

The Mary E. Wilkins Freeman Society will sponsor a panel at the 36th Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, May 21- 24, 2025, at the Westin Copley Place in Boston, MA. Our focus this year will be “Freeman’s Historicisms.” The Society welcomes submissions related to this topic, including proposals that bring Freeman’s work into substantive conversation with that of her contemporaries.

Possibilities include:

- Freeman’s representation of regional, national, and international histories
- Freeman’s historical fiction
- Queer temporalities and historicity, including but not limited to erotohistoriography (E. Freeman 2010), intimate historicism (Lockwood 2015), and the queer child (Stockton 2009)
- Freeman’s work in relation to the constellation of nineteenth-century racial concepts tied to theories of history, including heredity, character, blood, legacy, etc.
- New historical contexts for Freeman’s works
- New archival findings that expand our understanding of Freeman’s *oeuvre* within its rich and intersecting historical contexts

Please send proposals of no more than 250 words to Samaine Lockwood, jlockwo3@gmu.edu by January 15, 2024, and put MEWF ALA Proposal in the subject line. Conference details and information about hotel reservations are available through the web site of the American Literature Association, <https://americanliteratureassociation.org/>.