



## Announcing CCTE's SPAN 2026 10th Annual Conference

**On-Site and Virtual on March 23-24 & Additional Virtual Day on March 28**

**On site March 23-24 at the Sacramento City Library Tsakopoulos Galleria  
and virtually for those who prefer**

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We are excited to announce SPAN 2026, our 10th annual conference in Sacramento, to be held Monday March 23 and Tuesday March 24. SPAN is designed especially for teacher educators as a “Day on the Hill” type meeting, bringing our voices and extensive backgrounds to share with legislators and their staff. SPAN is also an important networking meeting for CCTE members, with Research Roundtables and associated group meetings.

This is an important time to engage in advocacy on behalf of teacher educators, candidates, and the teaching profession. No experience is needed to fully engage in this lively and advocacy-focused conference. Each participant will have opportunities to become familiar with our Talking Points, and to share their experiences and stories related to these issues. Working in teams, we will meet with policymakers and legislative staffers to share our unique and important expertise and viewpoints as teacher educators.

Two new advocacy activities will be featured at SPAN 2026. CCTE President Karen Escalante's Advocacy Group is working alongside SPAN to bring key issues to legislators and to build relationships, sharing the goal of positioning CCTE as an expert resource for all matters related to educator preparation. And SPAN's new publication, *The Change*, will be presented as a tool for communicating with legislative offices, with brief and accessible pieces by CCTE members (see the Call for Proposals for *The Change*).

SPAN 2026 will be held at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, close to the State Capitol Building and legislative offices. Participants needing overnight accommodations will stay in the hotel of their choice, with many options available in the downtown area (see listing on fourth page of this announcement).

In addition to the March 23-24 two on-site/virtual days, there will be a totally Virtual Day on March 28 with additional research presentations and a closing discussion.

### **Further Details:**

On the following pages please find the tentative program for the CCTE SPAN 2026 Conference, the Conference registration form, and a list of hotel options for those wishing overnight accommodations.