



# American Literature Seminar

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**2019-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**Submission Deadline: Monday, June 3, 2019**

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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).

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at <https://www.newberry.org/seminar-proposal-form> (the form will be open from March 22- June 3, 2019) and upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining the relationship of the paper to your other work, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via email.

If you are not at present interested in giving a paper but want to receive papers and participate in the discussion, please read our Registration Information found online. The Newberry is unable to provide funds for travel and lodging for presenters and respondents, but can assist in locating discounted accommodations.