

CFP: E. E. Cummings Sessions at the American Literature Association's 33rd Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, May 26-29, 2022

The E. E. Cummings Society invites proposals for two panels at the American Literature Association conference, to be held at the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago on May 26-29, 2022.

Panel 1: Cummings and Transcendence

In 1960, Norman Friedman declared that Cummings' "philosophy of life" was "transcendental, romantic, prelapsarian, organicist, and individualistic. The same is publicly available in the writings of many others, such as Emerson, Whitman, Thoreau, and Emily Dickinson" (*Art* 66). We seek papers examining, critiquing, clarifying, or complicating these assertions through a close reading of any Cummings work(s).

Panel 2: Open Topic

We invite proposals for papers on any aspect of Cummings' life or work. Proposals that touch upon the following topics will be especially welcome:

- Readings of little-studied Cummings poems
- Re-readings of much-studied Cummings poems
- Cummings the modernist poet
- Cummings' art during the "Crucial Decade between 1917 and 1927" [Friedman, (*Re*) *Valuing* 48] (Camp Devens, the flu pandemic, *The Enormous Room*, *Him*)
- Cummings and the contradictions of the now
- Cummings and Re-Vision [For some drafts of poems, see the *Cummings Archive*: <http://cummingrchive.org/>]

Submit 250-400 word abstracts to Michael Webster (websterm@gvsu.edu) by January 15, 2022.

For further information on the conference, consult the web page of the [American Literature Association conference](#).

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