

Call for Participation

Computational Social Science Society of the Americas

Annual Conference 2026

October 29–November 1, 2026

Drury Plaza Hotel • Santa Fe, New Mexico

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The CSSSA defines computational social science broadly as the theory-driven application of computational methods to analyze, model, and simulate social systems. This includes analyzing large-scale social data, exploring mechanisms underlying social dynamics through simulation, and connecting insights to social science theory.

We especially encourage submissions that address applied computational social science or demonstrate real-world impact. Advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning are opening new avenues for CSS research, and we welcome work that explores these methods alongside the full range of computational approaches that define the field.

CSSSA is an inclusive organization, welcoming contributions from all researchers regardless of background or institutional affiliation. Submissions are evaluated exclusively on scientific merit, relevance, and potential impact on the field.

Topics of Interest

CSS2026 welcomes submissions on a wide range of topics, including but not limited to:

Modeling & Simulation

- Agent-Based Modeling and Simulation
- Tools and Frameworks for CSS
- Validation Techniques
- Computational Infrastructure for ABMs
- Participatory ABM Use
- AI-Assisted Model Generation and Evaluation
- Hybrid Approaches Combining ABMs with Machine Learning

Data & Social Dynamics

- Social Network Analysis
- Cultural Change Dynamics
- Economic Modeling
- Geospatial Analysis
- Big Data Analytics and New CSS-Related Datasets
- Machine Learning for Social Data Analysis
- Natural Language Processing and LLMs in CSS Research

Applied CSS in Policy & Governance

- Public Health, Policy, and Governance

- Disease Spread and Mitigation Dynamics
- CSS in Policy Analysis and Development
- CSS in Institutional Design and Improvement

Foundations & Ethics

- Theoretical Foundations of CSS
- Ethical Considerations in CSS
- Social Impacts of AI and Algorithmic Systems
- Future Directions for CSS

Real-World Applications & Case Studies

- Reports on the Impact or Value of CSS Analyses
- Techniques in Policy Development or Analysis

Submission Guidelines

The CSS Program Committee invites original papers, extended abstracts, and posters concerning computational models and analysis of social phenomena. Contributions from all social science disciplines are welcome. All submissions will be peer-reviewed, and the Program Committee may recommend alternate formats (e.g., converting papers to posters or extended abstracts) based on scheduling or content.

Join us for a live Q&A webinar where we'll walk through key details about the conference and answer any questions you have. The session is Wed **Jun 3, 2026** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT, register here: <https://buytickets.at/computationsocialsciencesocietyoftheamericas/2081741>

Papers

Papers should be 3,000 to 5,000 words, including all figures, tables, notes, references, and appendices. ODD documentation of models is encouraged and can be attached without counting toward the word limit. Submissions must be received by **June 30, 2026**.

Extended Abstracts

Extended Abstracts are designed to encourage the presentation of emerging ideas and ongoing research. These short papers (1,000 to 2,000 words, excluding figures and tables) foster discussion and will not be published in the proceedings. Extended Abstracts must be submitted by **June 30, 2026** and will undergo peer review.

Posters

Poster submissions require an abstract of approximately 800 words clearly marked as a poster submission. Accepted posters will require a one-slide summary for the author's two-minute presentation prior to the poster session. Abstracts are due by **June 30, 2026**. Details for the one-slide summary will be provided at the start of the conference.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

CSS2026 will include SIG sessions before the full conference. SIGs can take many forms, including tutorials, workshops, group discussions, or hackathons. Proposals must include a brief description, event format, and estimated duration, and be submitted to

conference@computationsocialscience.org by **May 30, 2026**. Approved SIGs will be announced, and organizers will receive meeting space.

Paper Publication

Accepted full papers will be eligible for publication in the conference proceedings.

Awards

Awards are TBD. As an example, for CSS2025, we had the honor of issuing the following awards:

- **Epistemix Social Science Impact Award:** \$650 prize.
- **SimTable Advancing the Philosophy and Technique of Computational Social Systems:** \$500 prize.

Student Fellowship Awards

This year, we are pleased to offer at least two Student Fellowship Awards intended to offset a portion of the costs associated with presenting at CSS2026. Funding is competitive and notifications will be made shortly after author notification. Please apply through this form:

<https://forms.gle/Ahn96MwHbqqHHFrLA>

Important Dates

SIG Proposal Deadline	May 30, 2026
Conference & Submission Q&A https://buytickets.at/computationsocialsciencesocietyoftheamericas/2081741	June 3, 2026 10 AM - 11 AM EDT
Paper/Poster/Extended Abstract Submission Deadline	June 30, 2026
Author Notification	August 1, 2026
Early Bird Registration Closes	September 15, 2026
Publication-Ready Version Deadline and Final Registration Deadline for Inclusion in the Program	October 15, 2026
Conference Dates	October 29–November 1, 2026

Contact

For questions, contact us at conference@computationsocialscience.org.