

Call for Papers American Literature Symposium

“Criminal America: Reading, Studying and Teaching American Crime Fiction” March 3-4 2017

ALA symposia provide opportunities for scholars to meet in pleasant settings, present papers, and share ideas and resources. The March 2017 symposium will focus on American crime fiction, ranging from Poe to the present and beyond, and including all varieties of the genre, from hard-boiled to puzzle mysteries, locked rooms to global conspiracies, dime novels to experimental texts. Subjects might include, but are not limited to, the following:

Crime fiction and space

Representing class, race, and gender

Periodizing the genre

Poe's precursors

Narrative technique

Adaptations

The future of the genre

Teaching crime fiction

Literary vs genre fiction

While we welcome individual proposals, panels and roundtable discussions are also encouraged.

**Location: Palmer House Hilton
17 E Monroe St
Chicago, IL 60603**

Hotel Rate: The Palmer House Hilton is offering a special rate of \$149 (plus tax) per night for a single or double room. This is a great location in the heart of downtown Chicago.

**Conference Directors:
Alfred Bendixen and Oliva Carr Edenfield**

Conference Fee: \$150

Conference fee includes lunch on both days, as well as a Friday evening reception.

Please email all proposals to Alfred Bendixen
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before January 21, 2017