



## CALL FOR PAPERS

Robert Penn Warren Circle Annual Meeting

April 23-25, 2020

*Hosted by Western Kentucky University, Austin Peay State University, and the Robert Penn Warren Birthplace  
Bowling Green & Guthrie, KY, and Clarksville, TN*

### Robert Penn Warren and Democracy

In his essay "Poetry and Selfhood," Warren states an aim "to return us - myself most of all - to a scrutiny of our own experience of our own world." For this year's meeting, we are especially interested in proposals addressing the following ideas:

- Reading or teaching Warren's *Democracy and Poetry*
- How Warren's work (or others') reflects the "scrutiny of our own experience of our own world"
- Warren as commentator on civic responsibilities
- Warren's textbooks and their influence on public discourse
- Warren's perception of democratic and non-democratic societies in literature

**Not later than January 30, 2020**, please send proposals to Circle Secretary Kyle Taylor via email at [rpwcircle@gmail.com](mailto:rpwcircle@gmail.com)

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 to [rpwcircle@gmail.com](mailto:rpwcircle@gmail.com) by April 1, 2020.

*Robert Penn Warren Studies*, a peer-reviewed journal published by Western Kentucky University, publishes proceedings from our annual Circle meeting as our fall edition and is actively soliciting scholarly articles and book reviews for our spring volume. Having recently moved to an online format, we welcome contributions that take advantage of our new electronic medium. For more information, please visit the *RPW Studies* homepage:

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