

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Robert Penn Warren Circle Annual Meeting April 19-21, 2018 Hosted by Western Kentucky University, Austin Peay State University, and the Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Bowling Green & Guthrie, KY, and Clarksville, TN

We invite abstracts for papers, panels, or roundtables addressing any aspect of Robert Penn Warren's work. For panel proposals, please include panel title, name and affiliation of each presenter, and individual abstracts of 50 – 100 words with paper title. For individual paper proposals, please send paper title and abstract of 50-100 words. For roundtables, please send an abstract of 50-100 words and a brief bio of each speaker.

Graduate students are welcome to propose individual papers (15 minutes in length) or panels of 3-4 speakers. If your abstract is accepted, and you wish to be considered for the Eleanor Clark Award, which carries a stipend of \$100, please send your completed paper by April 1, 2018.

For this year's meeting, we are especially interested in proposals addressing the following ideas:

- Warren and his influence on another writer
- Warren the essayist
- Warren and ecology
- Warren's narrator(s)
- Warren and political discourse, political violence, or democratic discourse
- The application of close reading
- Critical whiteness
- Scholarly and/or pedagogical considerations of the politics of teaching Warren in the 21st century

Not later than January 15, 2018, please send proposals to Circle Secretary Kyle Taylor via email at rpwcircle@gmail.com

Visit our website at robertpennwarren.com

## **Program and Hotel Information**

This meeting is a kind of traveling tour across Warren country, with panels and events hosted at two universities as well as a lovely luncheon in Warren's home town of Guthrie, KY, hosted by the RPW Birthplace Museum committee. Our meeting starts at 3:30pm on Thursday afternoon and concludes Saturday night. Our Thursday afternoon through Friday evening events are in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Nights of Thursday & Friday, April 19-20 Hyatt Place Bowling Green 1347 Center Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101 http://bowlinggreen.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html Phone: (270) 467-0001 Please ask for the RPW Circle rate of \$115/night (king) or \$125/night (two queen) (use group code G-RPWC if booking online) You must make your reservation by March 17, 2018

Our Saturday afternoon and evening events are in Guthrie, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee.

Night of Saturday, April 21 Riverview Inn 50 College Street Clarksville, TN 37040-3220 http://theriverviewinn.com/ Phone: 877-48-RIVER (877-487-4837) or 931-552-3331 Please ask for the RPW Circle rate of \$89/night (double bed) or \$99/night (king) **You must make your reservation by March 21, 2018** 

## **Registration Information**

Regular registration is \$55 & \$5 for Circle dues Graduate student and retired faculty registration is \$35 & \$5 for Circle dues Registration is on site; accepted payment forms are cash and check.

Meeting attendees are responsible for all meals except lunch in Guthrie on Saturday. We would appreciate a note indicating your attendance so we have a clearer idea of how many to expect over the course of the entire meeting (email, phone, or Facebook message).

Please consider contacting other members who may be flying into the Nashville airport to arrange car pools or car sharing as this will be more efficient and cost effective to all those who will fly into Nashville on Thursday and fly out on Sunday (or your particular schedule).

Please contact Kyle Taylor for more information: <u>rpwcircle@gmail.com</u>

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