

Call for Papers  
American Literature Symposium  
The Latina/o Literary Landscape:

A Symposium Supported by the American Literature  
Association and the Latina/o Literature and Culture Society

March 6-8, 2014

Keynote Speakers:

Norma Cantú

Michael Nava

ALA symposia provide opportunities for scholars to meet in pleasant settings, present papers, and share ideas and resources. The Latina/o Literature and Culture Society and the American Literature Association (ALA) seek proposals for panel presentations on any aspect related to the field of Latina/o literature. We invite scholars to address a broad range of themes and genres, including inter-disciplinary fields of popular culture and Latina/o studies. We also invite suggestions for panels and roundtable discussions.

Location: The Sheraton Gunter Hotel,  
205 East Houston Street  
San Antonio, Texas

Hotel Rate: The Sheraton Gunter Hotel is offering a special rate of \$159 (plus tax)  
per night for a single or double room

Conference Fee: \$150 (includes two lunches and two receptions)

Conference Director: Cristina Herrera, California State University, Fresno

Please email all proposals to Cristina Herrera

[cherrera@csufresno.edu](mailto:cherrera@csufresno.edu)

Before November 15, 2013

**Conference Details:** The American Literature Association will meet in San Antonio for a symposium on Latina/o Literature, March 6-8, 2014. Please plan to stay in the conference hotel as this helps us meet our commitment to the hotel and keeps our rates low. The Sheraton Gunter is located in the heart of downtown San Antonio, only two blocks from the River Walk, and has a rich history.

Our keynote speakers are Norma Cantú, author of *Canícula* and editor of numerous collections including *Chicana Traditions* and *Inside the Latin@ Experience*; and Michael Nava, author of the Henry Rios novels and the forthcoming novel, *The City of Palaces*.

Sessions run Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. On Friday March 7, there will be a luncheon as well as an evening reception. The second luncheon will be Saturday, March 8 with a closing reception scheduled for the evening with keynote speaker. Luncheon preferences will be sent to conference participants at a later date. A special event will be planned for Thursday, March 6. Details will follow.

Individuals may propose papers or panels by emailing the conference director, Cristina Herrera, at [cherrera@csufresno.edu](mailto:cherrera@csufresno.edu) no later than November 15, 2013. The proposal (maximum one page) should include the title of the presentation or panel, an abstract that provides the conference director with a clear idea of the material that will be covered, a brief vita or description of the presenter's qualifications, and complete mailing addresses and emails for all participants. The proposal should be pasted into an email AND ALSO sent as an attachment (preferably in WORD). All emails will be acknowledged in a timely manner. The conference director welcomes proposals for roundtables and panels that deal with Latina/o literature. Please note that no audiovisual equipment will be available for the symposium.

Those proposing papers and/or panels will be informed of acceptances in early to mid December. Participants will be asked to make their hotel reservations immediately and to pre-register on-line or by mail, using either the on-line access that will be provided in December or the registration form at the end of this announcement. A program will be placed on the website prior to our meeting, and printed programs will be available at the symposium.

**ALA Guidelines:** The most common ALA format is a time slot of one hour and twenty minutes with three papers and a chair. This permits time for discussion and three papers of approximately 20 minutes (or nine typed double-spaced pages). Organizers of panels are free to use other formats provided they respect the time limits. Furthermore, the ALA encourages panel organizers to experiment with innovative formats including discussion groups and panels featuring more speakers and briefer papers. Chairs will make sure that the panels start and end on time and that no speaker goes beyond the allotted time limit. We prefer that chairs not present

papers on the panels that they are moderating, and no one may present more than one paper at an ALA symposium.

The conference fee covers the costs of the conference including two meals and two receptions. We require all of those who are on the program to pre-register. The conference fee is \$150 for all participants. We regret that we are unable to offer a lower rate for graduate students and independent scholars for this symposium.

**ALA Membership:** Membership in the ALA is not required in order to propose or present a paper. In fact, technically the members of the American Literature Association are the various author societies. Individuals may keep informed about the activities of the ALA by checking our website ([www.americanliterature.org](http://www.americanliterature.org)), which is the primary source for information about ALA activities. Individuals can also be placed on a mailing list by sending their contact information to: Alfred Bendixen, Executive Director of the ALA, at [abendixen@tamu.edu](mailto:abendixen@tamu.edu). Those on the mailing list will receive copies of the annual call for papers.

**Directory of Scholars:** If you wish to be listed on the directory of scholars on our website ([www.americanliterature.org](http://www.americanliterature.org)) please email [yalvan@calstatela.edu](mailto:yalvan@calstatela.edu) with the phrase ALA Directory in the subject line and your name, preferred address, phone number (optional), and email (optional but strongly recommended) in the text.

Please note that the American Literature Association maintains the lowest conference fees of any major scholarly organization because it operates without a paid staff. If you have any questions that are not answered by this announcement, please contact the conference director, Cristina Herrera, at [cherrera@csufresno.edu](mailto:cherrera@csufresno.edu) , or Alfred Bendixen, Executive Director of the ALA, at [abendixen@tamu.edu](mailto:abendixen@tamu.edu).

The easiest way to find out about the symposium and all ALA activities is by consulting our website: [www.americanliterature.org](http://www.americanliterature.org)

Invoice and Registration form:  
American Literature Association Symposium on  
The Latina/o Literary Landscape  
March 6-8, 2014

**The conference fee** covers the costs of the conference including two lunches and two receptions. Your pre-registration reduces our costs and enables us to plan effectively. You may register on line in December or by completing and mailing in this form.

Conference Fee:     \$150

Please make checks payable to American Literature Association

Please print or type the following for each individual attending the conference. The form will be used to prepare conference badges and mail programs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and your registration check to:

American Literature Association  
Attention: Professor Alfred Bendixen  
Dept. of English  
4227 TAMU  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77843-4227