

Call for Papers: This is a one-day interdisciplinary conference at Southern Adventist University and we invite scholars from all departments to submit papers.

Theme: Transformations in America: The Long Nineteenth Century

The long nineteenth century was one within which America was transformed; transformation was at times subtle, and at other times it was violent. It was the time of the Second Great Awakening, Lewis and Clark, the Transportation and Industrial Revolutions, and the Civil War and the fourteenth amendment. It was the time of the Hudson River artists, the Gothic authors, and of Twain, Poe, and Melville. It was both religious revival and great disappointment. Americans watched as its government built the Panama Canal and created national parks. Unions, monopolies, and socialism all found root in America at the time, as did the ideas of Charles Darwin, science, nursing, and medicine. This period gave birth to baseball, football, and basketball, to the YMCA and the American missionaries and Student Volunteers that followed. It was a time of reconstruction and racism, of the end of slavery and the Ku Klux Klan. It was a time of war and of expansion. In short, it was a time of irrevocable transformation. This Long Nineteenth Century culminates with the progressive amendments and American entry into World War I, another transformative moment. Given that this is the centennial of America's entry into the Great War, we would especially encourage papers on World War I.