at El Paso**
- Crimmigration and Border Externalization: Migrants'; Experiences with Enforcement in Southern Mexico. - **Angélica Guadalupe Villagrana Casillas, University of Texas at El Paso**
- Regulating Everyday Mobility: Legal Uncertainty in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez Borderlands - **Melicha Rahaman, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Friday March 27, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment D

ROUNDTABLE: Advancing soft governance in hard political times - The future of hydrodiplomacy in the US-Mexico border

Moderator/Chair: Francisco Lara-Valencia, Arizona State University

Participants: Steve Mumme, Colorado State University; Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University; Vianey Rueda, University of Michigan; Francisco Lara-Valencia, School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University



Friday March 27, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment A

PANEL: Border Trauma

Moderator/Chair: Rafael Luevano, Chapman University

- Unmoored US-Mexico Borderlands: Effects in the United States - Rafael Luevano, Chapman University
- Bordering the Multi-Species Migrant Family - Nancy Rios-Contreras, Chapman University
- The Silent Exodus: Self-Deportation on the U.S.-Mexico Border - Tony Payán, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Rice University's Baker Institute
- Trauma Theater Across Conflict Lines in Cyprus - Hilmi Ulas, Chapman University

Friday March 27, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment B

ROUNDTABLE: Revisiting Theoretical Debates in Border Studies

Moderator/Chair: Steven Radil, University of Florida

Participants: Jussi Laine, University of Eastern Finland; Anna Casaglia, University of Trento; Olivier Walther, University of Florida

Friday March 27, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment C (Hybrid)

PANEL: Materializing the Border: Landscape, Terrain, and Infrastructures

Moderator/Chair: Kenneth Madsen, The Ohio State University

- On landscape syncope: lack, desire, and the present-absent border - Efrat Hildesheim, Tel Aviv University
- Building the Other: Architecture, Ideology, and the U.S.-Mexico Border - Rosa Bandeira, University of Coimbra
- Border policing and the weaponization of the Sonoran Desert in southern Arizona: modeling the geography of deterrence, and next steps for research - Geoff Boyce, University College Dublin; Daniel Martínez, University of Arizona; Samuel N. Chambers, Arizona State University
- The terrain in Texas Operation Lone Star - Xavier Oliveras-González, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

Friday March 27, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment D

ROUNDTABLE: Pollution, Sustainability, and Resiliency: Shared Resource Governance in the Pacific Northwest Border Region

Moderator/Chair: Kimberly Collins, California State University, San Bernardino

Participants: Jamie Ferrill, Charles Sturt University; Jennifer Bettis, Western Washington University; Laurie Trautman, Western Washington University

Friday March 27, 12:15pm - 1:00pm, Location: Enchantment A

Emerging Scholars Workshop

Moderator/Chair: Jamie Ferrill, Charles Sturt University

Discussants: Machteld Venken, University of Luxembourg; Jennifer Bettis, Western Washington University; T Mark Montoya, Northern Arizona University

Friday March 27, 12:15pm - 1:00pm, Location: Enchantment B

Book Presentation: Frontières en mouvement (Frontem): Which Models of Cross-Border Cooperation for the EU? (2024)

Moderator/Chair: Christophe Sohn, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research

Author: Birte Wassenberg, University of Strasbourg



Friday March 27, 12:15pm - 1:00pm, Location: Enchantment C (Hybrid)

Book Presentation: Mexico-US, Serbia-EU Border Lives and Works (2025)

Moderator/Chair: Anna Casaglia, University of Trento

Author: Marina Lazetic, Boston University; Tufts University; Carrie Preston, Boston University

Friday March 27, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment A

PANEL: Continuities of Resistance: The Cucapá from the Delta

Moderator/Chair: Linda L. Jacobo, San Diego State University Imperial Valley

- Climate Change at the Borderlands: Cucapá Voices on Heat, Water, and Health - Linda L. Jacobo, San Diego State University Imperial Valley; Daniela Gonzalez Valencia, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California; Maria Josse Navarro Ibarra, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California; Miguel Angel Zavala Perez, San Diego State University Imperial Valley; Kai-Chung Cheng, San Diego State University Imperial Valley
- The Struggles of the Cucapá in the Valle de Mexicali during the Rise of Mexican Nationalism and the establishment of the Colorado River Land Company (1903-1940) - Gilberto Reyes Morgan, San Diego State University Imperial Valley and Universidad Autonoma de Baja California
- Nutrition and Food Sovereignty Assessment in the Cucapah Community - Daniela Gonzalez Valencia, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California; Linda L. Jacobo, San Diego State University Imperial Valley; Maria Josse Navarro Ibarra, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California
- Knowledge, Attitudes, and Barriers Toward HPV Vaccination in the Cucapah Community - Maria Josse Navarro Ibarra, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California; Linda L. Jacobo, San Diego State University Imperial Valley; Daniela Gonzalez Valencia, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California

Friday March 27, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment B

ROUNDTABLE: Border perceptions in Europe in times of (re) bordering (B-Shapes): crossed views from Western and Eastern

Moderator/Chair: Machteld Venken, University of Luxemburg

Participants: Birte Wassenberg, University of Strasbourg; Hynek Bohm, Technical University of Liberec, and University of Opole; Joanna Kurowska-Pysz, WSB University

Friday March 27, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment C

PANEL: Journalism, Communication, and Politics in Border Regions

Moderator/Chair: María de los Ángeles Flores, University of Texas at El Paso

- Bordered by Crisis: The impact of public policies and media representation on Canada-US border communities - Jennifer Bettis, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University
- Broadcast Journalism in the Borderlands: Irv Weinstein and the Rise of Action News - Derek Moscato, Western Washington University
- Ballots and Borderlands: Inter-Nation Agenda Setting and News Coverage of the 2024 Presidential Election in U.S., Canada, and Mexico Press - Derek Moscato, Western Washington University; María de los Ángeles Flores, University of Texas at El Paso
- Transborder Science Communication: From Podcasting to Public Radio in Nogales, Sonora - María Dolores Aragón Robles Linares, Universidad de Sonora; Hilda García Perez, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte



Friday March 27, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Location: Enchantment D

PANEL: Celebrating Cultural Border Studies: From Borderlands to Bordertextures

Moderator/Chair: Tobias Schank, Saarland University

- Theoretical Lineages and Future Directions for Cultural Border Studies - **Eva Nossem, Saarland University, UniGR-Center for Border Studies**
- Towards a Conceptualisation of Border Rifts: Cultural Responses to Border Reconfiguration - **Svitlana Kot, Saarland University/Black Sea National University;**
- Tracing Cultural Border Studies: Bordertextures as a Conceptual Framework - **Christian Wille, UniGR-Center for Border Studies, University of Luxembourg**
- Border Studies and Chicanx Studies: New Pedagogies of the Concept of Bordertextures - **Astrid M. Fellner, Saarland University**

Friday March 27, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment A

ROUNDTABLE: Bordered Lives, Bordered Care: Family, Youth, and Aging Across the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (Past, Present, Future)

Moderator/Chair: Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University

Discussants: Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotello, University of Southern California

Participants: Rafael Martínez, Arizona State University; Eileen Díaz McConnell, Arizona State University; Emir Estrada Arizona State University; Daniela A. Carreon, Arizona State University; Zaira Martin, Arizona State University

Friday March 27, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Energy, Resources, and Cross-Border Governance in the Sonora-Arizona Region

Moderator/Chair: James Gerber, University of California San Diego

- Bordering Extraction: The Discursive Geographies of Lithium in the Arizona-Sonora Borderlands - **Julia Wurm, School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University**
- Sustainable Cross-Border Energy Governance: Toward a Model of Institutional Convergence in the Sonora-Arizona Region - **Humberto Garcia Jimenez, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte; Edna María Villarreal Peralta, Universidad de Sonora; Francisco Lara-Valencia, Arizona State University**
- Cross-Border Human Talent in the Semiconductor Ecosystem of the Arizona-Sonora Mega region - **Edna María Villarreal Peralta, Universidad de Sonora; Francisco Lara-Valencia, Arizona State University; Humberto Garcia Jimenez, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte**
- Paradiplomacia académica en la frontera México-Estados Unidos. Aproximaciones desde la región Sonora-Arizona - **Adan Gurrola Ruiz, Universidad de Sonora; Pablo Wong-González, Centro de Investigacion en Alimentacion y Desarrollo**



Friday March 27, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Location: Enchantment C (Hybrid)

PANEL: Civil Society Navigating Border Crises: Humanitarianism, Security, and Participation

Moderator/Chair: Bertha Bermúdez Tapia, New Mexico State University

- Gobernanza pública y experimentación democrática en las fronteras: el papel del Observatorio de Innovación Social de la Frontera Brasil-Bolivia - **Anderson Luís do Espírito, Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul - Programa de Pós-Graduação em Estudos Fronteiriços; Douglas Josiel Voks, Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul - Programa de Pós-Graduação em Estudos Fronteiriços**
- Managing Borderless Threats in Ecuador: Security Sector Reform and Human Security - **Claudia Donoso Moreno, St. Mary's University**
- Navigating Uncertainty: How Border NGOs Adapt to Asylum Policy Shifts - **Bertha Bermudez Tapia, New Mexico State University; Megan White, New Mexico State University**
- From Humanitarianism to Security: Civil Society in Crisis-Driven Border Regimes - **Marina Lazetic, Boston University; Tufts University**
- Exploring the Impact of HSI Community Engaged Scholarship Programs and Borderland Community-based Organizations on Public Policy. Exercises in Participatory Democracy - **Maria Luisa Picard-Ami, The University of Texas at El Paso; Manuel Morales, The University of Texas at El Paso; Alejandra Sandoval, The University of Texas at El Paso**

Friday March 27, 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Location: Enchantment C & D (Hybrid)

Keynote: David Newman, Ben-Gurion University

Friday March 27, 6:00pm- 7:00 pm, Location: Pavillion VI

Business Meeting

Friday March 27, 7:00pm- 8:30 pm, Location: Pavillion VI

ABS Reception & 50th Anniversary Celebration Meeting



Keynote

David Newman

Emeritus professor of Geopolitics

Department of Politics and Government

Ben-Gurion University Israel



Professor David Newman is emeritus professor of Geopolitics and Border Studies at Ben-Gurion University in Israel. His Ph.D. is from the Department of Geography at the University of Durham in the UK (1981), where he studied under Professor Gerald Blake who founded the International Boundaries Research Unit (IBRU). At Ben-Gurion University he crossed the disciplinary boundaries when he founded the Department of Politics and Government in 1999, and the Centre for European Studies in 2002. From 1999- 2014, he was the editor of the journal *Geopolitics*, which serves as an important outlet for research on borders and boundaries. He also served as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences from 2010-2016. In 2013 he was awarded the OBE by the British government, for promoting scientific cooperation between Israel and the UK. He has been engaged in border studies since its inception almost 40 years ago and, most recently, hosted the Third World Conference of the ABS at the border city of Eilat in 2023. His publications include a number of seminal pieces on border theory, alongside research which focuses on the territorial dynamics of political conflict, especially in the Middle East.

Lines, Fences and Neighbours: Reflections on a Forty Year Career in Border Studies

Over the past forty years, border studies have undergone significant growth and transformation. Once considered a "moribund" subfield within Political Geography, the discipline has shifted from focusing on physical lines separating states to a multidisciplinary analysis of the dynamics and functions of borders across global, local, and personal scales. The presentation reviews the dominant themes that have shaped the field, emphasizing that while no single theory of borders exists, scholars share a common set of key concepts. It also explores the evolution of research agendas, the interaction between academics and policymakers, and the global expansion of border studies beyond Western perspectives, concluding with emerging questions for future research.

**Location: Enchantment C & D
(Hybrid)
Friday 4:30 - 6:00 pm**



Saturday March 28, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment A

PANEL: Border Studies in the Making

Moderator/Chair: Astrid M. Fellner, Saarland University

- Creating a Digital Exhibition on the Meaning of Borders - **Machteld Venken, Centre for Contemporary and Digital History, University of Luxemburg**
- Perspectives on Decolonizing Central Asian Borders - **Alexander Diener, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland**
- On the first annual Graduate Student Border Symposium: Reflections, Takeaways and Outlooks - **Gabriela Aros, Arizona State University; Julia Wurm, Arizona State University**

Saturday March 28, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Borderlands Pedagogies, Representations, and Aspirations: Education, Memory, and Solidarity Across Borders

Moderator/Chair: Iliana Reyes, University of Arizona

- Conversations, Play, and Belonging: Community-Engaged Borderlands Praxis with Immigrant Families and Children - **Iliana Reyes, University of Arizona/ Borderlands Education Center**
- Who is free to aspire? Tracing possible solidarities across lines of aspirations within the Indian immigrant community in the U.S.- **Sanjukta Sarkar, University of Arizona**
- Exploring Border Ecologies of Consent and Care: Student Activism and Arts-Based Literacies in Cultural Communities - **Elizabeth Gaxiola, University of Arizona**
- Are we in the Picture? To what extent, if at all? Mexican and Latin American International Student Representations on Global Websites of Borderlands Hispanic Serving Institutions - **Maritza M Marquez, University of Arizona**

Saturday March 28, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment C (Hybrid)

PANEL: Borders and Borderlands in Asia: Security, Belonging, and Geopolitics

Moderator/Chair: Victor Konrad, Carleton University

- The Dark Side of Openness: Human Trafficking and Narcotics Smuggling on the India-Nepal Border - **Indrapal Gurjar, Jawaharlal Nehru University;**
- Reconstituting the China-Myanmar Border: Security, Heritage, Geopolitics - **Victor Konrad, Carleton University**
- Japan's Borderlands in the Post COVID-19 Era: Toward Rebuilding Relations with Neighboring Countries - **Koji Furukawa, Chukyo University**
- Borderlands and Belonging: Citizenship, Home and Rohingya children in Bangladesh - **Sreetapa Chakrabarty, Rabindra Bharati University**



Saturday March 28, 9:00am - 10:30am, Location: Enchantment D

PANEL: Environmental Challenges in Borderlands: Policy, Governance, and Adaptation

Moderator/Chair: Ibrahim Berrada, Northern Arizona University

- Borderland Toxicities: A Photo-Ethnography of Environmental Suffering in Imperial Valley and Mexicali - **Linda L. Jacobo, San Diego State University Imperial Valley**
- Climate changes in borderlands and policies for their mitigation - **Joanna Kurowska-Pysz, WSB University; Piotr Kurowski, KREATUS Ltd.**
- Adapting Transboundary Water Treaties Through Hydrosolidarity: Lessons from the Rio Grande and the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty - **Vianey Rueda, University of Michigan**
- Policy Perspectives on the Svalbard Treaty and the Evolving Arctic Order - **Ibrahim Berrada, Northern Arizona University; John Anton Reznicek, Northern Arizona University; Evan Davis, Northern Arizona University**
- Water across borders: Precarities and governance in the Amazon tri-border region of Leticia (COL) Tabatinga (BR) and Santa Rosa (PE) - **Carlos Rios-Llamas, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California**

Saturday March 28, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment A

ROUNDTABLE: Rethinking Border Security: From Territorial Control to Transnational Flows

Moderator/Chair: Todd Hataley, Fleming College

Participants: Jamie Ferrill, Charles Sturt University; Arthur Hill, Institute for Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University; Christian Leuprecht, Royal Military College of Canada; Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria

Saturday March 28, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Borders in Dispute: Art, Conflict, and Everyday Resistance

Moderator/Chair: Christian Wille, University of Luxembourg

- Everyday forms of migrant resistance: Lessons from Community-Based Participatory Research in the Paso del Norte region - **Neil Harvey, New Mexico State University**
- Child's Play; Balance at the border - **David Staton, University of Northern Colorado**
- Scenes from Cyprus: the Border as Art, the Border as War - **Hilmi Ulas, Chapman University**
- Saharawi Art as Resistance: Decolonizing a Narrative - **Emily Hackmeyer, Northern Arizona University**

Saturday March 28, 10:45am - 12:15pm, Location: Enchantment C (Hybrid)

PANEL: Material Culture Across Borders

Moderator/Chair: Eva Nossem, Saarland University

- Remapping Cross Border Art Exchange After the Pandemic - **Elena Dabova, Saint Petersburg State University**
- MeZscal Bacanora, a distilled spirit from Sonora, provides a critical perspective for historic cross-border interactions and adaptation in the Southwest. - **Michael Hurley, Borderland Spirits**
- Meaning-making in La Sierra of Sonora: Research-driven Storytelling about Mescal, Maguey, and Murcielagos - **Sara Lowden, Northern Arizona University**



Saturday March 28, 12:15pm - 1:45pm, Location: Enchantment B

PANEL: Governing Migrants: Populism, Policy, and Criminalization

Moderator/Chair: Neil Harvey, New Mexico State University

- Electoral Centrism and the Laken-Riley Act: Democratic Capitulation to Right-Wing Populism and the Expansion of Racialized Migrant Criminalization - **Michelle Garcia, Northern Arizona University; Gabriela Bernasconi, Northern Arizona University; Mason Robles, Northern Arizona University; Layla Arcega, Northern Arizona University**
- Foxes in the Chicken Coop: Cleaning up the Border Service in the first decade of the 20th century - **Jose Maria Herrera, University of Texas at El Paso**
- Exploring Cypriot Narratives of Immigration - **Hilmi Ulas, Chapman University**
- The Constructed Migratory Crisis in the U.S. and Mexico Border - **Isaac Garza, Northern Arizona University**



***In loving memory: Dr. Joan B. Anderson
October 15, 1938 - February 11, 2026***



Receiving the ABS Lifetime Award in 2017, in San Francisco

"So, I sort of cross disciplinary lines once in a while. Something that we do a lot in border studies. A macroeconomist is working with sociologists, anthropologists, and geographers. That's like the definition of border studies. And even though we're working within our trained disciplines, we cross those lines in order to get real answers to real problems".

Joan B. Anderson, 2024, Border Thinkers Project



Our colleague and dear friend Joan Anderson passed away on February 11, 2026. She was surrounded by her loved ones when she died, including her husband, Dave McKinney, and her children and grandchildren.

Joan received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, San Diego in 1971. She served as professor of Economics in the School of Business Administration at the University of San Diego (USD) for 28 years. She retired in 2010 and received the designation of Professor Emerita in Economics of that institution. After retirement, she established the Joan B. Anderson Endowed Scholarship, which provides financial support to deserving students who face financial challenges in pursuing their degree at USD.

Her research and teaching areas of specialization were economic development and applied econometrics, particularly focused on Latin America and the US-Mexico border. She mentored young women scholars of the borderlands, helping launch their careers. She was awarded two Fulbrights to Latin America and received grants as co-director on a research project for improving educational quality in Latin America.

Joan played a critical role in the early development of the Association for Borderlands Studies and the Journal of Borderlands Studies. She served as President of the ABS between 1989-1991, and was the co-editor of the JBS for five years from 1996 to 2000. Overall, she was the first woman to serve as president, and as editor-in-chief. She also served on the ABS and JBS boards on multiple occasions (ABS Board of Directors: 2001-2004, and 2014-2017; JBS Editorial board: 1992-1995, and 2009-2016).

In recognition of her career accomplishments, she was awarded the Steber Professorship at the University of San Diego in 1996, and the "ABS Lifetime Award" in 2017. Her publications include a large number of journal articles and books. Her book *Fifty Years of Change on the U.S.-Mexico Border: Growth, Development, and the Quality of Life* (2008), with James Gerber, won the "ABS Book Award" in 2008. Several of her papers were published in the Journal of Borderlands Studies.

The ABS and JBS are indebted to her for her generosity with her time and her leadership in guiding the organization. As the first woman to serve as both ABS President and JBS Editor-in-Chief, Joan shaped borderlands studies. Her scholarship on the U.S.-Mexico border economy, her mentorship of emerging researchers, and her decades of institutional leadership built the foundation that the ABS stands on today. She will be deeply missed.



Friday 27, 7:00 – 8:30 (ABS Reception)

Location: Pavillion VI

50th ABS and 40th JBS Anniversaries

In 2026, the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) will commemorate its 50th anniversary, as well as the 40th anniversary of the Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS).

Our association was founded at the WSSA meeting in Tempe, Arizona, in 1976 by Ellwyn Stoddard, Richard Bath, Óscar Martínez, and Anthony Kruszewski. We began publishing the JBS in 1986. In the very first issue of the JBS, Ellwyn Stoddard recalled:

“From a small informal cadre of scholars whose field excursions and interests brought them into personal contact, an initial listing of borderlands scholars and their contributions gradually expanded to become the pool from which strongly committed professionals came together in a new learned society, the Association of Borderlands Scholars, formally organized in the Spring of 1976.”



Program

Welcome address and tributes

Laurie Trautman, ABS President

Irasema Coronado, former ABS President, on behalf of all former presidents

Larry Gould, WSSA Executive Director

Christophe Sohn & Sergio Peña, JBS co-editors in chief

Toast and cake

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