



**100th Annual AATSP Conference
Salamanca, Spain
June 25-28, 2018**

Frequently Asked Questions about the AATSP Conference

Do you have questions about the 2018 AATSP Conference in Salamanca?

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GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Is it necessary to be an AATSP member to attend the conference?

No, you do not need to be an AATSP member to attend the conference. However, AATSP members receive a discounted registration rate.

[Click here](#) to renew your membership or become an AATSP member

What is included in my conference registration?

- Approximately 250 sessions and special events
- General Opening Session
- President's Welcome Reception
- Awards Banquet (availability of Awards Banquet tickets requested during on-site registration is not guaranteed)
- NOTE: Half day and full day professional development workshops as well as excursions to local sites of cultural interest are available for an extra fee

What are the benefits of attending the AATSP Conference?

- Stay current with curriculum, methodology and teaching strategies
- Stay current with research in literature, linguistics, applied linguistics, and cultural studies
- Stay current with cultural information
- Earn professional development credits (CEUs)
- Earn graduate credit through New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- Network with your colleagues and peers

Is the AATSP Conference open to children?

The AATSP Conference is an **adult-only** event including all sessions, receptions, Awards Banquet and excursions.

Can I receive professional development credits (CEUs) for conference participation?

- Attendees may obtain professional development credits (CEUs) for participation in this conference
- To verify your attendance at conference sessions/workshops pick up an *AATSP Conference Workshop/Session Attendance Form* at the AATSP Conference Registration Desk prior to the conference opening
- Complete the form as you attend sessions and workshops
- Remember to have your form stamped at the beginning and end of each session/workshop you attend
- It is the responsibility of attendees to contact their district BEFORE the conference to determine necessary measures to fulfill their district's professional development requirements and to receive approval for conference participation

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Travel to Salamanca

From the United States, most people will fly to Madrid (Barajas Airport) Spain. Salamanca is approximately 2.5 hours from Madrid by car. The most convenient way to travel to Salamanca from Barajas is by bus. Buses leave from the Barajas terminal frequently and are easy to access.

What is Salamanca, Spain like?

Because of its historical heritage, Salamanca is considered one of the most beautiful Spanish cities. It is noted for its ornate sandstone architecture and for the University of Salamanca. The University of Salamanca is the oldest university in Spain and the third oldest university in Europe. In 2018 the University of Salamanca is celebrating its 800th anniversary. Salamanca attracts thousands of international students yearly. The city's economy is dominated by the university and tourism.

What will the weather be like?

In June, temperatures ordinarily range between 73-82°F.

What should I wear?

Business casual is appropriate for all of the conference sessions, workshops and special events including the President's Welcome Reception and the Awards Banquet.

What should I pack?

- Passport – Make sure your passport is up-to-date
- Walking shoes – Important for walking in the historic district
- Lip balm, hand lotion, moisturizers, hand sanitizer
- Umbrella
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses

CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Can I obtain a copy of the papers or PowerPoint presentations used in the sessions/workshops?

- The AATSP encourages presenters to publish handouts to your website, [Google Drive](#), [Dropbox](#), [OneNote](#), or other file sharing service of your choice. Handouts can be uploaded before or after the conference.
- In May presenters will receive information about submitting handouts and materials to be included on the conference app and/or AATSP website.
- If a presenter's handouts are not uploaded to the AATSP mobile app, you will need to contact the presenters directly if you want a copy of their materials
- The AATSP office does not collect conference papers, PowerPoint presentations, or handouts

Does AATSP publish conference proceedings?

- No, AATSP does not publish conference proceedings
- Presenters are encouraged to submit an article based on their conference paper or presentation to *Hispania* for possible publication

PRESENTER INFORMATION

What audio-visual equipment will be available in the conference session rooms?

- **Data Projector and Screen.** The AATSP will provide a data projector and screen in each conference meeting room where presentations take place; there is no cost to presenters for this equipment.
- **Computers.** Each presenter is responsible for providing his/her own computer for the presentation.
- **HDMI Adapter.** In order to connect the newer thin tablet laptops to a data projector or other standard input, users must bring an HDMI or mini-HDMI Adapter with them for use during the presentation.
- **Apple Computer Users.** In order to connect an Apple computer to a data projector, users must bring the Mini Display Port to VGA Adapter to connect to a standard input. Adapters will not be provided or available at the conference.
- **Internet Access.** The AATSP will provide complimentary internet access in each conference meeting room.
- **Some AV Equipment not available.** The following equipment is not available for use during the conference: overhead projectors, slide projectors, CD or video players, computer speakers, cables, or adapters.

I am in a combined session. How can I get in touch with other presenters of my session?

- Before the conference, you may wish to contact the other member(s) of your session and agree to meet before your session.
- Once you are at the conference, you can ask the AATSP staff at the Registration Desk if that person has checked in at the conference.
- You may also want to call the hotel operator on one of the house phones and ask for his or her room.

How are proposals selected for the program?

The AATSP uses a Program Selection Committee to read and rate the proposals submitted for the annual conference. The Program Selection Committee is composed of AATSP members who represent various educational levels, the Spanish and Portuguese languages, and areas of expertise including literature, linguistics/applied linguistics, film, and cultural studies. The Committee members rate the proposals based on the following five criteria:

- The topic is relevant to the intended audience.
- The session content is innovative and useful.
- The session content is based on up-to-date research in the field.
- The benefits to the participants in the session are clearly defined.
- The proposal is clearly written and the description is ready to be published in the conference program.