Elizabeth Madox Roberts Society

The 27th Biennial Elizabeth Madox Roberts Society Conference
Thursday October 15 through Sunday October 18, 2026

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Schedule of Events:

<u>Thursday October 15</u> (Arrival and Opening Reception)

—3:00 PM - Arrival and check-in at Comfort Inn & Suites Springfield, 324 Lincoln Dr, Springfield, KY 40069

—6:00 PM – IGA Dinner and Opening Reception at the Rotary Park Pavilion, 1549 Booker Rd, Springfield, KY 40069. Dinner provided by the town of Springfield.

<u>Friday October 16</u> (Big Reads Event, Documentary Screening, Business Meeting, & Graveside Reading)

—10:00 AM - Big Reads Event at Washington County Library, 333 W Main St, Springfield, KY 40069
Description: We are thrilled to partner with Washington County Library for a Big Reads Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of *The Time of Man* with "Unraveling the Legacy of *The Time of Man* and the Mysteries of the Woman Who Wrote It" a lecture and discussion led by Amanda Capelli.

—12:00 PM - Lunch on your own

—1:00 PM - Screening of the documentary, *Elizabeth Madox Roberts: Weaver of Words*, 1986 at the Springfield Opera House Conference Room, 124 W Main St, Springfield, KY 40069

—2:00 PM - Business Meeting at the Springfield Opera House Conference Room. Remote access available.

—4:30 PM - Graveside Reading. Please bring a poem you would like to read.

—6:00 PM - Dinner on your own

<u>Saturday October 17</u> (Papers, Penn's Store, and Keynote)

Papers will be held in the Comfort Inn and Suites Conference Room. Remote access available.

<u>9:00 AM—9:45 AM</u> **Session 1: Chair: James Stamant**

Papers from special issue of *The Southern Atlantic Review*: In *The Time of Man* and Beyond: Rethinking Elizabeth Madox Roberts for the 21st Century.

Evan Hulick (Georgia Southern University): Ravens and Burden's Landing in *The Time of Man*: "The Great Twitch," Conflagration, and Complicity in *He Sent Forth a Raven* and *All the King's Men*

Gisèle Sigal (Universitè de Pau, France – Bayonne Campus): A Century of *The Time of Man* (1926): Reconsidering Elizabeth Madox Roberts' Legacy

<u>10:00 AM—11:00 AM</u> **Session 2: Chair: Amanda Capelli**

Panel Title: Telling Herstories: A Conversation between EMRS, the Margaret Fuller Society, and the International Emily Dickinson Society

Roundtable Participants: James Stamant, Wendy Tronrud, and Mollie Barnes

<u>11:15 AM—12:15 PM</u> **Session 3: Chair: Autumn Holladay**

Daniel Pizappi (Independent Scholar): The Tradwife of it All: Elizabeth Madox Roberts, *Yesteryear*, and the Performance of Traditional Marriage

Elizabeth Haydon (Independent Scholar): The Search for Female Identity: Southern Women Writers and the American Novel

James Stamant (Agnes Scott College): Southern Haunted Hospitality in Jesmyn Ward's *Sing, Unburied, Sing*

— 1:00 PM – Picnic at Penn's Store, 257 Penn's Store Rd, Gravel Switch, KY, and listen party of NBC University Theatre adaptation of *The Time of Man* (radio play, 1950)

—5:00 PM – Keynote with Erin Presley (Eastern Kentucky University) and dinner at the Old Talbott Tavern, 107 W Stephen Foster Ave, Bardstown, KY 40004

<u>Sunday October 18</u> (Departure)

Thanks for attending!