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President Sloan Welcomes You  
to the  
103<sup>rd</sup> AATSP Annual Conference  
Atlanta, GA



*¡Bienvenidos! Bem-vindo!*

It is my great honor to welcome you to our 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in beautiful and historical Atlanta, Georgia. It is hard to believe that the last time we saw each other was two years ago in San Diego, California. We are so excited to greet you **in person** after almost 18 months of precautions and meetings via online platforms. Please be assured that we will be taking all the necessary measures for a safe gathering to learn and collaborate during our time together in Atlanta.

This year our theme is *Celebrando la diversidad: El español y el portugués* or *Celebrando a diversidade: O espanhol e o português*. The theme is reflected in our rich and varied program that includes sessions, workshops, and poster presentations as well as informal visits during our

time together in Atlanta. I especially encourage you to add Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am to your schedule, where you will have the opportunity to listen to our distinguished Keynote Speaker, Dr. Krishauna Hines-Gaither. She is one of the leaders in this field who will be talking about *Diversity, Diversidad, Diversidade: From Words to Actions*, a timely topic that is very important to our profession.

The State of Georgia has been very much in the news since the 2020 election, and many businesses and organizations are boycotting the state in order to protest the newly passed laws that restrict citizens' ability to vote freely. However, in the words of the great Stacey Abrams, "Black, Latino, AAPI and Native American voters, whose votes are the most suppressed under HB 202, are also the most likely to be hurt by potential boycotts of Georgia." Therefore, the AATSP decided to proceed with our conference in order to support the ability of those workers to earn a living. I encourage you to do as Ms. Abrams pleads and visit the local restaurants, attractions, and small businesses in Atlanta during your free time.

Thank you and have a great time learning and collaborating with other language educators in Atlanta!

*¡Todos a una! Todos por um!*

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