

## [Call for Papers "The American Campus Novel in the 21st Century" ACLA Seminar](#)

Announcement published by Marta Lysik on Monday, August 26, 2019

Type:

Call for Papers

Date:

September 23, 2019

Location:

Illinois, United States

Subject Fields:

Literature, American History / Studies

### **Call for Papers**

#### **"The American Campus Novel in the 21st Century"**

**Seminar** organized within

the framework of the

annual ACLA conference in Chicago,

March 19-22nd, 2020.

The campus novel, an Anglo-American genre, having as its protagonists alternately students, teaching staff, and full professors, acts as a barometer measuring the state of the nation and education. While critically commenting on campus life, often spotlighting subversive behaviors and contesting the status quo, the campus novel portrays the individual's struggle for personal advancement and definition of one's own identity and values. It serves as a battleground for concepts and ideologies pervasive in the times it depicts. Many established American and British authors, and a few international writers living and working in the US, explored the potential of this subgenre, especially its satirical penchant and "pejorative poetics" (Kenneth Womack), in order to comment on contemporaneous issues.

This seminar aims to explore the various interactions between academe and the real world primarily in contemporary American campus fiction in connection with modern day discourses and trends, but it can also tackle non-fiction and film/TV series. Proposals may concern campus fiction, academic life writing, and film about academia, and the following areas and topics:

- Indigenous studies
- Postcolonial studies
- Race studies
- Queer and feminist theory & gender studies

- Ecocriticism and environmental studies
- Posthumanism and animal studies
- Trauma, illness, and disability studies
- Critical university studies
- Refugees, migrations, and immigration
- Cosmopolitanism
- Digital media and technology
- Religion
- Media and journalism
- Politics and activism

Please apply via [acla.org](http://acla.org) (portal opens September 1st) before September 23.

Information about the seminar:

<https://www.acla.org/american-campus-novel-21st-century>

Contact Info:

Please direct all queries to [marta.lysik@uwr.edu.pl](mailto:marta.lysik@uwr.edu.pl).

Marta J. Lysik

Assistant Professor

Department of Literary and Documentary Genres

Institute of Journalism and Social Communication

The University of Wrocław

Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2019-2020

Department of English

Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Carnegie Mellon University

[schoolsville.wordpress.com](http://schoolsville.wordpress.com)

Contact Email:

[marta.lysik@uwr.edu.pl](mailto:marta.lysik@uwr.edu.pl)

URL:

<https://www.acla.org/american-campus-novel-21st-century>