

24th Annual Conference

The Elizabeth Madox Roberts Society

Sunday July 10 through Tuesday July 12, 2022

Conference Co-Directors:

Daniel Pizappi (University of Tennessee)

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Daniel Pizappi (University of Tennessee)

Alex Pennisi (Independent Scholar)

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Laura Smith Haydon (Director, Springfield Main Street)

****The Conference Directors and EMRS Board Members ask that all in-person attendees wear masks during indoor events****

Schedule of Events

Sunday July 10

—**3:00 PM** - Arrival and check-in: Springfield Inn

—**5:00 PM** - Sunday Supper, Opening Banquet, and Award Ceremony at Mordecai's

Monday July 11

—**10:00 AM** - Memorial Reading for H.R. "Stoney" Stoneback (1941-2021) at Historic Landmark Penn's Store. We will be gathering to celebrate the life of our beloved society founder and to share poems, pieces, songs, etc. to pay tribute to the man, his work, and the indelible mark he left on our society. If you would like to participate, please consider a piece you would be willing to share.

—**12:00 PM** - Afternoon at Roncevaux Farm. Tour and hike the 100-acre grounds of historic (1840s) farm. Private Memorial for society founder and friend H.R. "Stoney" Stoneback.

—**After Farm**

Dinner on your own

Tuesday July 12

Academic Paper Sessions at Saint Catharine Motherhouse The Old Chapel

—**9:00 AM** - Convoy departs Springfield Inn

—**9:30 AM** - Arrive at Saint Catharine Motherhouse, Old Chapel

10:00 AM—10:45 AM Keynote with Introduction

Gregg Neikirk (Westfield State Univ.): “The Distinguished Influence of Professor H. R. Stoneback on Elizabeth Madox Roberts Studies”

11:00 AM—12:00 PM Session 1: Chair: Alex Pennisi

James Stament (Agnes Scott College): “‘She’s not of a mind to’: Medical Gaslighting and Roberts’ ‘The Scarecrow’”

Daniel Pizappi (Univ. of TN): “*The Time of Man*: Pandemic Pedagogy, Perception and Psychotherapy”

Gisèle Sigal (Université de Pau, France – Bayonne Campus): “Leaving Home and Longing for a Home, an Odyssey through Rhizomatic Space in Elizabeth Madox Roberts’s ‘The Mountainside’ and James Still’s ‘The Nest’”

12:00 PM—1:30 PM Lunch on your own

1:45 PM—2:45 PM Session 2: Chair: Joseph Curra

Rev. Cynthia P. Cain (Independent Scholar): “Erasure and Invisibility of Black Americans in Rural Kentucky: A Look at History and Literature”

Amanda Capelli (NYU): “A New Cartography: A Proposal for the Continued Recovery of Elizabeth Madox Roberts”

Jane Dionne (Independent Scholar): “Southern Female Short Stories: Influence on Females, Southern and Otherwise”

3:00 PM—4:00 PM Session 3: Chair: Amanda Capelli

Joseph Curra (Independent Scholar): “Episodic Experiments in Shorter Fictions, or, Consciousnesses Consciously Constructed: Observations on Elizabeth Madox Roberts and Her Contemporaries”

Autumn Holladay (UAlbany): “Growing Up Like a Girl with Roberts and Ferrante”

Alex Pennisi (Independent Scholar): Revisiting “The Haunted Palace” and *Not By Strange Gods*

—4:30 PM - Memorial Graveside Reading Springfield Cemetery

—5:30 PM - Springfield City Council Meeting at City Hall **Optional**

—7:00 PM - Gather behind the Inn (bring picnic food and beverage): Annual Business Meeting of the Society

*****(Wednesday July 13 Morning Departure)*****