

Ralph Ellison Society
ALA 2017

1. Ralph Ellison and Politics. This panel seeks to explore the multiple dimensions and meanings of “the political” in Ellison’s work. Papers might address the political arguments and debates within Ellison’s fiction; or the political implications of his essays; or the ways in which Ellison’s work engages key political ideas and issues in American and international politics; or the political context of his writings . . . or many other approaches.

2. Ralph Ellison and Gender. This panel asks, how does gender function in the writings of Ralph Ellison? Papers might interrogate Ellison’s work in terms of key gender issues, or from the perspectives of masculinity, feminism, trans-gender, or multiple other gender-rooted approaches. We particularly encourage papers that address the broad range of Ellison’s writing, from his published and unpublished fiction to his voluminous essays to his work in the Ellison archive.

All proposals should be sent to Marc Conner, Secretary/Treasurer of the Ralph Ellison Society, at connerm@wlu.edu no later than January 10, 2017.