

**Call for Papers**  
**“Ethnicity and Immigration in the Midwest”**

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Common visions of the Midwest homogenize a racially and ethnically diverse region. From the indigenous people who first inhabited the region to the contemporary refugees who are now calling it home, the region has been a homeland, a destination, and a crossroads. At times, the Midwest has been a place of warm welcome. At other times, racism and xenophobia have made it a contested space with conflicted territorial demarcations. This panel will explore the diverse populations of the Midwest and the role that immigration has played in shaping the region. We encourage paper proposals on any and all aspects of ethnicity in Midwestern literature, particularly proposals that explore how ethnicity informs our understanding of the region’s past and its potential future.

Please send 250 word proposals and a brief C.V. to Sara Kosiba, [skosiba@troy.edu](mailto:skosiba@troy.edu), no later than January 15, 2018. More information about the conference is available at <http://americanliteratureassociation.org/>