

EAPSU @ 35
A Celebration (of sorts)
Slippery Rock University
Friday, October 9-Saturday, October 10, 2015

Founded in 1980, the English Association of the Pennsylvania State Universities turns 35 this year, the middle of middle age, still young really, given our aging population, the age—unfortunately—when aspirants to tenure-track faculty positions in our discipline are starting to find their first appointments, that is, where tenure-track faculty positions still exist. Things have changed, in some ways for the better—we have more students pursuing and receiving undergraduate degrees than we did 35 years ago—and in some ways for the worse—smaller English Departments, shrinking state support for public higher education. None of this is news, and at 35, we're just getting started, still young enough to deal with things. As an organization, we are making progress: an annual fall conference, an on-line journal, the spring undergraduate English majors conference, an undergraduate poetry contest. We've come a long way, but at 35, we're still only half way there, a long way from retirement. So, please join us this fall at Slippery Rock University to celebrate this mile-stone birthday, EAPSU at 35.

Submissions of abstracts and/or proposals are due by Friday, August 21, 2015. As always, we are open to all things English, to the wide range of scholarly and creative and pedagogical interests and endeavors that characterize English studies today. We would like to showcase the people and programs of our fourteen member schools:

- Book Arts, Publication and Design
- Creative Nonfiction
- Distributed and On-line Education
- English Education
- Fiction
- Film and Media Studies
- Literary and Cultural Studies
- Outstanding English Majors
- Pedagogy
- Poetry
- Popular Culture
- Service Learning
- The Writing Center

To have your proposal considered for inclusion on the program, please e-mail a 250-word abstract or description of the presentation as an attached file by Friday, August 21, 2015, to EAPSU_2015@SRU.edu. Include relevant contact information—name, academic appointment, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, telephone number, the title of your proposal—in the body of the message. If you have questions, please contact Jason Stuart or Robert Crafton at EAPSU_2015@SRU.edu. We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in Slippery Rock this fall.