

CALL FOR PAPERS
African American Literature and Culture Society
American Literature Association
33rd Annual Conference
May 26-29, 2022
The Palmer House Hilton
17 East Monroe
Chicago, IL 60603

The African American Literature and Culture Society invites abstracts (of no more than 250 words) for presentations at the annual conference of the American Literature Association (<http://americanliteratureassociation.org/>). We will also consider a limited number of panel proposals (of no more than 500 words).

This year's theme is movement and migration. Inspired by the conference location, Chicago, we solicit papers which engage with the Great Migration of the twentieth century, the Black Chicago Renaissance, or works of African American literature set in Chicago. The Society also encourages scholars to consider the meaning of home in African American Literature, particularly in regard to legacies, immigrant experiences, and impact on identity.

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to:

- The meaning of the midwest in African American literature
- The politics of urban labor
- The role of Chicago in protest literature
- The symbol of the home in Black writing

While we welcome papers on the above themes and subthemes, **we also strongly encourage submissions on any topic related to African American literature and culture.**

Please send abstracts or proposals to Rachel Carr (CarrR@lindsey.edu) and Jean-Philippe Marcoux (jean-philippe.marcoux@lit.ulaval.ca) **no later than January 12, 2021**. Include your name and email with the abstract. Presenters must be members of AALCS by the time of the conference. Information about the Society and how to join can be found at the AALCS website: <https://aalcsblog.wordpress.com/>