

Call for Papers

Eudora Welty Society Session at the American Literature Association Conference

May 23-26, 2024

Chicago, IL

Eudora Welty and Other Writers

Throughout her life, Eudora Welty cultivated relationships with other artists, especially writers, although she was never categorized as part of a particular group. Instead, Welty preferred to take part in an ongoing conversation about art and its place in the world through travel, friendships, and university classes/lectures. For this panel, we hope to explore writers who influenced Welty and writers Welty influenced. Consider the following possible topics (but other topics are encouraged):

Welty and Friendship (the Norton anthology) and writers who were close friends

Welty and important influences such as Wolfe, Cather, Forster, Porter, Bowen

Welty and canonical writers such as Homer and Shakespeare

Welty's youthful group of writer/friends from Jackson

Welty's "students" (Elizabeth Spencer, Reynolds Price, others)

Welty and living authors such as Jesmyn Ward and Alice Munro

Welty and the creative writing classroom

By December 1, 2023, please send titled proposals (250-300 words) and a short bio for this session to mclaxton@wcu.edu. Immediate expressions of interest are encouraged.