Call for Papers—Symposium of the American Literature Association—The Society for the Study of the American Short Story

The Society for the Study of the American Short Story seeks papers for two panels to be held at the November 2018 American Literature Association Symposium. The conference will convene in Santa Fe, NM, November 1-3, 2018, at the Drury Plaza Hotel.

The governing idea of the conference is Sights and Sites: Vision and Place in American Literature: What does it mean to envision the American landscape? What are the philosophical, psychological, and political factors that shape how writers look at a place and transform their perceptions into works of fiction, poetry, drama, travel writing, and autobiography? How does race, class, and gender influence the perception of natural and social sites?

One panel will focus upon the conference theme, so we welcome papers on the American short story that demonstrate an interaction with these concepts. The second panel is open to broader theoretical and interpretive approaches to the American short story. Please send a one-page proposal that includes both a paragraph-length description of the paper and a brief CV of the reader to Robert Clark (robert.clark@ccga.edu). The deadline for submissions is Sept. 10, 2018.