

CALL FOR PAPERS
Charles W. Chesnutt Association
American Literature Association
31st Annual Conference
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Manchester Grand Hyatt
One Market Place
San Diego, CA

The Charles W. Chesnutt Association welcomes abstracts (of no more than 300 words) for presentation at two sessions on the work of Chesnutt at the 2020 ALA conference in San Diego.

Session One: Chesnutt and New Southern Studies

Since Houston Baker and Dana Nelson famously called for a “new southern studies” in 2001, scholars have looked for ways to reinvigorate southern studies with innovative approaches to the region that emphasize intersectionality, heterogeneity, and anti-exceptionalist networks and communities: global souths, native souths, queer souths, postcolonial souths, Latin@ souths, post-southern souths, just to name a few. What does this now nearly two-decades old attempt to shake up “old” southern studies have to contribute to Chesnutt scholarship? What does Chesnutt have to say to a new southern studies?

Session Two: Open Topic

We invite submissions on all topics regarding Chesnutt as an author, scholar, and citizen. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Chesnutt and Reparations
- Chesnutt and Disability Studies
- Chesnutt and Science

Please email an abstract (of no more than 300 words) and a brief (1-2 page) CV by **January 15, 2020**, to program chair, Bill Hardwig, whardwig@utk.edu.