

ALA 2023

Mary E. Wilkins Freeman Society Call for Papers

The Freeman Society invites proposals on the following topics. Comparative approaches to Freeman and other authors are welcome.

Freeman, Animals, and the Nonhuman

In 1901, Freeman collected 12 stories about animals and flowers together into a volume, *Understudies*, that has received some critical attention as Freeman's first collection of ecofiction, but remains little known. Whether squirrels, parrots, cats, monkeys, or horses, animals in this volume remain other to the human in their utterances, subjectivities, and behaviours, and human life changes because it is shared with animals. The society invites papers on this volume or any fiction or poetry of Freeman's that explores the relations between humans, animals, and the nonhuman world.

Open Topic

We invite proposals on any topic related to Freeman, including but not limited to regionalism, the business of short story writing, ecology, race and class relations in New England, Freeman's brand of feminism, obsession, disability, and the Gothic.

Please send a 300-word proposal and a CV to Stephanie Palmer at stephanie.palmer@ntu.ac.uk and Myrto Drizou at Myrto.drizou@boun.edu.tr by January 15, 2023.

The American Literature Association's 34th annual conference will meet at the Westin Copley Place May 25-28, 2023 (Thursday through Sunday of Memorial Day weekend). The deadline for proposals is January 30, 2023. For further information or specific questions about the conference, please consult the ALA website at www.americanliteratureassociation.org or contact the conference director, Professor Olivia Carr Edenfield, at carr@georgiasouthern.edu or the Executive Director of the ALA, Professor Alfred Bendixen of Princeton University, at ab23@princeton.edu.