Call for Papers for a Flannery O’Connor Society Roundtable at the American Literature Association, to be held in Chicago from May 26-29, 2022.

Title of Panel: Ten Minutes with Flannery, Or The Last O'Connor Panel You'll Ever Need

Description: If you had ten minutes to give your last talk on the life and/or works of Flannery O’Connor, what might you say? Would you make an argument for the most “important” sentence in her writings? Choose a phrase, a sentence, even a paragraph (if you must) from O’Connor's fiction, letters, or essays/lectures. Propose what you might choose to say if given ten minutes and only ten minutes (speakers will be cut off mid-sentence if necessary, and the word-phrase-sentence-paragraph will count as part of the ten minutes, so keep that in mind). If you wish to submit a completed “speech,” that is fine, but abstracts or descriptions will also be considered. We are especially interested in perspectives or passages that may not have already been richly or deeply mined (so, beware, all ye “She would have been a good woman” folk—if you are going to propose it, have something new or different to say). If time permits, additions from the audience will be encouraged.

Send proposals to Bruce Henderson at henderso@ithaca.edy by December 1.