

Call for Papers
“Ecocritical Approaches to Shirley Jackson” and “Shirley Jackson: Witchcraft and Magic”
Sponsored by the Shirley Jackson Society
American Literature Association Annual Conference
Boston, Massachusetts
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The Shirley Jackson Society invites scholars at all stages of their careers to submit to the SJS panels for the American Literature Association Conference in Boston May 25-28, 2023. We are planning for two panels this year: **1. Ecocritical Approaches to Shirley Jackson**, and **2. Shirley Jackson: Witchcraft and Magic**.

For **Ecocritical Approaches**, you may consider ecologies and environments, ecofeminism, the ecoqueer, the ecogothic, definitions of wilderness, “natures,” and plant or animal studies.

For **Witchcraft and Magic**, you may consider Jackson’s portrayals of occult practices such as potions, magic charms, and the Tarot, how her work responds to traditional, historical, and/or literary renderings of witches and withcraft, her personal interest in witchcraft, witchcraft as a feminist or queer practice, or any other relevant topic.

Whenever possible, we are most interested in scholarly work that addresses lesser-studied Jackson texts.

Please send a 350-word abstract and short bio to shirleyjacksonstudies@gmail.com by January 15, 2023. When submitting please use the subject line “Jackson and [Ecocriticism or Witchcraft] ALA 2023,” and copy and paste your abstract and bio into the body of the email.