

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CACLALS CONFERENCE 2017**

### **Proposals due 15 December 2016**

In conjunction with the annual Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Canadian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (CACLALS) will host its annual conference May 27-29, 2017, at Ryerson University, Toronto ON.

The theme of Congress 2017 is “FROM FAR AND WIDE: THE NEXT 150” and according to CFHSS “plays across time, contrasting a traditional Canadian phrase with the idea of moving forward and looking ahead to the future, as a country, and as a society.” The description states: “Toronto itself is a vibrant microcosm of Canada’s diversity—and Ryerson University is a metropolitan university within that microcosm, seamlessly interwoven and connected with the community.” We welcome proposals for individual 20-minute presentations, panels, workshops, or other special events on these or other themes related to our discipline.

Topics related to the conference theme that members may wish to consider could include but are not limited to:

- Imagining Canada’s next 150 years in its global literary contexts
- The past, present and future of Global Anglophone Literatures
- Futuristic postcolonialities / postcolonial futures
- The concept of the literary Commonwealth now and into the future
- The role of the university in shaping possible futures
- Experiments in “time”/the temporal
- Uncertain futures, precarious states
- Questions and problems of identity, belonging and mobility
- Interrogations of concepts of community and diversity
- Distance, space, and time as literary themes and explorations
- City-scapes, and other landscapes past, present or future
- Prediction, prophecy and divination
- Imagining new forms of community, community-building
- Narratives of migration, diaspora, displacement, and resettlement

CACLALS welcomes conference presentation or workshop proposals that address dimensions of any of the questions or issues above or are otherwise related to the Association’s mandate. We welcome equally traditional papers designed to be delivered in not more than 20 minutes; workshops; member-organized panels in which 3-5 members deliver 5-minute position statements related to a single issue or text and then open up discussion to the audience; and member-proposed special events. If the latter have funding implications, we ask that the proposal include ideas about how at least partial funding might be secured. By 15 December, 2016, proposals of not more than 350 words should be submitted via [caclals.ca](http://caclals.ca) on the proposal form found under **CFPs and Conferences, CACLALS, CACLALS at Congress 2017**. They will be double blind-vetted. The automated membership system created by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences is now available on the website [caclals.ca](http://caclals.ca), and we encourage everyone to use this system when renewing membership in CACLALS or

joining for the first time. Membership inquiries and fee payment can also be directed to [pmccall@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pmccall@ucalgary.ca). Membership renewal and new membership must be paid in full for inclusion in the final program.

**The Annual CACLALS Graduate Student Conference Presentation Prizes**

Information about the Graduate Student Conference Presentation Prize can be found at [caclals.ca](http://caclals.ca) under the CFPs and Conferences tab. Students wishing to be eligible for the prizes must check the “Grad Prize Submission” box on the proposal form at [caclals.ca](http://caclals.ca) if they wish their proposal to be considered for the prize. They are welcome to submit proposals without entering the competition.