

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND READINGS

The Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature  
invites you to participate in its  
51<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium

**Writing the Midwest: A Symposium of Scholars and Creative Writers**

**June 1-3, 2023**

**Kellogg Hotel and Convention Center, East Lansing, Michigan**

The Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature is devoted to the study and production of Midwestern literature in whatever directions the insight, imagination, and curiosity of the members may lead. The SSML annual symposium brings together writers, scholars, and filmmakers to present **criticism, poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction**. At the 2023 symposium we will be honoring Sandra Cisneros with the Mark Twain Award and Jon K. Lauck with the MidAmerica Award, both of whom plan to attend this year.

We welcome proposals for individual papers, panels, and roundtables on Midwestern literature, and reading of creative work with a Midwestern emphasis. Please plan on fifteen minutes for creative and scholarly presentations. All proposals must include the following information:

The **title** of your proposed paper, reading, or panel; **your name; university or other affiliation if you have one, or your home town; mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number; and days and times** during the conference that it would be impossible for you to present. Please include this information for all panel members.

If you are a new participant: please provide an abstract, or if you are proposing to read creative work, please submit a short sample of recent work.

If you are a graduate or undergraduate **student**, please let us know if you would like to be considered for a Wydeven travel support scholarship. You must apply by **February 1, 2023**.

Please submit proposals (and queries) to the program chair, Jeffrey Hotz at [jhotz@esu.edu](mailto:jhotz@esu.edu). **The deadline for proposals is February 1, 2023.**

All presenters **must be members** (or must become members) of the Society and **must register** for the conference. Dues are \$50 (\$25 for students) and registration is \$125. Student registration is \$40; non-participants pay \$25. Scholarship recipients are exempt from the registration fee but must pay the membership fee. Forms for membership and registration may be found on the SSML web site: <http://www.ssml.org>.

AV options will be limited. We can only provide a projector and screen, and the equipment requires wireless connection and likely preplanning with the Kellogg Hotel staff. Please note below if your panel will require AV. If you need the AV equipment, please let Jeff know **right away. THIS IS CRUCIAL INFORMATION FOR SCHEDULING!**

The Society offers monetary **prizes** for the best creative work and literary criticism read at the conference. Scholarly papers presented at the conference may be submitted for inclusion in one of the Society's peer-reviewed publications, *MidAmerica* and *Midwestern Miscellany*. There is also a prize for student work.

A longtime feature of this conference is an informal book display and sales area begun by poets who brought their chapbooks to display, exchange, and sell to one another.

Information on location and lodgings will be provided with membership and registration materials online at <http://www.ssml.org>.

