

Call for Papers: SSAWW at the American Literature Association Conference

The American Literature Association will host its thirtieth annual conference from May 23-26, 2019, at the Westin Copley Place in Boston, MA. As we continue to both promote and advance the study of American women writers, SSAWW will once again organize panels for this exciting and informative event:

Panel I: Digital Humanities and the Study of American Women Writers—Digital humanities initiatives are becoming increasingly popular in the field today, allowing students and scholars alike more opportunities to critically engage with women writers across time. The planning meeting for a digital recovery hub as well as the development of a number of sessions from a DH lens at the 2018 SSAWW Triennial Conference speak to this trend—all the more important as we work to recover authors whose works are unfortunately out of print, limiting their accessibility and potentially the spread of their invaluable perspectives on topics that have invariably shaped our society. In an effort to increase digital humanities work and awareness through SSAWW, this panel invites proposals that explore DH projects on women writers from across the Americas as well as methods for increasing student/public engagement with such authors through DH initiatives in the classroom and beyond.

Panel II: Globalizing American Women Writers—In addition to our interests in expanding DH awareness and work through SSAWW, we are equally interested in thinking about American women writers (AWW) on a much more global scale, including pedagogical innovations for teaching AWW abroad, scholarship on the role and impact of AWW outside of the confines of the United States, transatlantic connections, and more. As we come to better understand the overarching significance of such writers and their ideas on identity, culture, nationhood, politics, and self, these conversations remain vital in comprehending the world in which we live. The legacy of AWW, after all, is much farther reaching than the corners of North America, prompting this continued conversation from the 2018 SSAWW Triennial Conference. Still fueled by our 2017 international conference at the Université Bordeaux Montaigne, we are interested in papers that seek to globalize AWW.

Please send proposals of no more than five hundred words (for papers approximately fifteen minutes in length) to the Vice President of Development at ssaww.vpdevelopment@gmail.com no later than **January 11, 2019**. In addition, please indicate any A/V needs in your E-mail submission. Note that presenters must be members of SSAWW by January 28, 2018 in order to secure their place on the program.