

CARTO 2025 Writing Session

This session is a dedicated time for you to work on potential submissions to [the ACMLA Bulletin](#).

Section Themes to Consider:

- Articles
- GIS Trends
- Digital Exhibits
- Software and Data Reviews
- Student Voices

Whether you're presenting, attending, or simply feeling inspired, here are a few prompts to help turn your ideas into a Bulletin contribution:

Turning Your Presentation into a Publication

Have you recently given (or will give) a presentation? Here are some prompts to transform it into something publishable:

- What was your presentation's core insight or argument? Can you expand it into an article?
- Alternatively, could your presentation become a map or digital exhibit?
- What questions or feedback did you receive during your session that could deepen or expand on your work?
- Can your slides be reorganized into a narrative with an introduction, discussion, and conclusion? Are there additional sections (literature review, methods...) that could expand on or deepen this narrative?
- What parts of your session sparked the most discussion or interest?
 - Consider channeling that energy into a short think piece, cartoon, poem, or other creative format instead of a full-length article.

Collaborative Possibilities

- Met someone at CARTO who shares your interests?
 - Could you co-author a piece together?
 - Challenge: Go have a drink with them and bring up the idea.
 - Alternatively: Draft an email to a potential collaborator outlining a shared idea for an article or creative submission.

Reflections from CARTO

- Write a short field note about a moment that felt meaningful, frustrating, or generative during the conference.
 - Could this fieldnote grow into a larger piece?

Reflecting on Your Practice

- Describe a project, challenge, or initiative that others could learn from.
- What are some lessons you've learned this year that would benefit ACMLA members?
- What's currently frustrating or anxiety-inducing in this profession?

Low-Hanging Fruit

Want to contribute but short on time or energy? Try these easy prompts instead:

- List 3 possible titles for a future article or submission—then go socialize.
- Write for just 5 minutes about a map you love —then have a drink.
- Choose any of the prompts from the sections above and write about it for just five minutes—then go mingle.
- Saw a student project recently that was outstanding? Send them an email right now encouraging them to submit it to the Bulletin's Student Voices editor, Saman [goudars@mcastar.ca].