

WASHINGTON IRVING SOCIETY
CALL FOR PAPERS

CFP: Early American Literature and Food Culture Panel

The Washington Irving Society invites proposals connecting Irving and his contemporaries with food culture studies for the ALA Conference in San Francisco, May 24-27, 2018. Possible topics include (but are not limited to) the history of particular foods, the politics of the kitchen, agricultural practices, cross-cultural food encounters, mealtime rituals, hunger, or overconsumption as represented in early American literature. All critical frameworks are welcome. Please send an abstract of no more than 200 words plus a short CV to skeck@stlawu.edu by January 15, 2018.

CFP: Christmas Traditions in American Literature Round Table

Washington Irving's *Sketch Book* contains a handful of Christmas stories set at an English manor called Bracebridge Hall. These Christmas sketches influenced Charles Dickens, among others, and brought old English traditions into America's Christmas consciousness. The sketches inspired Irving fans to host Bracebridge dinners, and these festivities continue almost 200 years later. In fact, an extravagant Bracebridge production occurs every December at Yosemite National Park. The Washington Irving Society invites papers from participants of such dinners, Irving scholars, and experts in other American texts dealing with the holidays for an ALA round table discussion of Christmas traditions. Please send an abstract of 250-300 words and a short CV to Tracy_Hoffman@baylor.edu by January 15, 2018.