

Rebecca Harding Davis Society CFPs for ALA 2026 (Chicago)

The Society for the Study of Rebecca Harding Davis and Her World plans to host one panel at the American Literature Association's 37th annual conference, which will meet at the Palmer House in Chicago, May 20-23, 2026. So as to include as many diverse approaches to the study of Davis and her world as possible, we have decided to leave the topic open for the 2026 ALA conference.

REBECCA HARDING DAVIS AND HER WORLD (OPEN TOPIC)

We invite proposals for papers on any aspect of Rebecca Harding Davis's life and writings. While we are happy to consider submissions on any topic within these areas, we especially encourage submissions on the following topics:

- Teaching Davis's works in American literature surveys and other classes
- Davis's writing for children and adolescents
- Davis's journalism
- Trauma in Davis's writing
- Representations of BIPOC characters in Davis's writing
- Environmental and ecocritical themes
- The Anthropocene and ideas of human/non-human life in Davis's work
- Regional identity in Davis's writings
- Material culture
- Davis and her contemporaries

To submit a proposal, please send a title and abstract of no more than 250 words to Vanessa Steinroetter (vanessa.steinroetter@washburn.edu). Please use "ALA 2026 Proposal" for the subject line. The deadline for submissions is **January 23, 2026**. Panelists will be notified by January 25, 2026.