

Call for Papers
Eugene O'Neill Society
American Literature Association Conference
Chicago, Illinois
May 26-29, 2022
Proposals Due by January 25, 2022

I apologize for my delay in posting this call for papers. Somehow, I failed to recognize the imminence of the due date. The American Literature Association (ALA) is planning to hold its annual conference at the usual time, May 26-29, 2022, (Memorial Day Weekend) in Chicago. Here is a [link to the conference website](#). Because of ongoing complications posed by the ever-changing Covid pandemic, the detailed configuration of the conference cannot be made final yet; however, there currently are no plans to offer virtual remote presentations. The most recent statement from the conference organizers follows:

At present, the city of Chicago, the site of our 2022 conference, is under a mask mandate. It is impossible for us to know what kind of mandates and restrictions might be in force during our conference at the Palmer House Hilton on May 26-29, 2022, but the American Literature Association is committed to following all applicable laws and doing everything possible to ensure that we can meet safely and productively.

We expect all participants in our conferences to be fully vaccinated.

We hope to be able to ensure as much social distancing as possible in the meeting rooms and the public spaces of the hotel.

We may need to require that individuals wear masks during much of the conference.

At present, we are focusing on a live, in-person conference in which individuals can engage in the free exchange of ideas and information. We have no plans to offer a virtual option or to permit individuals to present via on-line services or pre-recorded sessions.

We look forward to a renewal and enlargement of the collegial scholarly experience that is central to the mission of the American Literature Association.

Although the ALA conference is only a month before the [O'Neill Society triannual meeting in Boston on July 6-9](#), the society hopes to have a three-paper session there. Papers on any aspect of O'Neill's life, work, or relevance to contemporary issues will be considered. Please email proposals for presentations to David Palmer (dpalmer@maritime.edu) by January 25.

This will enable us to configure the session and submit the O'Neill Society proposal to the ALA conference administrators by their deadline of January 30.

Thank you for considering this call for papers.

David Palmer
For the Eugene O'Neill Society