

Call for Papers
“Celebrating 50 Years of Studying Midwestern Literature”

Sponsored by the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature

American Literature Association Annual Conference

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The Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020, and as part of our celebration, we want to both reflect on the last 50 years of Midwestern literature and literary scholarship and to speculate on future directions. What Midwestern writers of the last 50 years have changed our understanding of the Midwest in important ways? What earlier writers have been reassessed or rediscovered in the last 50 years in a way that is notable or significant? What academic books or articles have appeared in the last 50 years that have significantly added to our understanding or exploration of Midwestern literature? What might be the next “big thing” in Midwestern literature? Fifty years from now, what might people be saying about the Midwestern writers of today? We are open to any proposals that reflect on the past or future of Midwestern literature in innovative and interesting ways.

Please send 250 word proposals and a brief C.V. to Sara Kosiba, skosiba@kent.edu, no later than January 15, 2020. More information about the American Literature Association and their annual conference is available at <http://americanliteratureassociation.org/>