

## Thoreau Society - ALA Proposal 2021

The Thoreau society is please to sponsor a roundtable for the upcoming ALA Conference on July 7-11, 2021 in Boston (<https://americanliteratureassociation.org/>).

**(Post)Pandemic Thoreau:** During the past year, as people across the world grappled with newly imposed solitude, rediscovered their local environment on socially distant excursions, coped with involuntary simplicity, grappled with renewed calls for racial justice and confronted a dizzying variety of civil unrest, Thoreau emerged as an important touchstone. How was Thoreau used or misused as a reference point in this new cultural landscape? What is it like to teach Thoreau in the context of pandemic and social upheaval? Where do Thoreau's writing and example help in understanding and adapting to newly reshaped social landscape, and where does his work fall short? This panel welcomes participants working in Thoreau studies as well as those working in related fields. Please submit 100-200 word proposals for 10-minute presentations by February 15, 2021 to John J. Kucich at [jkucich@bridgew.edu](mailto:jkucich@bridgew.edu).