



## **Scholar Activism: All Around Us and Within**

**Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Meeting**

**Le Meridien**

**St. Louis / Clayton Missouri**

**October 16 – 19, 2025**



*Figure 1: Photo taken from the top of the Arch by Colin Suchland - AACCS Secretary*

As clinical, applied, and public sociologists, we strive to do more than just understand our social world. We work to create a more positive social world in both big and small ways through the systematic study, application, and practice of sociology. While we don't all consider ourselves to be scholar-activists, we do know that scholarship that is driven by social justice ideals is equally important as activism that is rooted in sound scholarship driven by scientific principles. We also know that these two paths intersect in hopefully positive ways within the role of the scholar-activist. At the 2025 annual meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, we will thematically focus on the scholar-activism that is all around us and within us through plenaries, keynotes, and regular sessions. We encourage you to submit items (papers, panels, workshops, etc.) that reflect this theme, but also welcome all submissions that reflect the mission of the organization to promote applied and clinical sociology in all of its forms – including research, teaching, and practice.



*Figure 2: Known as the "Gateway to the West" the St. Louis Arch has become a symbol that celebrates the diversity that is so integral to the region and to the entire country. Photo Credit: Colin Suchland AACCS Secretary*

**Conference Submissions:** Formal Papers, full panels, skills-based workshops, or other creative session formats should be submitted using the form found [here \(LINK\)](#).

**Closed sessions and posters** should be submitted through separate submission forms.

Submissions should follow the criteria below – but we also welcome submissions that are creative in other ways.

**Paper Presentations:** sessions will include brief presentations about academic works in progress (research papers, applied project outcomes, clinical interventions, teaching applied sociology, etc.) alongside other presenters organized thematically. Each paper session will last about an hour, allowing for 3-4 presenters to speak for about 15 minutes each.

**Panel Sessions:** the sessions will include the submission of an entire panel of experts on a particular issue, topic, or practice with the expectation of presentation and discussion, but without the expectation of formal paper presentations. Panel sessions will take place over an entire session period.

**Skill-based Workshops:** workshops may be presented by a single presenter or a group of several presenters, but should provide an overview of the basic skill(s) needed to complete a process or accomplish an applied research task. Workshops will take place over an entire session period.

**Closed Sessions:** We will also accept "closed session" submissions of 3-4 papers grouped together by the session organizer into a single session with a shared topic or theme. These sessions must be submitted using a separate form (see below).

**Student Poster Presentation:** We welcome poster submissions from undergraduate and graduate students. Posters may include any combination of text, tables, and figures to visually present a research project, proposal, or work in progress. These posters will be presented concurrently at one poster session, which typically takes place at our opening reception on Thursday October 16th.

**Presentation (papers, panels, workshops, etc) Proposals Due by June 1st, 2025 ([SUBMIT HERE](#)).**

**Closed Session Proposals Due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 ([SUBMIT HERE](#)).**

**Posters should be submitted on the separate Poster Submission Form by the poster deadline of July 1st, 2025 ([SUBMIT HERE](#)).**



## **St. Louis Missouri: Gateway to the West**

St. Louis is ready to welcome AACCS members with a host of activities and entertainment, with the iconic Gateway Arch being just the start of places to explore.

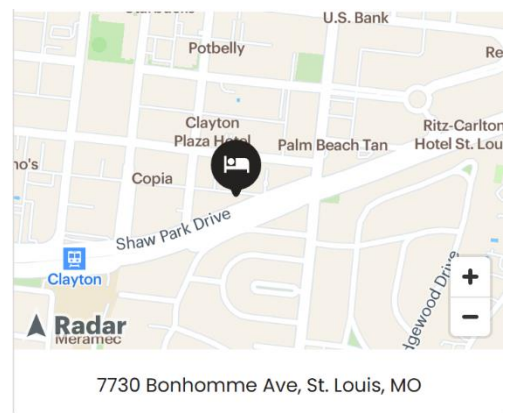


Figure 3: Photo credit - Colin Suchland

While there is much to do in the area immediately surrounding the conference hotel located in the second “downtown” of St. Louis in suburb of [Clayton](#) at the [Le Meridien Hotel](#), we will also have access to the larger St. Louis City area by car and via the light-rail system known as the [MetroLink](#), which also conveniently runs out to [St. Louis Lambert International Airport](#). The train can take you to several of the nearest attractions in historic [Forest Park](#), home of the 1904 World’s Fair. Today the park boasts [St. Louis Zoo](#), [St. Louis Art Museum](#), the [Missouri History Museum](#) and the [St. Louis Science Center](#). Best of all, many of these sites offer free general admission. A park shuttle is available. An online guide to Forest Park is available [here](#).

By train or auto, downtown St. Louis is a short trip away, and has several sites to explore on foot, most notably [The Arch](#). Featuring a large museum underneath and breathtaking views from the top, The Arch is also near the historic [Missouri State Capitol](#) and [Busch Stadium](#), home of Cardinals baseball. [City Museum](#), [City Garden](#), [Union Station](#) and [St. Louis Aquarium](#), and the [Schlafly Tap room](#) round out downtown points of interest.

If you are looking to get out in the city the [Missouri Botanical Gardens](#) and [The Hill](#) neighborhood, home of great Italian food, are worth a visit. You can find these and so much more in this [online guidebook](#).



**We hope to meet you in St. Louis!**