



Scholarly Seminars



American Literature Seminar

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2023-2024 Call for Proposals
Submission Deadline: June 2, 2023

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This seminar, which debuted in 2013, 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.

In 2023-2024, some meetings will take place online via zoom, while others may meet in-person at the Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, IL.

The seminar's co-coordinators are Walter Benn Michaels (UIC) and Kenneth Warren (University of Chicago). For questions, please contact scholarlyseminars@newberry.org

To apply, please submit a one-page proposal and brief CV at this link:

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