

Call for Papers

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“Willa Cather and the 1920s”: The 1920s mark the most productive decade of Willa Cather’s career. In this panel, we invite participants to examine Cather’s works of the 1920s and their relationship to larger literary, social, and cultural issues of the decade. Topics might include, but are not limited to: explorations of Cather’s first publication of the 1920s, the short story collection *Youth and the Bright Medusa*; Cather’s relationship to various places in the 1920s; connections between Cather’s writing and other writers of the 1920s; studies of Cather in light of 1920s aesthetics, culture, economics, and / or history.

Please send 300 word proposals for individual papers and a brief CV to Kelsey Squire (squirekelsey@gmail.com) by January 3, 2020. Include any AV requests. The Willa Cather Foundation is pleased to announce that travel scholarships for graduate students are available. Please see the section titled "Willa Cather Foundation Scholarship for Student Research" on the WCF’s Scholarship page: <https://www.willacather.org/learn/scholarships>

“Cather and Her Readers”: In this panel, we invite participants to explore Cather’s readers and the reception of her works. Topics might include, but are not limited to: the use of new archives and digital technologies to shed light on Cather’s readers; tensions between middlebrow and highbrow readers in Cather’s reception; Cather’s reception among diverse populations (gender, race, sexuality, economic status, and / or nationality); Cather’s relevance to 21st century readers.

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