

American Literature Seminar

2021-2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: Friday, June 4, 2021

This seminar provides a forum for works in progress that explore the history of American Literature. It does so at a moment when the field's central concepts – of historicism as a mode of literary study, of national literatures, of the distinctiveness of the literary – are under some pressure. We are particularly interested in writing that in some way exemplifies, responds to, or significantly acknowledges this pressure, while at the same time engaging specific literary or critical texts.

If you have questions, please contact seminar coordinators: Walter Benn Michaels (UIC) and Kenneth Warren (University of Chicago), or Mary Hale, Assistant Director of Scholarly and Undergraduate Programs at the Newberry (scholarlyseminars@newberry.org).

The seminar will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30. In AY 2021-2022, some seminars may take place online, while others may meet at the Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, IL. Article-length papers are pre-circulated in order to allow maximum time for discussion. The seminar is open to everyone, including faculty members, graduate students, and independent scholars.

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at <http://www.newberry.org/scholarly-seminar-proposal-form> to upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining how this paper relates to your other work, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via email.

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