

**Call for Papers**  
**“Reimagining Latin America: Histories, Futures, and Possibilities”**  
Undergraduate & Graduate Student Conference  
Villanova University  
March 26, 2026

The Latin American Studies Program at Villanova University and the Greater Philadelphia Latin American Studies Consortium (GPLASC) invite undergraduate and graduate students to submit proposals for **“Reimagining Latin America: Histories, Futures, and Possibilities.”** This in-person interdisciplinary conference offers a welcoming space to share research, creative work, or community-based projects related to Latin America.

We welcome submissions from all fields—such as history, political science, literature, sociology, anthropology, economics, environmental studies, and the arts. Presentations may explore Latin America’s past, present, or future from local, regional, or transnational perspectives.

**Suggested Topics Include:**

- Latin American literature, film, and visual culture
- Migration, diaspora, and borders
- Gender, sexuality, and feminist politics
- Race, Afro-Latinidad, and Indigenous identities
- Environmental justice and extractivism
- Social movements and grassroots organizing
- Human rights, violence, and memory
- U.S.–Latin America relations and imperial legacies
- Latinx cultural expression in the U.S.
- Decolonial thought and resistance

**Submission Guidelines:**

Please submit a **175–200-word abstract** including your name, presentation title, central argument, and its relevance to the conference theme. Presentations should be **10 minutes** in length and may be delivered in **English or Spanish**. All submissions should list:

- Full name
- Institutional affiliation
- Academic level (undergraduate or graduate)
- Presentation title
- Language of presentation

Panel proposals (3–4 participants) are encouraged. These should include a panel title, a brief description of the panel theme, and individual abstracts.

**Submission Deadline:** February 16, 2026

**Submit abstracts and direct questions to:** Dr. Oscar Aponte ([oscar.aponte@villanova.edu](mailto:oscar.aponte@villanova.edu))

**Additional Information:**

There is no cost to attend or present. Students will be notified of acceptance by February 23, 2026