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19th-Century British Literature and Culture

Organizations:

The British Association for Romantic Studies sponsors the journal *The BARS Review* and the BARS Conference.

The British Women Writers Association, focusing on writers from the 18th and 19th centuries, sponsors the BWWA Conference.

The Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies organization works collaboratively with *Nineteenth-Century Contexts* and sponsors the INCS Conference.

The International Conference on Romanticism sponsors the journal *Essays in Romanticism* and the ICR Conference.

The International Gothic Association sponsors the journal *Gothic Studies* and the IGA Conference.

The Nineteenth Century Studies Association sponsors the journal *Nineteenth Century Studies* and the NCSA Conference.

The North American Victorian Studies Association offers members a subscription to the journal Victorian Studies and sponsors the NAVSA Conference.

Journals:

* The BARS Review
* Essays in Romanticism
* European Romantic Review
* Gothic Studies
* Nineteenth-Century Contexts
* Nineteenth-Century Literature
* Nineteenth Century Studies
* Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net (RaVoN)
* Studies in Romanticism
* The Victorian
* Victorian Literature and Culture
* Victorian Network
* Victorian Poetry
* Victorian Studies
* Victorians Institute Journal
* Victorians. A Journal of Culture and Literature

Conferences:

* BARS Conference
* BWWA Conference
* ICR Conference
* IGA Conference
* INCS Conference
* NASSR Conference
* NAVSA Conference
* NCSA Conference

Other Web Materials:

* BARS Exchange
* Networked Infrastructure for Nineteenth-Century Electronic Scholarship (NINES)
* Romantic Circles
* Victoria Research Web
* Victorian Studies Associations
* Victorian Web
* Victorian Women Writers Project
* William Blake Archive

African American Literature and Culture

Organizations:

* The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora sponsors the ASWAD Conference.
* The College Language Association sponsors the journal the CLA Journal and the CLA Convention.
* The Furious Flower Poetry Center sponsors the Furious Flower Poetry Conference (every ten years) and offers access to the Furious Flower Poetry Database.
The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States sponsors the journal *MELUS* and the MELUS Conference.

Journals:

- *African American Review*
- *Callaloo*
- *CLA Journal*

Conferences:

- *ASWAD Conference*
- *CLA Convention*
- *Furious Flower Poetry Conference*
- *MELUS Conference*

American Literature and Culture before 1900

Organizations:

- **The American Literature Association** sponsors the *ALA Conference* and the *ALA Symposia*.


  - **The Emily Dickinson International Society** sponsors *The Emily Dickinson Journal* and the *EDIS Conference*.

  - **The Jack London Society** sponsors the magazine *The Call* and the *Jack London Society Symposium*.

  - **The James Fenimore Cooper Society** sponsors (with SUNY Oneonta) the *James Fenimore Cooper Conference*.


  - **The Society of Early Americanists** sponsors the *SEA Conference*.

  - **The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States** sponsors the journal *MELUS* and the MELUS Conference.

  - **The Thoreau Society** offers members a subscription to *The Concord Saunterer* and sponsors the Thoreau Society Conference.

Journals:

- *The Concord Saunterer*
- *The Emily Dickinson Journal*
- *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists*
- *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies*
- *Literature in the Early American Republic: Annual Studies on Cooper and His Contemporaries*
- *MELUS*

Conferences:
ALA Conference
ALA Symposia
C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists Conference
EDIS Conference
Jack London Society Symposium
James Fenimore Cooper Conference
Melville Conference
MELUS Conference
SEA Conference
Thoreau Society Conference

Other Web Materials:

Melville Society Cultural Project

Arab American Literature and Culture

Organizations:

The American Studies Association sponsors the journal American Quarterly and the ASA Conference.
The Middle East Studies Association sponsors the International Journal of Middle East Studies and the MESA Conference.
Radius of Arab American Writers sponsors the RAWI Conference.
The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States sponsors the journal MELUS and the MELUS Conference.

Journals:

American Quarterly
International Journal of Middle East Studies
MELUS

Conferences:

ASA Conference
MELUS Conference
MESA Conference
RAWI Conference

Criticism and Literary Theory

Journals:

Critical Inquiry
Social Text
Gender, Sexuality, and Literature

Organizations:

The Association for Middle East Women’s Studies sponsors the Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies, which offers an annual Graduate Student Paper Prize.

The National Women’s Studies Association sponsors the NWSA Conference.

Journals:

Feminist Formations
GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies
Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies
SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society
Tulsa Studies in Women’s Literature

Conferences:

NWSA Conference

Literature and Culture of the American South

Organizations:

The Carson McCullers Society (Dr. Casey Kayser has served as a past president for) offers an annual prize for outstanding conference paper on the life and work of Carson McCullers. This organization also has CFPs for panel discussions at annual conferences like the American Literature Association’s conference, as well as regional MLA conferences like the South Atlantic MLA (SAMLA) conference.

The Eudora Welty Society has CFPs for panel discussions at annual conferences like the American Literature Association’s conference and the Society for the Study of Southern Literature’s conference. This society also offers several awards for scholarship, for which graduate students may apply, including a research fellowship and a graduate student travel award.

The Flannery O’Connor Society sponsors the O’Connor Conference, though not on an annual basis. (The last conference was in 2015.)

The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States sponsors the journal MELUS and the MELUS Conference.

The Society for the Study of Southern Literature sponsors the SSSL Conference.

The South Atlantic Modern Language Association, a regional organization of the MLA, sponsors the South Atlantic Review and the SAMLA Conference.

The Southern American Studies Association, a regional chapter of the ASA, sponsors the SASA Conference.

The William Faulkner Society is affiliated with The Faulkner Journal.
Appalachian Journal
The Faulkner Journal
Eudora Welty Review
Flannery O'Connor Review
MELUS
Mississippi Quarterly
North Carolina Literary Review
South Atlantic Review
Southern Cultures
south: a scholarly journal
The Southern Quarterly
Southern Spaces

Conferences:

Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference
MELUS Conference
O'Connor Conference
SAMLA Conference
SASA Conference
Southern Writers/Southern Writing Conference
SSSL Conference

Medieval Literature and Culture

Organizations:

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at St. Louis University sponsors the Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

The Early English Text Society sponsors a series of texts not otherwise available in satisfactory or readily obtainable editions.

The Fédération Internationale des Instituts d'Études Médiévales sponsors the FIDEM Conference.

The Hagiography Society promotes communication among scholars of holy people in all religious traditions.

The International Congress on Medieval Studies (U.S.) sponsors the International Medieval Congress.

The Medieval Academy of America offers members a subscription to the journal Speculum and sponsors the MAA Conference.

The Mid-America Medieval Association sponsors the MAMA Conference.

The New Chaucer Society sponsors the journal Studies in the Age of Chaucer and the Biennial Congress of the New Chaucer Society.

The Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship promotes the study of the medieval period from the perspective of gender studies.

The Society for the Study of Medieval Languages and Literature sponsors the journal Medium Ævum.
The Southeastern Medieval Association sponsors the journal Medieval Perspectives and the SEMA Conference.

Journals:

- Exemplaria
- The Chaucer Review
- Journal of English and Germanic Philology
- Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Medieval Perspectives
- Medium Ævum
- Philological Quarterly
- Speculum
- Studies in the Age of Chaucer

Conferences:

- Biennial Congress of the New Chaucer Society
- FIDEM Conference
- International Medieval Congress
- MAA Conference
- MAMA Conference
- SEMA Conference
- Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Other Web Materials:

- Announcements for NEH Grants, Seminars, and Institutes

Modern and Contemporary American Literature and Culture

Organizations:

- The American Folklore Society sponsors the Journal of American Folklore and the AFS Conference.
- The American Literature Association sponsors the ALA Conference and the ALA Symposia.
- The American Studies Association sponsors the journal American Quarterly and the ASA Conference.
- The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States sponsors the journal MELUS and the MELUS Conference.

Journals:

- American Quarterly
- Journal of American Folklore
- MELUS
- PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art
- Theatre Journal

Conferences:

- AFS Conference
Modern and Contemporary British Literature and Culture

Journals:

*PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art*
*Theatre Journal*

Other Web Materials:

*British Theatre Guide*
*Royal Court Theatre*
*TheatreVOICE*

Native American Literature and Culture

Organizations:

*The Association for the Study of American Indian Literature* sponsors the journal *Studies in American Indian Literature*.

*The Native American and Indigenous Studies Association* sponsors the *Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal* and the *NAISA Conference*.

*The UCLA American Indian Studies Center* sponsors the *American Indian and Culture Research Journal*.

*The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States* sponsors the journal *MELUS* and the *MELUS Conference*.

Journals:

*American Indian and Culture Research Journal*
*American Indian Quarterly*
*MELUS*
*Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal*
*Studies in American Indian Literature*
*Wicazo Sa Review*

Conferences:

*MELUS Conference*
*NAISA Conference*
*Native American Literature Symposium*

Popular Culture and Popular Genres

Organizations:
The American Folklore Society sponsors the *Journal of American Folklore* and the AFS Conference.

The Association of Adaptation Studies sponsors the journal *Adaptation* and the AAS Conference.

The Film Studies Association of Canada sponsors the FSAC-ACEC Conference.

The International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts sponsors the *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts* and the Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts.

The Midwest Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, a regional organization of the PCA/ACA, sponsors *The Popular Culture Studies Journal*.


The Science Fiction Research Association sponsors the journal *SFRA Review*.

The Society for Cinema and Media Studies sponsors *Cinema Journal* and the SCMS Conference.

Journals:

- *Adaptation*
- *Cinema Journal*
- *Critical Studies in Television*
- *European Journal of Cultural Studies*
- *Feminist Media Studies*
- *Historical Journal of Radio, Film, and Television*
- *Journal of Adaptation in Film & Performance*
- *The Journal of American Culture*
- *Journal of American Folklore*
- *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts*
- *Journal of Film and Video*
- *The Journal of Popular Culture*
- *Journal of Popular Film and Television*
- *Literature-Film Quarterly*
- *Media Culture and Society*
- *The Popular Culture Studies Journal*
- *Quarterly Review of Film and Video*
- *SFRA Review*
- *Television & News Media*
- *Velvet Light Trap*

Conferences:

- AAS Conference
- AFS Conference
- Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts
- FSAC-ACEC Conference
- PCA/ACA Conference (and regional PCA/ACA conferences)
- SCMS Conference
Postcolonial Literature and Culture

[No Entries Yet]

Renaissance Literature and Culture

Organizations:

**The International Spenser Society** sponsors the *Spenser Review*.

**The John Donne Society** sponsors the *JDS Conference*.

**The Massachusetts Center for Interdisciplinary Renaissance Studies** sponsors the journal *English Literary Renaissance* and the *Sidney Journal*.

**The Renaissance Society of America** sponsors the journal *Renaissance Quarterly* and the *RSA Conference*.

**The Shakespeare Association of America** sponsors the *SAA Conference*.

Journals:

*Appositions: Studies in Renaissance / Early Modern Literature & Culture*

*Ben Jonson Journal*

*Cahiers Élisabéthains*

*ELH: English Literary History*

*English Literary Renaissance*

*Explorations in Renaissance Culture*

*Journal of English and Germanic Philology*

*Mediteval and Renaissance Drama in England*

*Milton Quarterly*

*Milton Studies*

*Renaissance Quarterly*

*Shakespeare Quarterly*

*Shakespeare Studies*

*Sidney Journal*

*Spenser Review*

*Spenser Studies*

*Studies in English Literature 1500-1900*

*Studies in Philology*

Conferences:

*JDS Conference*

*RSA Conference*

*SAA Conference*

Other Web Materials:

*Early Modern Recipes Online Collection*

*The Sidney-Spenser Discussion List*
Restoration and 18th-Century Literature and Culture

Organizations:

The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies sponsors the journals Eighteenth-Century Studies and Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture and the ASECS Conference.

Journals:

Eighteenth-Century Studies
Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture

Conferences:

ASECS Conference

Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy

Organizations:

The College English Association sponsors the journal The CEA Critic and the CEA Conference.

The Conference on College Composition and Communication sponsors the CCCC Convention.

The Council of Writing Program Administrators sponsors the WPA Journal and the WPA Conference.

The International Writing Centers Association sponsors the Writing Center Journal, The Peer Review: A Journal for Writing Center Practitioners, and the IWCA Annual Conference.

The National Council of Teachers of English sponsors the journals College Composition and Communication, College English, Research in the Teaching of English, and Teaching English in the Two-Year College and the NCTE Conference.

The Rhetoric Society of America sponsors the journal Rhetoric Society Quarterly and the RSA Conference.

The South Central Writing Centers Association sponsors the South Central Writing Centers Association Conference.

Journals:

The CEA Critic
College Composition and Communication
College English
Journal of Basic Writing
The Peer Review: A Journal for Writing Center Practitioners
Research in the Teaching of English
Rhetoric Society Quarterly
Teaching English in the Two-Year College
WPA Journal
The Writing Center Journal
**Written Communication**

Conferences:

- CCCC Convention
- CEA Conference
- IWCA Annual Conference
- NCTE Conference
- RSA Conference
- South Central Writing Centers Association Conference
- WPA Conference

Technical Writing

Organizations:

- The Association of Teachers of Technical Writing sponsors the journal *Technical Communication Quarterly* and the ATTW Conference.

- The Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication sponsors the journal *Programmatic Perspectives* and the CPTSC Conference.

Journals:

- *Business and Professional Communication Quarterly*
- *Programmatic Perspectives*
- *Technical Communication Quarterly*

Conferences:

- ATTW Conference
- CPTSC Conference

U.S. Latino/Latina Literature and Culture

Organizations:

- The American Literature Association sponsors the ALA Conference and the ALA Symposia.

- The American Studies Association sponsors the journal *American Quarterly* and the ASA Conference.

- The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies sponsors the NACCS Conference.

- The Puerto Rican Studies Association sponsors the PRSA Conference and the PRSA Symposium.

- The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States sponsors the journal *MELUS* and the MELUS Conference.

Journals:

- *American Quarterly*
- *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*
Chicana/Latina Studies: The Journal of MALCS
Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies
Latino Studies
MELUS

Conferences:

**ALA Conference**
**ALA Symposia**
**ASA Conference**
**Biennial Latina/o Literary Theory and Criticism Conference**
**MELUS Conference**
**NACCS Conference**
**PRSA Conference**
**PRSA Symposium**
**Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project Conference**

Other Web Materials:

The Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project at the University of Houston sponsors a conference.

World Literature and Culture in English

Organizations:

**The American Comparative Literature Association** sponsors the ACLA Conference and the ACL(x) Conference.


**The British Comparative Literature Association** sponsors the journal Comparative Critical Studies and the BCLA Conference.

Journals:

African Studies Review
Comparative Critical Studies
History in Africa: A Journal of Method

Conferences:

ACLA Conference
ACL(x) Conference
ASA Conference
BCLA Conference

Select List of MLA-Allied Organizations
(from https://apps.mla.org/orginfo_directory)
Some of the following organizations may be listed above, but many of them are not. Because these organizations are officially allied with the Modern Language Association, they may send a representative or a representative panel to the annual MLA meeting. Visit the individual site to find out more about a particular organization.

American Association of Australasian Studies: http://australianliterature.org/
American Comparative Literature Association: https://www.acla.org/
American Folklore Society: http://www.afsnet.org/
American Humor Studies Association: https://americanhumorstudiesassociation.wordpress.com/
American Psychoanalytic Association: http://www.apsa.org/
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: https://asecs.press.jhu.edu/
American Theatre and Drama Society: http://www.atds.org/
Association for Business Communication: http://www.businesscommunication.org/
Association for Computers and the Humanities: http://ach.org/
Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures: http://people.uwm.edu/asail/
Association for the Study of Literature and Environment: https://www.asle.org/
Association of Departments and Programs of Comparative Literature: http://sites.psu.edu/adpcl/
Association of Teachers of Technical Writing: http://www.attw.org/
Association of Writers and Writing Programs: https://www.awpwriter.org/
Byron Society of America: http://byronsociety.org/
Cervantes Society of America: http://www.h-net.org/~cervantes/csapage.htm
Children’s Literature Association: http://www.childlitassn.org/
College English Association: http://cea-web.org/
College Language Association: https://www.clascholars.org/
Community College Humanities Association: http://www.cchumanities.org/
Conference on Christianity & Literature: http://www.christianityandliterature.com/
Conference on College Composition and Communication: http://www.ncte.org/cccc
Council of Editors of Learned Journals: https://thecouncilofeditorsoflearnedjournals.wildapricot.org/
Council of Writing Program Administrators: http://www.wpacouncil.org/
Dante Society of America: https://dantesociety.org/
Dickens Society: http://dickenssociety.org/
Doris Lessing Society: https://dorislessingsociety.wordpress.com/
Edith Wharton Society: https://edithwhartinssonociety.wordpress.com/
Emily Dickinson International Society: http://emilydickinsoninternationalsociety.org/
Ernest Hemingway Foundation and Society: https://www.hemingwaysociety.org/
Eugene O'Neill Society: http://eugeneoneillsociety.org/
Ezra Pound Society: http://www.ezrapoundsociety.org/
Feministas Unidas Inc.: http://feministas-unidas.org/
Graduate Student Caucus of the Modern Languages: http://www.graduatestudentcaucus.org/index.html
Harold Pinter Society: http://www.graduatestudentcaucus.org/index.html
International Brecht Society: http://www.brechtsociety.org/
International Courtly Literature Society: http://www.clas.ufl.edu/icls/
International Dostoevsky Society: https://dostoevsky.org/
International James Joyce Foundation: https://joycefoundation.osu.edu/
International Society for the Study of Narrative: http://narrative.georgetown.edu/
International Spenser Society: http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/spenseronline/iss/
International Virginia Woolf Society: http://sites.utoronto.ca/IVWS/
International Vladimir Nabokov Society: https://www.libraries.psu.edu/nabokov/nabsoc.htm
John Clare Society of North America: http://www.johnclare.org/
John Donne Society: http://johndonnesociety.org/
Joseph Conrad Society of America: http://johndonnesociety.org/
Keats-Shelley Association of America: http://k-saa.org/
Langston Hughes Society: http://www.langstonhughessociety.org/
Margaret Atwood Society: http://atwoodsociety.org/
Margaret Fuller Society:  http://fullersociety.org/index.html
Mark Twain Circle of America:  https://marktwaincircle.org/
Marlowe Society of America:  http://www.marlowesocietyofamerica.org/
Marxist Literary Group:  http://www.marxistliterary.org/
Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society:  http://themrds.org/
Melville Society:  http://melvillesociety.org/
Milton Society of America (This website appears to be down currently.)
Modernist Studies Association:  https://msa.press.jhu.edu/
Nathaniel Hawthorne Society:  http://www.tamiu.edu/hawthorne/
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE):  http://www.ncte.org/
Poe Studies Association:  https://www.poestudiesassociation.org/
Reception Study Society:  http://receptionstudy.org/welcome
Robert Frost Society:  http://robertfrostsociety.org/
Samuel Beckett Society:  https://samuelbeckettsociety.org/
Simone de Beauvoir Society:  http://beauvoir.weebly.com/
Society for Classical Studies:  https://classicalstudies.org/
Society for Critical Exchange:  http://societyforcriticalexchange.org/
Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship:  http://smfsweb.org/
Society for Textual Scholarship:  https://textualsociety.org/
Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature:  http://www.ssml.org/
Society for the Study of Southern Literature:  http://www.ssml.org/
Société Rencesvals, American-Canadian Branch: [http://depts.noctrl.edu/societerencesvals/](http://depts.noctrl.edu/societerencesvals/)

South Asian Literary Association: [http://www.southasianliteraryassociation.org/](http://www.southasianliteraryassociation.org/)


Western Literature Association: [http://www.westernlit.org/](http://www.westernlit.org/)

William Carlos Williams Society: [http://english.ttu.edu/WCWR/](http://english.ttu.edu/WCWR/) (link takes you to William Carlos Williams Review site)


Women’s Caucus for the Modern Languages: [http://www.wcml.org/](http://www.wcml.org/)