

The James Fenimore Cooper Society will host two panels at the 36th Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, to be held at The Weston Copley Place, Boston, MA, May 21-24, 2025. For additional information: <https://americanliteratureassociation.org/ala-conferences/ala-annual-conference/>

Panel 1: Cooper and Narrating History

Commemorating the 200-year publication anniversary of James Fenimore Cooper's Revolutionary War novel *Lionel Lincoln: or, The Leaguer of Boston* (1825) and what would have been the first book in a never fully realized series "Tales of the Thirteen Colonies," the JFC Society invites proposals that deal with any topic related to Cooper's writings as they reflect upon the Revolutionary War, *Lionel Lincoln*, or any of Cooper's writings related to the Original Thirteen Colonies. We particularly (but not exclusively) welcome proposals that focus on *Lionel Lincoln*, especially its interest in historical narrative, romance, disability, and/or related other concerns.

Panel chair: TBA

Panel 2: Cooper in Conversation

The James Fenimore Cooper invites proposals for papers that place Cooper in Conversation with writers from his contemporaries to the present, drawing attention to his influence on or by other writers across a broad spectrum of literary, cultural, and historical perspectives. This is an open topic panel – all proposals welcomed.

Panel Chair: TBA

Papers should be a maximum of 15-20 minutes (6-8 pages) in length. Brief discussion will follow the presentations. Presenters need not be members of the James Fenimore Cooper Society, though we certainly hope they will choose to join. Please note that per ALA guidelines, no one may present more than one paper at the conference, though additional participation in a Roundtable discussion is permissible.

Please submit a 250-word abstract and a brief cv (2-3 pages) to Luis A. Iglesias (luis.iglesias@usm.edu) by January 12, 2025. Please indicate whether the paper may be published in the *James Fenimore Cooper Society Journal*. Also in your proposal indicate any audio-visual requirements or needs. All proposals should be both pasted into the text of the email and included as attachments (word files or pdfs preferred). For additional information, please visit the James Fenimore Cooper Society webpage for resources and visual archives as well as the membership application: (<https://jffcoopersociety.org/>)

Papers presented at the conference will, with their authors' permission, be published in the *James Fenimore Cooper Society Journal* and made available online at the Cooper Society website. Papers may be mildly revised later for publication.

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