

Edith Wharton Society Call for Papers

American Literature Association

May 23-26, 2019 Boston, MA

The Edith Wharton Society will sponsor two panels at ALA in 2019. Scholars whose proposals are accepted must be members in good standing of the Edith Wharton Society by the time of the conference, and individuals may participate in only one panel.

Wharton and the Family

The Edith Wharton Society invites proposals for 15-20 minute papers on “Wharton and the Family” for inclusion in the ALA 2019 program in Boston. Proposals may approach any aspect of Wharton and the family, including issues of maternity, paternity, childrearing, sibling relationships, queer families, and more. Papers may also compare Wharton’s representations of families with those of her contemporaries. Titled proposals (approx. 300 words) are due to Jennifer Haytock (jhaytock@brockport.edu) by January 7, 2018.

The Case for Comparisons

The Edith Wharton Society solicits proposals for a roundtable discussion, comprised of 2 single-spaced-page position papers outlining arguments for studying Wharton’s work in relation to a particular writer and that author’s specific works. What specific works of Wharton and another author pose compelling possibilities for teaching and/or scholarly work? What theories or histories or contexts would this comparison engage? What do we gain from studying Wharton’s work comparatively? What potential pitfalls, if any, await us? 250 word proposals, with titles, by Jan. 7 to Melanie Dawson at mvdaws@wm.edu.