

FREE ADMISSION

**The 2018 Annual Meeting of the
American Folklore Society**

October 17-20, 2018
Buffalo Niagara County Convention Center
Buffalo, New York, USA

No Illusions, No Exclusions

"No Illusions, No Exclusions," the theme for the 2018 AFS Annual Meeting, is inspired by its location in Buffalo, New York, "The City of No Illusions."

Buffalo is proudly gutsy, realistic, highly vernacular and inclusive. The city openly welcomes recent refugees, who enhance the substantial diversity brought about by its remarkable industrial heritage and legacy of Native Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) First Nations. Buffalo's post-industrial transformation brings with it challenges of gentrification, reconfiguration of the labor force and new symbolic strategies of self-representation.

Participants in the annual meeting are encouraged to explore how at this divisive moment in American life, folklore confronts economic and social disruptions, builds community resilience and sustains pluralism amidst threats to E Pluribus Unum.

As a discipline, folklore cannot stand in isolation from other fields as it shapes and is shaped by other disciplines while endeavoring to sustain itself as an autonomous discipline. In considering folklore as both academic discipline and public practice, participants are encouraged to examine how folklore engages community members as partners, valuing local knowledge and facilitating cultural self-determination.

Learn more about the meeting at <http://www.afsnet.org/page/2018AM>.

**We invite students and colleagues from Buffalo to join us;
no registration fee required. We ask that you sign in at the registration
desk, then sample, circulate, introduce yourselves, and learn more about
folklore as a profession and a perspective.**

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