

The Society of Early Americanists seeks presenters for its sponsored panels at the American Literature Association annual conference, which moves to San Diego this year and takes place May 21-24, 2020. Presenters' topics should fall in the colonial period, or in the early republic before 1830. Abstracts of 300 words or fewer which relate to one of the two topics below should be e-mailed to [leonard.vonmorze@umb.edu](mailto:leonard.vonmorze@umb.edu) by January 15.

### **Teaching Early American Environments**

The SEA's annual pedagogy panel calls for papers on any aspect of teaching American literature to 1830. Papers may reflect on the implications of ecocritical approaches to teaching, such as reflections on site-based learning versus assignments evoking a "sense of place"; models of "citizen science" across the centuries; the teaching of theory in the classroom; etc. We welcome discussions of curricula devoted to such questions as the history of energy technologies, arguments for preservation and/or conservation, the origins of the environmental sciences, etc.

### **Migration and Refuge in Early America**

San Diego's location at the southern border of the United States prompts this panel on the themes of exodus, asylum, and hospitality in colonial/early republican American literature to 1830. Can we make connections between early American mobilities and those of our time? How does our choice of words, for example, matter in the way we narrate the histories of those whom we might designate as asylum-seekers rather than as "voyagers to the West," as "refugees" rather than "migrants" (a word that Al Jazeera controversially decided to stop using this year)? Other lines of inquiry might concern how demographic movement creates national citizens, or how political borders relate to fictive ones.

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