

The 45th Annual Mid-America Theatre Conference
March 6-8, 2025, Atlanta, GA
Emerging Scholars Symposium Call for Papers

Two Emerging Scholars Debut Panels: One Graduate & One Undergraduate
Undergraduate and Graduate students who have not yet presented at a national conference are invited to submit papers for the Emerging Scholars Symposium, two debut panels of the Mid-America Theatre Conference. Papers for the two panels are welcome on any topic in theatre history, theory, or dramatic literature. For more information on the conference theme, please consult the MATC website: <http://matc.us>.

Up to three participants will be selected for each panel, and each panelist will have fifteen minutes to deliver their paper. Students whose papers are accepted will receive free conference registration, free admission to the conference luncheon, a one-year membership in MATC, and a cash prize of \$200. Winners will also be paired with a conference mentor.

The Emerging Scholars Symposium will also sponsor a series of pre-conference, online events in that will help prepare Emerging Scholars for the conference, answer their questions, and address issues of professionalization and the changing job market. These sessions will be designed to involve little outside preparation.

Papers should be 7-10 pages in length (1750-2500 words) and will be evaluated on the quality of their writing and research, their critical/theoretical sophistication, and their originality.

For consideration, please complete the Google Form [here](#).

The Google Form will ask for:

- Your name, student status, and the name of your academic institution.
- Contact information (including mailing address, e-mail, and telephone number).
- A brief biography (no more than 100 words).
- For undergraduates: an upload of your COMPLETED paper (no abstracts, please).
- For graduate students: an upload of your completed paper OR an expanded abstract (500+ word). Full papers will be due by January 15, 2025.

Submissions will be considered by the Symposium Co-Chairs, Dr. Rachel Bauer, Sacred Heart University and Dr. Greer Gerni, University of Missouri-Kansas City. Any questions may be sent to the Symposium Co-Chairs at emerging_scholars@matc.us.

Submissions MUST be received by:

Graduate Panel – November 1, 2024

Undergraduate Panel – November 15, 2024