

Executive Director's Welcome

We are overjoyed to be back in Salamanca for the 105th AATSP Annual Conference. Salamanca is a perfect place for us to acknowledge history and explore new horizons. Expect renewal, individual professional development, and an enthusiastic celebration of our love of languages and teaching. This annual conference represents unparalleled collaboration with institutions and associations that will offer participants many choices by design. We aim to overload your senses and stimulate your mind.

To stage a conference of this magnitude, the AATSP acknowledges our generous hosts: the *Junta de Castilla y León*, the *Ciudad de Salamanca*, and the *Universidad de Salamanca*, especially Dr. José Miguel Sánchez Llorente, *Consejero Delegado* of *Cursos Internacionales*. We are also indebted to USAL's *Centro de Estudios Brasileños*. The AATSP is meeting simultaneously with the *VII Congreso Internacional del Español: Español para todos*, and the 1st Annual International Summer Institute organized by NABE (National Association for Bilingual Education). Also, the AATSP is beholding to the *Escola Superior de Educação, Politécio do Porto* for hosting our exciting one-day symposium in Porto, Portugal immediately following the conference.

Because the AATSP is US-based, we are delighted and privileged to have the United States Ambassador to Spain and Andorra the honorable Julissa Reynoso Pantaleón with us at the opening ceremony on Monday morning at 10:00 am. Join us! To fully participate in the conference, you'll need to choose from six plenaries, 400+ sessions, five workshops, numerous receptions, and special events. To do this, examine the program and learn what is on the minds of AATSP members. These questions will be explored among others.

Who owns Spanish? For that matter, who owns Portuguese?
How are new technologies continually redefining our teaching?
What is new in cultural and literary studies?
What is new in the ever-evolving linguistic landscape?
How do we reward, assess, and motivate our students?
Given the demands of teaching, how can I take care of myself?
How does language include and reflect our student population?
How do we address systemic issues through antiracist practices?
How do we improve learning for our students through research-driven practice?
How do we make language learning relevant through careers and opportunities?
What are OERs (Open Educational Resources)? Do they improve language access?
How should we communicate with each other to articulate and promote language learning?



As you move between the sessions and events, stop to enjoy spectacular Salamanca with me, AATSP's stellar President Parthena Draggett, and the hardworking and talented members of your AATSP Board of Directors. This is truly of a moment of *nuevos horizontes/novas horizontes* because this is my last AATSP conference as your Executive Director. As I anticipate my retirement, I thank you *all* for your love and support. While in Salamanca, I invite you to meet the incomparable Dr. María Carreira who will succeed me. With her leadership and the unflagging energy, expertise, and commitment of the AATSP's educators, I expect great things ahead! *¡Todos a una! Todos por um!*

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