

Bonnie Jo Campbell and the Fiction of the American Midwest

The Bonnie Jo Campbell Society is sponsoring a panel at the upcoming American Literature Association Conference in Chicago, IL (May 20-23, 2026).

As a native Michigander, Campbell is associated strongly with the American Midwest, where much of her fiction takes place. This panel hopes to interrogate that relationship, either through analyses of the Midwest in Campbell's work, or in relationships with other Midwestern writers and their fiction.

Please send an abstract (200 words) and a brief bio to Dr. Ross Tangedal (ross.tangedal@uwsp.edu) for consideration by **January 1, 2026**.

For more information on the conference, visit the ALA website: <https://americanliteratureassociation.org/ala-conferences/ala-annual-conference/>