

John Steinbeck Panel: 21st-Century Steinbeck Studies: Diverse Readings and New Directions

The International Steinbeck Society invites paper proposals for a panel at the upcoming ALA Annual Conference. We welcome submissions from a wide range of critical and theoretical approaches that explore Steinbeck's works in innovative and insightful ways. Please note ALA will be in person with no virtual presentation options in 2025.

Potential topics might include, but are not limited to:

- Steinbeck's representations of American landscapes (rural, urban, desert, oceanic, etc.)
- Depictions of migration, displacement, and labor
- Intersections of Steinbeck's works with issues of gender, race, ethnicity, and indigenous cultures
- Steinbeck and film
- Ecocritical and environmental readings of Steinbeck's fiction and non-fiction
- Steinbeck's influence on contemporary writers, literature, and popular culture
- Ethical, moral, philosophical, or religious questions in Steinbeck's works
- Proposals engaging with underexplored texts, interdisciplinary methodologies, or comparative studies with other authors are especially encouraged.

Please submit an abstract (250-300 words) and a brief bio (no more than 100 words) to Kathleen.Hicks@asu.edu By January 15th, 2025.

The American Literature Association's 36th annual conference will meet at the Westin Copley Place May 21-24, 2025 (Wednesday through Saturday of Memorial Day weekend). The deadline for proposals is January 30, 2025. For further information or specific questions, please consult the ALA website at www.americanliteratureassociation.org or contact the conference director, Professor Olivia Carr Edenfield, at carr@georgiasouthern.edu.