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Networking/Ally building
Why does it matter?

1. Build support network

2. Expand with whom you can do research

3. Construct connections for future job and fellowship opportunities
How to do it?

1. Speak with your advisor and ask them to introduce you to scholars that they know

2. Ask other graduate students in your program to introduce you to people that they know

3. Identify before the conference scholars (i.e. professors and graduate students) that you’d like to meet
Before the conference

1. Research conference schedule
   a. Searchable schedule
   b. Map out sessions to attend and questions for presenters
   c. Events: Sobremesa, GSA reception
Before the conference

2. Prepare business cards
   a. University
   b. Name (authorship)
   c. Email address (personal/professional)
   d. URL code
Before the conference

3. Volunteer at conference

4. Join FaceBook groups (AAAL graduate students, POC AAAL)

5. Befriend/follow scholars on social media
At the conference

1. Wear your badge ALL the time (right side)
   Store business cards inside of your badge
   **GIVE THEM OUT**

2. Attend receptions and sessions

3. Talk with presenters after their sessions

4. Search for scholars during coffee breaks
After the conference

Follow up within a week after conference

a. Email

b. Social Media post
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