

Call for Papers: Society for the Study of American Women Writers at the 2020 American Literature Association conference

SSAWW will sponsor two panels at the 2020 American Literature Association Conference, one on “Toni Morrison and Her Legacy” and one on “Women’s Rights, Women’s Suffrage.”

“Toni Morrison and Her Legacy”

The profound loss of a defining voice of American women’s writing demands our attention as we consider the work of women writers of the past and present. We invite papers which engage with Morrison’s writing, her work in relation to other women writers, and her legacy as a defining figure in American literature.

“Women’s Rights, Women’s Suffrage”

In 1920, the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, was ratified. One hundred years later, women in the United States are still at the center of women-led battles like the #MeToo movement and #SayHerName, causes that define a generation in the 21st century. In these past and present struggles, how have women writers held social and political powers accountable through their stories, novels, memoirs, essays, journalism, blogs, and other writings?

Papers might explore, for example, how women writers addressed the opportunities and limits of women’s suffrage, or how differently situated women writers have engaged past and present struggles, considering changing definitions of women and changing technologies available to them (and to us).

We welcome proposals on subjects related to those themes.

Proposals may be up to 250 words and must be submitted by January 15, 2020.

Proposals should be submitted no later than January 15, 2020 to
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