

The Philip Roth Society is happy to solicit proposals for our programming at the 38th Annual American Literature Conference, which will be held in Boston at the Westin Copley Place, May 26-29, 2027. We will be hosting a roundtable and a panel at the 2027 event.

American Pastoral at 30: A Roundtable Discussion

The year 2027 marks thirty years since Philip Roth published his literary masterpiece, *American Pastoral*. This roundtable will consider the legacy of the novel, its popularity around the world, and its uncanny foreshadowing of a presidential crisis to come. We welcome proposals that read *American Pastoral* from the vantage point of 2027—the ways it speaks to our current moment—as well as from the vantage point of the past: its reflection on such universally appealing topics of intergenerational conflict, the Vietnam War era, the narrative voice of Nathan Zuckerman, and its representation of the natural world, to name only a few possibilities. Please send a title, brief abstract, and biographical statement to Aimee Pozorski, Philip Roth Society Programming Chair (pozorskia@ccsu.edu) by December 1, 2026.

Philip Roth's Catastrophes

For this panel, we are seeking new approaches to the topic of Philip Roth's "Catastrophes," broadly speaking. We welcome proposals that consider Roth's representations of catastrophe—personal, political, cultural, global—or biographical discussions of the catastrophes Roth faced in his own life, often reflected in his fiction. Please send a title, brief abstract, and biographical statement to Aimee Pozorski, Philip Roth Society Programming Chair (pozorskia@ccsu.edu) by December 1, 2026.