Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference on Baseball in Literature and Culture

July 7-9, 2022

On the campus of Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas

The twenty-sixth annual Conference on Baseball in Literature and Culture is currently soliciting one-page proposals for presentations to be given at the conference on Friday, July 8, 2022. A Thursday night pre-conference reception on July 7 will take place at the Granger House, which is located on the edge of campus. We also may extend the conference sessions into the morning of Saturday, July 9 if we have enough participants to warrant it. Presenters will have 15 minutes in panels comprised of three or four participants. Proposals should summarize the talk as clearly as possible. The conference defines “culture” loosely: in addition to baseball literature, topics could include but are not limited to the following:

* Negro Leagues baseball
* women’s baseball; baseball and gender
* baseball history
* baseball memoirs and biographies
* baseball in foreign or non-US cultures
* baseball in painting, music, or the other arts
* baseball material culture
* cultural appropriations of baseball
* the business/economics of baseball
* cheating in baseball
* readings of creative works (fiction, non-fiction essays, poems, plays)

All presentations must follow the 15-minute format, and proposals should indicate how baseball relates to some aspect of local, ethnic, regional, national, or international culture. Proposals by graduate and undergraduate students are welcome, as are pre-formed panels.

Statistical analyses of teams and players are not suitable.

Proposals should be sent to Dr. Andy Hazucha (andy.hazucha@ottawa.edu) or Dr. Barbara Dinneen (barbara.dinneen@ottawa.edu). Include your name, address, phone number, school affiliation if any, and e-mail address. The deadline for proposals is April 30, 2022. Presenters will be notified of acceptance by May 15, 2022. Conference registration fee is $100 (for both presenters and attendees), which may be paid in advance via the conference website.