

AMERICAN HUMOR STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Call for Abstracts for ALA 2018

Panel 1:

The American Humor Studies Association seeks abstracts for a session titled **“Dirty Words: Profanity, Power, and American Humor”** for the American Literature Association annual conference in San Francisco, May 24-27, 2018.

AHSA welcomes submissions that explore any facet of profanity as a rhetorical force in American humor. Abstracts may propose focused analyses of specific texts from any time frame or medium as well as theoretical considerations of profanity as tied to literary, linguistic, and/or comedic form and structure. Potential participants should feel free to blur distinctions between literary humor and popular culture as they examine the power of profanity to subvert normal structures and expectations.

Please email a brief CV and 300-word abstract (and please indicate any audio/visual needs) by **08 January 2018** to Jeffrey Melton (jmelton@ua.edu) using “Dirty Words Panel” as the subject line. All panelists will need to be current members of AHSA.

Panel 2:

The American Humor Studies Association seeks abstracts for an **Open-Topic** session for the American Literature Association annual conference in San Francisco, May 24-27, 2018.

AHSA encourages submissions on any topic related to American humor for this session.

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