



CALL FOR PAPERS
SPORT LITERATURE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE XLII

Host: David Kilpatrick
Program Chair: Adam Winkel
Proposal Deadline: February 28, 2025
Conference Dates: June 18-21, 2025

The Forty-Second Annual Conference of the [Sport Literature Association](#) will be held at Mercy University in Dobbs Ferry, New York, from June 18-21, 2025.

The Program Committee of the Sport Literature Association (SLA) invites proposals for individual papers and/or complete panels related to the literature of sport. Scholarly and critical submissions for the conference should follow general guidelines set forth in the association's publication, *Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature*, which "celebrate[s] the intersection of literature with the world of play, games, and sport." The Program Committee welcomes proposals in the following categories:

- Treatments of sport in texts or textual media (print, film, performance, digital or other media), including sport literature (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, or film) or the theory of sport. Cultural studies approaches to sport texts are welcome.
- Sessions featuring presenters' original fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry. Original prose and poetry may be presented in a regular panel or during an evening reading session.
- Proposals of presentations on the pedagogy of sport literature, in which colleagues share their experiences of teaching sport literature in an academic setting.
- Finally, please note that the purpose of SLA is to forward the appreciation and knowledge of the literature surrounding sport and that all presentations should have a connection to literature; program selections will be made accordingly.

As an international, diverse, and inclusive association, SLA is committed to equity and equality. We foster an environment in which all people deserve and are given respect. To this end, our meetings, conferences, and publications attempt to use appropriate language that reflects this commitment.

Submitting your abstracts or presentation proposals

Those interested in presenting should submit abstracts of individual papers, original creative work, or proposals for complete panels by completing this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/XHhRMXd8WfYFmdHQ8>

- Please send inquiries to Adam Winkel (Program Chair) and David Kilpatrick (Host), who will receive conference emails at sportliteratureassociation@gmail.com.
- The **deadline for submissions** is February 28, 2025.

Individual presentations must be in English and may not exceed 20 minutes. Please limit proposal abstracts to 250 words.

Please have the following information prepared when submitting your proposal to the Google Form:

- **Type of Proposal.** Individual presentation or full panel.
- **Full Panel Information** (when applicable). Panel title and participants.
- **Information on Author(s).** Name, Email, Mailing address, Organization or Academic Affiliation, Co-authors (when applicable).
- **Contribution Details.** Type of contribution, Title, 250-word Abstract, Keywords.
- **In-person or virtual attendance.**

The Program Committee requests that participants **complete the form again for each contribution** that they wish to propose.

Attendance

Abstracts, published in post-conference proceedings, will be included only for authors who attend the conference and present their material.

The Sport Literature Association annual conference is an **in-person conference**; participants are expected to be in Dobbs Ferry to present their work. The Program Committee will consider **virtual presentations** for significant geographical distances or other extraordinary circumstances, but virtual presentation spots will be limited.

Membership

All presenters and conference attendees must be current members of the Sport Literature Association. Contact Joyce Duncan at joyced1001@cs.com for further information.

Lyle Olsen Graduate Student Essay Prize

SLA welcomes papers from emerging and early career scholars and graduate students. Small travel stipends may be available for the latter. Graduate students also may submit essays for the Lyle Olsen Graduate Student Essay Prize. Details for the contest will be included in a separate announcement to follow.