

## Emerging Methodologists Workshop for Qualitative and Multi-Method Explanatory Research

### Call for Proposals

**Proposal Deadline: October 15, 2025**

**Notification of Results: November 2025**

**Workshop Date: June 20, 2026**

### Background and Motivation

The community of scholars who engage in qualitative and multi-method explanatory research is large and diverse. By contrast, the group of scholars who develop, write on, and teach these research methods – i.e., who *guide* the endeavors of researchers who carry out such work – is far smaller and more homogeneous. One cause of this disparity is that junior scholars, particularly those from under-represented groups, are not encouraged and actively mentored to become qualitative methodologists. The “[Emerging Methodologists Workshop for Qualitative and Multi-Method Explanatory Research](#)” (EMW) seeks to address this gap by encouraging advanced graduate students, post-docs, and junior faculty from under-represented groups who are based at U.S. institutions to develop, publish on, and teach qualitative and multi-method research.

The EMW occurs each June at Syracuse University, in tandem with the [Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research](#) (IQMR). The EMW occupies one day of a two day “Authors Workshop” associated with the Institute. At each EMW, scholars present and receive feedback on a paper they wrote and circulated in advance. Presenters receive intensive support: senior faculty mentors attend the EMW and work with presenters before and afterwards, helping them to develop and move their work toward peer-reviewed publication. We introduce presenters into existing networks, foster new networks, and work to build an inclusive community.

The next EMW takes place on **Sunday, June 20, 2026 at Syracuse University**. More information can be found on the **EMW’s website** (<http://sigla.georgetown.domains/emworkshop/>).

### Eligibility and Paper Requirements

Eligibility: **Advanced doctoral students** in political science, and **recent PhDs (2019 or later)** in political science serving as postdocs, junior faculty, or in other positions in academia whose **home institution is in the U.S.** are welcome to submit proposals.

#### Paper requirements:

- **Mainly or completely empirical work that employs qualitative methods or is multi-method in nature is not eligible.**
- Papers must **fully focus** on **developing, critiquing, challenging, or enhancing** a method for collecting, generating, or analyzing qualitative data, or a technique for multi-method

research that is grounded in broadly positivist epistemological commitments. Work discussing the use of methods in a particular research setting that does not describe a methodological innovation or enhancement will not be considered. Work that focuses on methodological development that includes *brief* empirical examples is encouraged.

## **Proposal Process**

To be considered for the 2026 EMW, please complete the Google form linked below by **October 15, 2025**.

<https://forms.gle/TTmmbV83Wi4EAkhT6>

## **Selection and Support**

A small faculty committee will review all eligible proposals and select for presentation at the EMW a small set of papers that contribute to the development of qualitative and multi-method research methodology. Selection will focus on the intellectual and methodological promise of proposals, and the contributions that applicants and their proposed work make to the diversity of the QMMR community. All applicants will be notified of the status of their proposal in November 2025. The workshop covers round-trip airfare, two nights hotel stay (arranged by the EMW), and meals and refreshments during the workshop.

Each workshop presenter will be paired with a “methods mentor” – a senior scholar in the QMMR community with expertise in the area of their proposed paper – to support them as they develop their paper. In order to participate in the EMW, presenters will be required to circulate to workshop participants a well-developed version of their paper by a deadline set in advance of the workshop. Presenters will also be offered the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from IQMR faculty and participants on the Monday following the workshop.

Presenters will revise their papers after the workshop, with the continued support of their mentors and the broader EMW community, before submitting them to a peer-reviewed journal. Work presented at the EMW will also be featured in a symposium in the Fall 2026 issue of *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*. In addition, EMW 2026 presenters will be invited to present an early version of their paper at the annual Virtual EMW (EMW-V) in early 2026, and to attend EMW-related events at APSA conferences and future EMWs (both at their own expense), as well as to join future EMW-V's.

This initiative seeks to foster a diverse and vibrant community of emerging methodologists in the qualitative and multi-method tradition, generating connections within and across EMW cohorts. Our hope is that participants continue to publish and teach in the field of qualitative methodology, and that they seek and find a home in the QMMR community as their careers advance.

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