

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

for the

International Society for Educational Biography

41st Annual Conference

to be held at the

Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.isebio.com>

Conference Dates: October 2-4, 2025

Submission Deadline: June 15, 2025

The International Society for Educational Biography (I.S.E.B.) invites proposals for its annual conference, to be held in partnership with The Society of Philosophy and History of Education (S.O.P.H.E.), October 2-4, 2025, at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

CONFERENCE THEME: This year's theme is **Pioneering and Tinkering Toward the Future: Innovators, Visionaries, and Snake Oil Vendors in Education**. We invite writers/scholars/activists to share their work, research, and projects addressing the many ways educational life writing has documented, interrogated, and/or illustrated these concepts. We are particularly interested in proposals that illuminate new ideas and practices in the world of education, whether valid or not, and their authors. What ideas and thinkers have had positive or negative impacts and why? How do perennial educational ideas morph and change as they are reintroduced in different times? How can an understanding of the lives and times of our educational past inform present challenges?

Educational Life Writing takes on many forms and purposes. Papers and presentations may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following topics:

1. Biographies that shed light on the vision of educators
2. Narratives of/in schools and schooling
3. Life stories that pushed back on challenges like those of today
4. Life stories as illustrations of the conference theme
5. Amplifying minoritized voices
6. Education as a tool for change
7. Resurfacing erased and silenced stories
8. Life stories that envisioned more just possibilities for our societies
9. Storying colonial education related to the conference theme

SUBMISSION POLICIES:

Participants: Submissions are welcome from I.S.E.B. members, non-members, and independent scholars both inside and outside the U.S.A. **Graduate students and international scholars are particularly welcome to submit proposals. Graduate students' contributions will be honored with a special happy hour held especially for them.** Please note that non-members whose proposals are accepted are expected to become members when registering for the conference, to be included in the program and to present. Presenters who have not completed membership by **September 1** will not appear in the program.

- **In-Person and Virtual Participation:** This conference is primarily an in-person space with opportunities for virtual presentation as well. Virtual presentations can only be offered to individual papers and panel presentations. Participants in virtual presentations should send 15-minute video clips of their presentations no later than Monday, September 22, 2025, to ensure a smooth rendition. The speakers should be available on Zoom during the panel sessions to respond to questions. If the entire panel will be virtual, all presenters must indicate the same participation mode. Virtual presenters and attendees pay the same conference fee as in-person participants. While we will do our best to make the presentation process as seamless as possible, technological glitches are always a risk.
 - **Format:** Submissions should fall into one of four formats—individual papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and poster sessions. See below for more details.
 - **Abstract link:** We ask participants to please submit a title and an abstract (no more than 300 words) by **June 15, 2025**. Please submit your proposal through the [following site](#) or email your proposal to jared.stallones@unco.edu
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PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS: All proposals should include the primary author or organizer's name and contact information, proposal title, mode of participation (in-person/virtual), and an abstract for consideration.

1. **Individual Papers:** Presentations should be 15-20 minutes long.
2. **Panels:** This category offers a 90-minute session comprised of three or four presentations on a common topic. Each panel should have an organizer responsible for submitting the panel proposal. The proposal must include 1) a title for the panel and titles of individual presentations, and 2) an abstract (up to 500 words) for the panel.

3. **Roundtable Discussions:** This category facilitates interactive discussions of issues pertinent to life writing of all types. Each roundtable lasts for 60 minutes; the panel may have three to five members. The panelists should take no more than 45 minutes to present their arguments and leave the remaining time for interaction with the audience. The panel organizer should also serve as the moderator. The proposal must include 1) a title for the roundtable, and 2) a summary (up to 500 words) describing the perspectives and attitudes panelists have toward the topic. We ask panelists to account for equity issues during their presentation (such as being mindful of gender dynamics regarding speaking time, involvement of attendees).
4. **Poster Sessions:** We invite submissions for this popular form of presentation posters, where the presenters display visually a topic relevant to the conference theme and respond to the audience's questions on the spot. Guidelines are:
 1. Time: 60 minutes
 2. Location: Tables in the conference area or virtually (see Format for details)

Format:

- iii. In-person: Corrugated display board—trifolds opening to roughly 36” x 48” or rollable posters of similar size
- iv. Virtual: A slideshow of poster images for an online presentation
- v. Additional Media (optional): Laptops to share photos and brief video

FURTHER INFORMATION: For more information, please email jared.stallones@unco.edu or visit <https://isebio.com>

Menger Hotel Housing Information:

We are again partnering with SOPHE to share conference space.

Reservations for our conference are under the SOPHE conference name: **SOPHE 25 Annual Meeting**. Indicate you are with this group to reserve a single/double/triple/quad room for \$155/Night

Book at the group rate until **Sept. 12, 2025** by calling 1-800-345-9285 or [through this link](#).

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