

University of Glasgow (College of Arts & Humanities)

British Association for American Studies Annual Conference: Thurs 9th to Sat 11th April 2026

- **Travel and Accommodation:**

Glasgow is easily accessible from across the UK and beyond. Travel information, maps etc are available here: [Getting here and around Glasgow: Travel and transport guide | Visit Glasgow](#). See also Google maps: [Main Building](#), [Hunter Halls](#), [Boyd Orr](#), [James Watt South \(JWS\)](#).

For rail services see [National Rail Enquiries](#) or [Trainline](#). Trains come direct from across the UK into Glasgow Central or Glasgow Queen Street. It is also possible to travel via Edinburgh. For those traveling internationally, there are coach services from Edinburgh or Glasgow Airports direct to the city centre (Buchanan Street). If you are coming in from outside the UK, please note the new ETA requirements (similar to the UK>USA ESTA visa waiver system): [Get an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) to visit the UK: Overview - GOV.UK](#).

Glasgow is a relatively walkable city; there are city bikes available, good bus routes and the world-famous subway system, also known as the Clockwork Orange. Nearest stops to the University campus are Hillhead or Kelvinbridge. Info [here](#). Local taxi services are reliable (see below) and there are also Ubers:

Glasgow Taxis: 0141 429 7070

Download the app: <https://www.glasgowtaxis.co.uk/passenger-services/smartphone-apps/>

GlasGo Cabs (private hire): 0141 332 5050 / 0141 774 3000

Download the app: <https://glasgocabs.co.uk/app/>

Accommodation info, maps, guides to neighbourhoods etc are available [here](#).

- **Campus and Conference Buildings:**

The conference will take place on the University's main (Gilmorehill) campus in Glasgow's West End. [University of Glasgow - Explore - Maps and travel](#). There is no parking on campus, other than for those with accessibility requirements. Details [here](#). The "hub" for the conference, where registration, catering, and publishers' displays will be, is in Hunter Halls West in the historic Gilbert Scott Building. Routes will be clearly signposted! Panels and keynotes will be in the James Watt South Building; the Boyd Orr Building and in the Gilbert Scott Building. Further details will follow with the draft schedule. We have timetabled sessions to ensure time to move from one building to another.

- **Registration:**

If you have not yet registered for the conference, please do so [here](#) as soon as possible so that we can confirm room bookings, catering etc. On arrival at the conference, we will register your attendance and provide a name label and other info. In the spirit of "Green BAAS" (reduce, re-use, recycle), if you have a spare lanyard, please bring it along with you as we won't be providing new ones.

- **DRAFT Schedule:**

Along with these Joining Instructions, please find attached a DRAFT schedule. This is subject to change as we get nearer to the event. However, please note that we cannot make further changes in anything other than exceptional circumstances. If there are particular reasons why you can't make the slot allocated to you, please email UofGBAAS2026@Glasgow.ac.uk, using "Schedule Change Request" in the subject line, and we will see what we can do.

- **Evening Events:**

On the evening of Thurs 9th April, there is a drinks reception in Glasgow City Chambers (in the city centre) – thereafter, dinner arrangements are delegates' own. Coach transport from the University campus will be arranged. On the evening of Fri 10th April, the BAAS Annual Buffet Banquet will take place on the University campus. If you have registered for one day only for either of these days, registration includes these events.

Also on the evening of Thurs 9th April, from around 7.30, there will be a PG (postgraduate) gathering at [Bar Home Glasgow | Craft Beer & Cocktails](#) (80 Albion St, Glasgow G1 1NY), organised by David Malcolm, BAAS PG Representative (david.malcolm@baas.ac.uk).

- **Full Programme:**

A full programme will be made available at the conference, featuring titles and abstracts. If there's a truly significant change to your title, please let us know but otherwise we don't have the capacity to make multiple amendments. Thank you for your understanding.

- **Keynotes:**

We are delighted to confirm and welcome our keynotes:

The 2026 Eccles Institute speaker (Thurs 9th April): Professor Sinéad Moynihan (University of Exeter), speaking on: "Author, Editor, Agent: The "Institutional Turn" and Mid-Century Magazines"

The 2026 *Journal of American Studies* speaker (Fri 10th April): Professor Mia Bay (University of Cambridge) whose lecture is entitled: "Talking Back to Thomas Jefferson: African Americans Discuss the Founding Father, 1776-1877"

And, delivering this year's Andrew Hook Centre / Gordon Lecture (Sat 11th April), Professor Simon P. Newman (Institute for Research in the Humanities) speaking under the title: "Fighting for freedom, 1776-2026."

We would like to thank each of our distinguished speakers, and their respective sponsors, for their contribution to our conference.

- **Panel Chairs:**

We invite delegates to volunteer to chair any of the panels / workshops that fall within their area of interest. Please email UofGBAAS2026@glasgow.ac.uk to express an interest (under the subject line "Panel Chair").

- **Publisher representation:**

We would like to thank our publisher sponsors for their support: Manchester University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Harvard University Press, Morde-Norstrum Group, Journal of American Studies, the Andrew Hook Centre for American Studies, and the Eccles Centre.

Several editors have kindly offered delegates the chance to meet up on a 1:1 basis to discuss potential proposals etc. Please see details and a sign-up option on the booking page:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15DovTCndZa-h35z18TB70B-VcXXqA14KTfPGjq6RFco/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Accessibility, dietary requirements and AV requests:**

Please let us know as soon as possible of any accessibility requirements, dietary requirements (catering will include vegan, gluten free and vegetarian options as standard) and of any non-routine AV requests – i.e. anything beyond straightforward powerpoints etc. Please email UofGBAAS2026@glasgow.ac.uk, making the nature of your enquiry clear in the subject line.

- **Things to do in Glasgow, places to eat, etc:**

There are plenty of places to eat and drink close to campus (Byres Road; Finnieston; Great Western Road / Kelvinbridge area) and others in the city centre. Further suggestions will be provided on arrival. In addition, Glasgow Convention Bureau has negotiated discounts on a [range of other activities](#). (NB these offers are live and provided by third party, member businesses. As such, offer details and availability may differ slightly between now and the event delivery dates). There will be the option of a Green BAAS Walking Tour: Moving Conversations on the afternoon of Fri 10th April and an optional guided tour of the University's Hunterian Art Gallery on the afternoon of Sat 11th April. Sign up for both will be via the registration desk.

Finally, thank you to BAAS colleagues and the University of Glasgow for their support.

On behalf of the UofGBAAS2026 Committee, we look forward to welcoming you to Glasgow!

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