



Signs of Rebirth and Renewal

The 47th SSA Annual Conference: Call for Papers

**University of the Incarnate Word in the beautiful, historical city of San Antonio, Texas
October 11–15, 2023**

The Theme

It is with great pleasure and a sense of wholeheartedness aflame with hope, that we announce the theme of the 2023 Semiotic Society of America Annual Conference: *Signs of Rebirth and Renewal*. As we emerge from a global pandemic, interrupted scholastic life, and a perturbing SSA Annual Conference, we are facing enchanting opportunities and unbounded possibilities for rising from our imminent demise. No matter how many times and how often human life bursts into flames, it can always rise up from its ashes, just like the powerful phoenix dares to arise from its own remains. Through the embodiment of desire and love for regeneration, we can navigate our way through the darkness, reviving from our ashes and becoming our own source of light. Such is the continuity of life. Charles S. Peirce's doctrine of synechism is fundamental to our understanding of the continuity of the lifeworld (*Lebenswelt*), where the possibilities for resurgence and rejuvenation are inexhaustible. Continuity involves infinite potentiality through signs of rebirth and renewal. Life is a palingenetic and synechistic process of semiosis.

The SSA 2023 Conference is organized around this theme, focusing on the multifarious ways in which signs of rebirth and renewal are manifested in our lifeworld. Participants are encouraged to develop panels and submissions that consider this theme. As always though, we welcome abstracts on any topic with a connection to theoretical and/or applied semiotics. The Semiotic Society of America is transdisciplinary and international in scope, welcoming voices of colleagues from all disciplines and countries.

Unlike in previous years, the 47th SSA Conference will be both in-person and virtual. We will offer the possibility of synchronous meetings with Q&A and asynchronous meetings with Q&A. Arrangements will be made prior to the meeting. In synchronous meetings, participants will be responsible for ensuring that they have the technology to access the sessions. (The Society cannot ensure individuals' access to Zoom for all bandwidth and platform scenarios.) Technical specifications will be sent together with an acceptance letter.

Submission Requirement

Please include the following information in your submission:

1. Author's name
2. Institutional affiliation
3. Email address
4. Title of submission with a maximum 150-word abstract in English
5. A maximum of six keywords

Please indicate whether you are presenting in-person or virtually. Paper presentations will be 20-25 minutes with time for Q&A in the session. Abstracts for individual paper-presentations or panels and organized sessions (3-4 papers) must include all of the above information. Please indicate in your abstract submission if you plan to present in a language other than English. An acknowledgment of receipt of your abstract will be sent to you within two weeks from the date of submission.

Send all submissions to the EasyChair at

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ssa2023conference> by **August 20, 2023**.

To join the Semiotic Society of America and register for the SSA 47th Annual Conference, please visit <https://www.pdcnet.org/wp/registrations/2023-ssa/>, or call Toll-Free: 1-800-444-2419 (US & Canada). We encourage early registration.

Additional Conference Information

Papers presented at the SSA Conference will be considered for publication in *Semiotics 2023*, the *SSA Yearbook* of the Semiotic Society of America. The *SSA Yearbook* is an annual peer-reviewed publication series sponsored by the Semiotic Society of America, providing both a timely overview of current developments in semiotic research and a regular outlet for members of the Society to publish papers on their current work. Further details and deadlines will be specified in the Annual Conference Program.

Student submissions are eligible for the **Roberta Kevelson Award**, which will honor the best student paper presented at the 2022 Annual Conference. Students who wish to be considered for the Kevelson Award should indicate their interest at the time of abstract submission. Full paper submissions must be uploaded to the program committee by September 22, 2023. Questions regarding the Roberta Kevelson Award should be directed to the Review Committee Chair André De Tienne at adetienn@iupui.edu

Special Events

In addition to scheduled paper sessions, there will also be keynote and plenary speakers to be announced in due time. Please check the SSA website for details.

Venue

The 47th SSA Annual Conference will be held in October 11-15, 2023, in person and virtually through Zoom in Luella Bennack Music Center at the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, University of the Incarnate Word in the beautiful city of San Antonio, Texas. All events will be on Eastern Standard Time; however, all presentations will be available for viewing to registered attendees for the whole week.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided by several local hotels in the immediate vicinity of University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. More details will be forthcoming. Check the SSA website for details.

Please note that in accordance with Article 4 Section 4 of the SSA Constitution: “Only Individual, Students, and Honorary members in good standing may offer papers to the Program Committee for presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society.” Membership must be in good standing at or before the time of abstract submission.

SSA Membership and Conference Registration Fees

Membership Fees:

- SSA Membership Dues (Regular) – \$75.00USD
- SSA Membership Dues (Student) – \$50.00USD

Conference Registration Fees:

- Conference Registration (Regular-in-person) – \$200.00USD (late registration of \$250.00USD after September 4, 2023)
- Conference Registration (Regular-virtual) – \$100.00USD (late registration of \$125.00USD after September 4, 2023)

We look forward to welcoming you in San Antonio, Texas!

SSA 2023 Program Committee

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