

**Call for Papers**  
**The Latina/o/x Literature & Culture Society**  
of the American Literature Association  
31st Annual Conference: May 21-24, 2020  
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA  
**Deadline: January 31, 2020**

This year the Latina/o/x Literature & Culture Society welcomes submissions focusing on diverse topics including literary genre, single authors, children's literature, speculative fiction, comparative analyses, as well as cultural studies approaches. We also encourage a variety of theoretical and interdisciplinary approaches as well as a variety of panel types, including traditional paper sessions, roundtable discussions, and sessions dedicated to the teaching of Latina/o/x literature. Given the location of the Conference in San Diego, we solicit proposals centering Latina/o/x experiences in San Diego and California more broadly. In the spirit of community building, the Latina/o/x Literature and Culture Society attempts to build sessions that bring together participants at various stages of their careers.

While topics for individual papers proposed sessions are open, this year we also especially welcome submissions investigating the emerging genre of the Latina/o/x gothic. Topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Gothic and gothic horror genres
- Monstrosity and monsters
- Ghostly matters
- Hauntology
- Genealogy or Latina/o/x gothic literary prototypes
- Race, terror, and horror
- Body horror
- Terror, horror, and racialized subjectivity
- Gothic epistemology and ontology

Please submit proposals for individual papers as well as full panel and roundtable sessions.

- For **individual papers**, send a short abstract (150 words) with title, along with institutional affiliation, academic title, and contact information.
- For **panel proposals**, send paper titles, short abstracts for each paper (150 words), along with institutional affiliation, academic title, and contact information for each panelist and the panel chair.

**Please submit proposals and inquiries to [cathryn.merlawatson@utrgv.edu](mailto:cathryn.merlawatson@utrgv.edu)**

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