

The James Fenimore Cooper Society will host two panels at the 32<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, to be held in Boston, MA, May 27-31, 2021.

**Panel 1: *The Spy*, Bicentennial: James Fenimore Cooper, The American Author**

To celebrate the bicentennial of *The Spy*'s (1821) publication, the James Fenimore Cooper society invites proposals for papers that explore Cooper's genre shaping novel and its impact on the nation (and world) from a variety of perspectives and approaches. Preference will be given to proposals that focus on the role of the novel as our first major historical novel and first major spy fiction. Please submit a 250-word abstract, a brief cv (2-3 pages), and an indication of whether or not the paper may be published in the *James Fenimore Cooper Society Journal* by January 29, 2021. Please also indicate any audio-visual requirements. All proposals should be both pasted into the text of the email and included as attachments (word files or pdfs preferred). For additional information, please visit the James Fenimore Cooper Society webpage for resources and visual archives: (<https://jccoopersociety.org/>)

Panel chair: Lance Schachterle, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Please submit abstracts and accompanying materials to Lance Schachterle (les@wpi.edu)

**Panel 2: James Fenimore Cooper: War & Society**

Throughout James Fenimore Cooper's prolific writing career, his novels and non-fictional works have engaged with and revealed the complicated social, political, and cultural concerns of Antebellum America. The James Fenimore Cooper invites proposals for papers that explore the works of James Fenimore Cooper from any variety of perspectives. Submit a 250-word abstract, a brief CV (2-3 pages), and an indication of whether or not the paper may be published in the *James Fenimore Cooper Society Journal* by January 29, 2021. Please also indicate any audio-visual requirements. All proposals should be both pasted into the text of the email and included as attachments (word files or pdfs preferred). For additional information, please visit the James Fenimore Cooper Society webpage for resources and visual archives: (<https://jccoopersociety.org/>)

Panel Chair: TBA

Please submit abstracts and accompanying materials to Luis A. Iglesias (luis.iglesias@usm.edu).

Papers should be a maximum of 15-20 minutes (6-8 pages) in length. Brief discussion will follow the presentations. Presenters need not be members of the James Fenimore Cooper Society, though we certainly hope they will choose to join. Please note that per ALA guidelines, no one may present more than one paper at the conference.

Papers presented at the conference will, with their authors' permission, be published in the *James Fenimore Cooper Society Journal* and made available online at the Cooper Society website. Papers may be mildly revised for publication.

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