



CALL FOR PAPERS

Robert Penn Warren Circle Annual Meeting

April 22-24, 2021

*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 & The 75th Anniversary of *All the King's Men*

Because our 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic, we're welcoming back our originally scheduled presenters and expanding our meeting for 2021 to include a celebration of the 75th anniversary of Warren's monumental novel *All the King's Men*.

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
- New examinations of *All the King's Men*
- Discussions of the legacy of *All the King's Men*

Not later than January 31, 2021, please send proposals to
Circle Secretary Kyle Taylor via email at 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 by April 1, 2021.