

**2027 annual meeting of the French Association for American Studies (AFEA)**  
**Université de Montpellier Paul Valéry, Montpellier, France**  
**Doctoral Symposium – May 25, 2027**

The AFEA's doctoral symposium is open to PhD candidates from all disciplines in North American Studies, regardless of their specific research field. Participation and attending the conference is free of charge. AFEA membership (subject to charge) is required to give a paper in the annual meeting, but not to participate in the doctoral symposium by itself or to attend the rest of the conference without giving a paper.

Research supervisors are encouraged to contact their PhD candidates who could benefit from participating in the symposium, especially as a first-time attendance at the AFEA annual meeting. PhD candidates in the first or second year of their doctoral research are especially encouraged to submit.

The one-day event is organized in two panels, one for social sciences, one for literature and arts; cross-disciplinary contributions will be included in one or the other panels. This doctoral symposium is not a graduate conference or an AFEA junior conference for PhD candidates, but is rather meant to workshop research experiences, discuss methodological insights, meet senior scholars, and prepare for the upcoming conference.

Each participant will present their research, discuss their methodology, and share their difficulties. To participate, please submit the following **by January 25, 2027**:

- a dissertation abstract (500-600 words);
- a hands-on process (e.g., functionality of a software, ethical use of AI, personal work method, innovative tip), a specific challenge to discuss (e.g., methodology, pace, writing issues), or a debate question for everyone to participate in (e.g., methodological, ethical, or institutional issues);
- a resume (2 pages).

Selected PhD candidates will be invited to send a dissertation chapter or an article in progress, written in English, by **May 3, 2027**, to be shared in preparation for group discussions.

The one-day event will be organized as follows:

- three to five-minute presentations of each dissertation, illustrated by a single visual (e.g., an image or a poster; no slideshows);
- a discussion of the chapters and articles in progress;
- a presentation of international academic opportunities;
- a discussion of methodological processes, challenges, and insights;
- a discussion with PhD candidate members of the AFEA's ethics committee.

Please email submissions **by January 25, 2027**, to: Anne Cremieux ([anne.cremieux@univ-montp3.fr](mailto:anne.cremieux@univ-montp3.fr)), Stéphanie Durrans ([stephanie.durrans@u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr](mailto:stephanie.durrans@u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr)), Michel Feith ([Michel.Feith@univ-nantes.fr](mailto:Michel.Feith@univ-nantes.fr)), and Guillaume Marche ([gmarche@u-pec.fr](mailto:gmarche@u-pec.fr)).

The AFEA doctoral symposium is open to all PhD candidates from Europe and the United States. The symposium will be held in English. Additionally, the AFEA covers part of the expenses for doctoral candidates participating in the symposium, provided that their institutions of origin do not offer funding (upon presentation of such proof, and receipts).

For more information about the annual meeting, please visit the French Association for American Studies website: <http://www.afea.fr>.