



## CALL FOR PAPERS

Robert Penn Warren Circle Annual Meeting

April 21-23, 2022

*Hosted by Western Kentucky University and the Robert Penn Warren Birthplace*

*Bowling Green and Guthrie, Kentucky*

### Robert Penn Warren and Civil War/Civil Rights

Warren saw the Civil War of the 1860s and the struggle for civil rights in the 1960s as deeply connected. For this year's meeting, we are especially interested in proposals addressing the following ideas:

- Warren's use of the Civil War in his writing
- Warren's treatment of the civil rights movement of his contemporary life
- How Warren's writing remains relevant to the ongoing struggle for civil and equal rights
- Warren as commentator on the role of the past on the present

**Not later than January 31, 2022**, 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, not just the meeting's theme. 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 11, 2022.

*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 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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