

American Literature Association Call for Proposals

The Emerson Society will sponsor two panels at the annual meeting of the American Literature Association, to be held in Boston, MA, from May 25-28, 2017. For information about the conference, see <http://americanliteratureassociation.org/calls/annual-conference/>.

Emerson and Social Justice

This panel examines Emerson's influence on, discussion of, or participation in social justice movements. We welcome papers that consider the relationship between Emerson and social justice broadly considered, but we are especially interested in papers that highlight Emerson's career and work as it relates to social justice movements in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries or that theorize Emerson as a proponent of social justice in his own time. We welcome new readings of Emerson in light of theories of human rights, as well as presentations that challenge Emerson's role in human rights advocacy. Historical analyses, theoretical readings, comparative analyses, and influence studies are all welcome, as are discussions of Emerson's relationship to Thoreau as it relates to the idea of civil resistance and human rights.

E-mail 300 word abstracts to Roger Thompson (roger.thompson@stonybrook.edu) or David Greenham (David.Greenham@uwe.ac.uk) by Dec. 20, 2016. Membership in the Emerson Society is required of presenters, but it is not required to submit proposals for consideration. The Emerson Society also provides grants that may be of interest to presenters, including a Research Grant and a Graduate Student Paper Award. More information on grants can be found at the Emerson Society webpage: <https://emersonsociety.org/2016/09/17/awards-announcements-2017/>

Thoreau Society Annual Gathering, July 2017

The Thoreauvian Emerson

The Emerson Society sponsors a panel at the Thoreau Society Annual Gathering each summer in Concord, MA. In order to celebrate the Thoreau Bicentennial, honoring Thoreau's birth in 1817, we seek papers that examine Thoreau's influence on Emerson. The story of Emerson's influence

on Thoreau is often told, but Thoreau significantly shaped Emerson's career and thinking. He has also significantly shaped how we think about Emerson today. We seek papers that renew and revitalize our understanding of the relationship between the two transcendentalists by focusing on what is Thoreauvian in Emerson. For information on the conference theme, please visit www.thoreausociety.org. We will consider papers both on the topic above and the conference theme more generally.

E-mail 300 word abstracts to Roger Thompson (roger.thompson@stonybrook.edu) or David Greenham (David.Greenham@uwe.ac.uk) by Feb 5, 2015. Membership in the Emerson Society is required of presenters, but it is not required to submit proposals for consideration. The Emerson Society also provides grants that may be of interest to presenters, including a Research Grant and a Graduate Student Paper Award. The travel grant provides \$750 of travel support to present a paper on an Emerson Society panel at the American Literature Association Annual Conference (May 2017) or the Thoreau Society Annual Gathering (July 2017). More information on grants can be found at the Emerson Society webpage:

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