Registration Information—ASLE 2017 Conference

The conference registration fee is \$160 (early bird rate) if received by April 28 and \$185 if received after that date. Reduced fees of \$80 early bird/\$105 regular are available for students, independents, and others in financial need. *Presenters must register for the conference and pay membership fees by May 15 or your name will be removed from the program and you will not be able to present at the conference.*

The basic fee includes all conference sessions, program materials, receptions, and progressive party; you may also wish to register for optional workshops, residence hall lodging, parking, field trips, banquet, conference shirts and donations. You may register online, or by mail or fax with the PDF form.

Membership in ASLE:

All presenters must be members of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE) and/or one of its international affiliated organizations (e.g. ALECC, ASLE-Japan, etc.) by May 15. Information about ASLE membership and online registration/renewal can be found at the ASLE web site (<u>www.asle.org</u>). Membership in ASLE has many <u>benefits</u> beyond conference registration and is non-refundable.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations of conference registrations must be made in writing to ASLE's Managing Director (<u>info@asle.org</u>). Refunds for full cancellations, less a \$40 service fee, will be made if written request is received by May 28, 2017. No refunds will be made after that date. No changes to residence hall reservations accepted after June 1. Refunds for changes made to reservations that are not full cancellations can generally be made in full before May 28. Please direct questions, cancellations, and registration changes to <u>info@asle.org</u>.

Lodging:

All lodging is on a first come, first served basis and may fill up. Information and reservation links for all housing options are found at the conference website: <u>http://asle2017.clas.wayne.edu/travel.html#section1</u>.

Conference Hotel Blocks

ASLE has conference blocks at the <u>Hotel St. Regis</u> (\$109-\$119/night) and the <u>Inn of Ferry Street</u> (\$149/night) very near campus.

To reserve at the St. Regis, follow this link:

<u>http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1692337&hotelID=13247</u> and use group code **GASL**. You may also call their reservation line at 313-873-3000 and reference the group name and code to receive group rate. Deadline to receive conference rate is Saturday May 20, 2017.

To reserve at the Inn on Ferry Street, call the front desk at 313-871-6000, and reference the Association for the Study of Literature & Environment Block. Reservations cannot be made on their web site with the discounted rate, but you can email <u>info@innonferrystreet.com</u> and a front desk agent will respond via email within 24-48 hours. Via email, also reference Association for the Study of Literature & Environment Block. Deadline to receive conference rate is Monday May 15, 2017.

On-Campus Housing:

Residence hall housing is available at Wayne State University, and booking is through the registration form. For more information about the on-campus accommodations, please see the university webpage (http://housing.wayne.edu/guests/conference/accommodations.php). Options are as follows:

- Towers Residential Suites (Single Room in a Four-Person Suite), Cost Per Night: \$26, Limit: 500/night
- Yousif B. Ghafari Hall (Single Room) Cost Per Night: \$32, Limit: 50/night

IMPORTANT: WSU requires ASLE to submit residence hall reservations several weeks prior to the conference. Therefore, you must book your room by May 28 to guarantee space. This also means we CANNOT give refunds for canceled or changed reservations after that date as they will bill based on advance reservations.

Workshops/Seminars (June 20 and 23, 1-5pm):

Because each session is limited to 15 participants, before registering and paying the \$20 fee you must contact Amy McIntyre, <u>info@asle.org</u>, to check availability and pre-register for workshops and seminars. Paying is the final step in registering for these seminars. Full descriptions are found at <u>http://asle2017.clas.wayne.edu/conference.html#section6</u>.

Field Trips (Friday June 23): Space in trips is limited, and filled on a first come, first served basis; they are not available to those registered for Friday afternoon workshops, as they occur at the same time. To help you make a choice, please see full trip descriptions published on the conference website at: <u>http://asle2017.clas.wayne.edu/conference.html#section5</u>. Bus transportation will be provided for all off campus events. Waitlists will be kept, in the event openings arise. You will be contacted about placement in an alternate trip if your first choice is full. No plenaries or panels are scheduled during these times. You take part in these trips at your own risk; ASLE and Wayne State University assume no responsibility, and you will be required to sign a waiver form to participate. If you have any questions about these trips, contact Andrea Knutson at <u>Knutson@oakland.edu</u>. Please do not contact the leaders of individual field trips or the organizations hosting them.

Conference Banquet and Dance (Saturday, June 24, 7-11pm): This fun event with DJ and museum tours will be held at the <u>Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History</u> right off campus. Seating is limited, tickets are \$40 for conference participants and their guests, and may be purchased with registration. The buffet will feature vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options, prepared with as many organic and local ingredients as possible.

Parking and Transportation WSU is about a half hour drive from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW). Commercial shuttle and rental car information is on the conference website: <u>http://asle2017.clas.wayne.edu/travel.html#section3</u>. Parking will be available on campus, it is \$7.75 a day if reserved in advance, more expensive for pay-as-you-go on site (\$7.50 for each entrance to lot, no daily rate). Transportation between campus and hotels will be available via the new M1 line public transport system and possibly also via supplemental shuttle buses in the mornings and evenings. Please consult your hotel when reserving about their parking options and fees.

Accessibility/Other Items: Pre-orders for Organic, Sustainable T-shirts will be accepted through May 12; after that date, a limited number will be available at on-site registration. Requests for special dietary or service accommodations should be made by June 1 in order to assure adequate preparation; however, every effort will be made to accommodate requests from late registrants. If you need any accommodations not specified on form, contact Victor Figueroa (an7664@wayne.edu).

Confirmation: If you register online, you will receive a receipt for payment at the email address you provide. If you send in a PDF, we will email you to confirm receipt once received.

Changes: Every effort will be made to accommodate any changes required after initial registration is processed if request is made prior to deadlines listed above. All changes should be sent in writing to <u>info@asle.org</u>. Questions may also be directed to 603-357-7411.

Author's Reception (Wednesday, June 21, 8:00-9:30pm)

If you have published a book (or books) since the last ASLE conference in June 2015 you may want to participate in the Author's Reception. This event provides the opportunity to meet and greet readers, as well as sell and sign copies of your books. Please send your name and contact information, along with the title, publisher, and ISBN of the book, to <u>asle2017@indiana.edu</u>. You must bring your own copies to have on hand. ASLE is providing only the space, not the books.

Mentoring:

<u>ASLE Mentoring Program</u> co-coordinators Elizabeth Dodd and Erin James would like to hear from you if you are a faculty member interested in serving as a mentor. If so, please email them (<u>edodd@ksu.edu</u>, <u>ejames@uidaho.edu</u>) with the following information: Your name, institution, rank, your areas of expertise, and if and when you are available at the conference to schedule a time to meet with a junior scholar.

Child Care:

While ASLE cannot provide formal conference child care, we are diligently exploring various options, including nearby day camps for older children, facilitating contact between parents attending with kids so they can explore shared child care duties informally, and/or identifying space for child-friendly interactions and activities. There will be a lactation room designated in the Student Center for any nursing mothers. Please email us at <u>info@asle.org</u> if you are interested in more information on this.

2017 Conference Member Community Chat Group

If you wish to communicate with other presenters to make plans for travel, lodging or other events, we have set up a special group in the ASLE Member Community (which you can access once you join or if you are a current member). ASLE members can login at https://asle.force.com/members/login, (or from the ASLE home page, click on MEMBER LOGIN in the upper right corner). In the Member Community, click on the "Chatter" tab, then on "Groups" in list menu on left; look for "ASLE 2017 Conference" and click "Join". Once you join you can post queries and respond to others.

Contact Information:

Many of your questions can be answered by consulting the <u>conference website</u>. If that does not do the trick:

- Please direct questions about registering to Amy McIntyre, ASLE Managing Director, at <u>info@asle.org</u>. Questions may also be directed to 603-357-7411
- For questions about the program and presentations, please contact 2017 ASLE Presidents Christoph Irmscher and Anthony Lioi at <u>asle2017@indiana.edu</u>.
- For membership and general questions about ASLE, see <u>www.asle.org</u> or contact Amy McIntyre, ASLE Managing Director, at <u>info@asle.org</u>
- For questions about the conference site and other logistical questions, please contact 2017 Conference Site Host Elena Past at <u>elenapast@wayne.edu</u>.