

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
CALL FOR PAPERS**

IRISH AMERICAN WRITERS & ARTISTS

**CALL FOR PAPERS
for the
ALA Conference**

**37th Annual Conference
of the American Literature Association
May 20-23, 2026 Chicago, IL**

The **American Literature Association** has welcomed Irish American Writers and Artists to be part of the 37th annual Conference on American Literature which will be held in Chicago, May 20-23. ALA is a coalition of Societies devoted to the study of American Authors, and our participation in the conference would be in keeping with President Higgins's recognition of IAW&A's mission in artistic and scholarly endeavors.

For our panel, we are issuing a broad call for papers on the topic of Irish-American voices in modern American culture, Some potential subjects could include the contributions of the McCourt Brothers, Irish songwriters (Irwin, Cohan, Boucicault and others), and the emergence of diverse voices in America, Ireland, and beyond.

These are just suggestions, of course – you may have some scholarship on a particular trend or author that would be an edifying part of IAW&A's ALA presentation. Feel free to share this call with other authors and scholars who you think may be interested!

Last year IAW&A presented a successful workshop themed...
*From 18th Century Slave-traders to a 21st Century Tony Nominated Musical Writer,
New York's Irish Immigrant Impact. Stories of heroes, villains and rockers.*

Proposals must be for individual papers of roughly 15-minutes (no more than 20) to be part of a 75-minute session.

Please email proposals for papers by **January 10** to **Lori Cassels** at lcassels@aol.com Please write "ALA call for papers" in the subject line.

Thank you for considering this call.
Lori

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