

Call for Papers: Graduate Voices in the Lawscape 2026

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, March 17-21, 2026 (San Francisco, CA)

Session description:

Legal geography explores the practice and conceptualization of the law in and via place and space, examining the relationship between law and the changing spatial, social, and environmental conditions that create and contribute to our understanding of the world(s) we inhabit. We welcome all graduate student scholars who pursue research that involves legal inquiry—whether you consider yourself a 'spatial detective' (Bennett 2015), a 'secret geographer' working in legal spaces (Brickell et al. 2024), a transdisciplinary/post-disciplinary scholar (Braverman et al. 2014), or you are simply interested in the utility of legal geography as a subdiscipline for supporting your work—we invite scholarship on a wide range of topics. Such topics could include but are not limited to, borders, migration & immigration; jurisdiction; policing; human rights; law and racism; Indigenous law; environmental & climate justice; property & resource management; housing; food policy; courts; the administration of law in place, law and urban spaces; law and bodies; and law and authoritarianism.

Eligibility:

Please be a current or prospective Master's or Ph.D. student, with a research focus that involves some form of legal inquiry. We welcome those who have not previously considered their work to be 'legal geography,' as well as those who are interested in contributing further to the development of this subfield.

Awards:

All presenters will be considered for the LSGS Graduate Students Presentation Award. This award is given out annually by LSGS to support upcoming scholars.

Submission Information:

For those interested in submitting a paper, please submit your abstract by Friday, **October 24** here: <https://forms.gle/9MQw5UncCG8Z6LbLA>.

If you prefer email, please include the following in your email:

1. Subject line: AAG Abstract - Grad Voices in the Lawscape
2. Your presentation title
3. A copy of your abstract (250 words)

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