CALL FOR PAPERS
African American Literature and Culture Society
American Literature Association
38th Annual Conference
May 26-29, 2027
The Westin Copley Place
10 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02116

The African American Literature and Culture Society invites abstracts (of no more than 250 words) for presentations at the annual conference of the American Literature Association (http://americanliteratureassociation.org/). We will also consider a limited number of panel proposals (of no more than 500 words).

In honor of this year being the 200th anniversary of the Black press and the 150th anniversary of the end of Reconstruction, we encourage the submission of papers and proposals for panels that respond to the theme of "Reverberations." How might we chart thematic reverberations within African American literature, music, or culture as we reflect upon the history of Black struggle, resistance, and perseverance?

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to:

-The publication and impact of *Freedom's Journal*

-Newspaper and magazine publications like *The Liberator*, *The Woman's Era*, and *The Colored American Magazine*

-The history of the Black Press and Black print culture

-Narrative and poetic representations of the Black press and Black journalism

-The promises, failures, and contemporary impacts of the Reconstruction Era

-The reverberations and legacies of Black activism and literary traditions in the respective works of writers such as Phillis Wheatley-Peters, David Walker, Maria Stewart, William Wells Brown, Pauline Hopkins, W.E.B. Du Bois, and William Stanley Braithwaite

-The reverberations of Black music, art, and popular culture within literature

-Positionality and identity in Black literature

While we welcome papers on the above themes and subthemes, **we also strongly encourage submissions on any topic related to African American literature and culture**.

Please send abstracts or proposals to the official AALCS email aalcs1993@gmail.com addressed to Sabrina Evans-Rangel and Justin Smith **no later than January 15, 2027.** Include your name and email with the abstract. Presenters must be members of AALCS by the time of the conference. Information about the Society and how to join can be found at the AALCS website: https://aalcsblog.wordpress.com/