

Revolutions and Renaissances CFP

The 2022 Midwestern Regional Conference on **Saturday, February 26, 2022**, is hosted virtually by the Lambda Xi chapter of Sigma Tau Delta at Missouri Southern State University. We invite the discussion of recent or long past revolutions that made an impact on the world and the renaissances that shaped new eras both academically and socially. We are seeking proposals that examine how these themes interact in literary texts, creative writing, historical research, and other disciplines. We encourage a broad interpretation of the theme, but will consider submissions written on topics beyond the conference theme as well.



Keynote Speaker

Our keynote speaker for the 2022 Midwestern Regional Conference is Rilla Askew. Askew is an acclaimed writer from the Oklahoma area, and much of her writing draws inspiration from the Four States and its turbulent history. Askew is the author of *The Mercy Seat*, *Fire in Beulah*, *Kind of Kin*, and other award-winning books and essays. Her use of Oklahoma as a microcosm for America sheds light on the reality of life for minorities and the struggles they face and have faced. To learn more about Rilla Askew and her writing, visit rillaaskew.com.

Eligibility and Submission Requirements:

Submission to the 2022 Midwestern Regional Conference is open to undergraduate and graduate students in all regions (membership in Sigma Tau Delta is not required) and Sigma Tau Delta alumni. Presenters may submit scholarly or creative work. We accept submissions from English, history, and adjacent fields.

To be considered for acceptance, submit a 250-300 word abstract of your work to sigmataudeltamssu@gmail.com with the subject line “2022 Conference Submission.” To ensure that all submissions are judged anonymously, make sure no identifying information is on your abstract, which should be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman, 12pt font. Include a separate cover page with your name, the title of your submission, university, major (and minor, if applicable), and year in school. Include on the cover page a brief bio of 50-100 words to be used for an introduction at your panel, if your proposal is accepted.

Submissions close January 25, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Acceptance decisions will be made approximately by February 11, 2022.

Requirements for Accepted Work:

- Scholarly papers and short stories should not exceed 2,000 words, excluding the cover page and bibliography/works cited page, and should take no longer than 15 minutes to read.
- Poetry selections should take no longer than 15 minutes to read.