

Call for Papers: The Willa Cather Foundation seeks proposals for 1-2 panels at the 37th annual conference of the American Literature Association, held at the Palmer House in Chicago from May 20-23, 2026.

Topics could include (but are by no means limited to) race and ethnicity, indigeneity, settler colonialism, Queer histories, labor and leisure, Cather and other writers, teaching Cather, urban/rural spaces, philosophy and religion, approaches to Cather's letters, ecological issues, and material culture.

While proposals on any topic pertaining to Cather's life and writing are welcome, 2026 marks the centennial of the publication of *My Mortal Enemy*, so papers on that novel would be of particular interest.

Please submit abstracts of approximately 300 words and a brief bio or CV no later than Friday, January 16, 2026, to Kelsey Squire at squirekelsey@gmail.com