OSCLG 2026

Reclaiming Independence: Freedom is a Feminist Practice

October 8-10, 2026 Philadelphia, PA



You'll arrive in Philadelphia—a city built on declarations of freedom, yet shaped by exclusions and silences that too often left women, queer folks, people of color, and disabled voices outside the doors of power. On the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, we reclaim that history. We rewrite the script, because *this* will be the room where it happens.

This is the room where we theorize new ways of living, resisting, teaching, and imagining.

This is the room where silence is ruptured by bold scholarship, intersectional solidarity, and joy.

This is the room where we speak truth—not to power, but with power.

This is the room where freedom becomes a feminist practice.

Here, we will honor the intellectual labor of those who came before us—and we push their legacies forward. We center care, community, and justice in every session, every conversation, every gathering.

This is not just a conference. This is praxis. This is community. This is the future. And it will happen—because you are in the room. Let's build together. Let's disrupt together. Let's be free together.

Call for Papers

Submissions are invited for presentations in multiple formats including papers, extended abstracts, posters, panels, and performances that address all aspects of communication, language, and gender. Sessions are scheduled for 75 minutes. Presentation time will be planned to allow for discussion at each session. Please note that AV equipment will not be available because of cost restrictions.

You can find more information here: https://osclg.org/conferences/upcoming-conference/.

Venue

The Warwick Hotel
220 South 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA

https://www.warwickrittenhouse.com/

20-minute drive/30-minute regional rail ride from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) 12-minute drive/15-minute public transit from Philadelphia Amtrak train station (Market Street)

Guest room rate: \$229 (King Bed) or \$229 (2 Full Beds) plus fees & taxes