

AMERICAN THEATRE AND DRAMA SOCIETY

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CALL FOR PAPERS/PANELS

The American Theatre and Drama Society (ATDS) would like to invite proposals for 15-20 minute papers for two panels at the 28th Annual American Literature Association Conference. We suggest the two panel topics below, but **also invite proposals for pre-arranged panels** on other topics appropriate for ATDS at the American Literature Association.

The American Theatre and Drama Society (ATDS) is an incorporated organization dedicated to the study of United States theatre and drama, its varied histories, traditions, literatures, and performances within its cultural contexts. ATDS also encourages the evolving debate exploring national identities and experiences through research, pedagogy, and practice. ATDS welcomes scholars, teachers, and practitioners world-wide.

Panel Theme #1: “As Others See Us”

ATDS recognizes that notions of America and the US encompass migrations of peoples and cultures that overlap and influence one another. This call is an invitation to look at plays and musicals written by non-Americans that depict Americans, as well as plays written by Americans who are *not* members of the groups of Americans (ie., same gender identification, sexuality, race, class, locality, political affiliation) about whom they write.

Panel Theme #2:

“American Drama Across the Ages”

This panel plays with the notion of crossing over, inviting an examination of American drama by era (colonial to postmodern), as it pertains to the human life cycle (kids, elders, yuppie plays), or even new directions in dramaturgy, dramatic literature, and playwriting. The papers might focus on aesthetic innovations and/or 'hot topics'/content from the colonies to the 21st century.

ATDS encourages graduate students as well as established scholars to submit **250-word proposals by January 28, 2017 to Dr. Valerie Joyce (valerie.joyce@villanova.edu)**.

Proposals should include the following items:

- Name, Title (student, faculty, independent scholar) and Academic Affiliation
- Contact Information (email address)
- Title of Paper
- Abstract (please limit abstracts to 250 words)
- A brief CV
- Audiovisual Requests

All presenters must be current members of ATDS or join the organization by March 31, 2016.