

**Edith Wharton's New York:  
A Conference Sponsored by the Edith Wharton Society  
New Yorker Hotel  
June 17th-20th 2020**

Please join the Edith Wharton Society for its upcoming conference marking the centennial anniversary of the publication of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer-Prize winning novel, *The Age of Innocence*. We will celebrate this momentous year in New York, the setting not only of so many of Wharton's works but also of much of her life.

While all topics are welcome, we are particularly interested in whole panels and individual papers that focus on New York as a geographical and thematic element in Wharton's life and works. Papers could explore the role of New York City and/or the Hudson River Valley in Wharton's works, Wharton's own history with the region, or Wharton's relationship to place and space more generally. Papers that offer new readings of *The Age of Innocence*—such as new historical approaches or legacies of *The Age of Innocence*, the novel's relationship to other works by Wharton and/or her peers, and adaptations of the novel (for film, theater, etc.)—are also welcome.

Since 1920 marks the beginning of what many consider the "later years" of Wharton's career, examinations of Edith Wharton's works in the shifting literary and political foundations of post-WWI society are also of interest. The 20s mark the centennial of other significant Wharton texts, and essays that examine these later works are of particular interest.

In addition, there will be a keynote speaker and opportunities for tours of local attractions. Further details forthcoming.

We welcome submissions for full panels of 4-5 participants and roundtables of 6-7 participants as well as individual paper submissions. Please submit proposals no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to [whartonnewyork@gmail.com](mailto:whartonnewyork@gmail.com)

For full panel and roundtable proposals, please submit 200-350-word summaries of each presentation included in the panel or roundtable as well as a brief 50-word bio and A/V requests for each presenter.

For individual paper proposals, please submit a 350-500-word abstract, a brief 50-word bio, and A/V requests as one Word document.

All conference participants must be members of the Edith Wharton Society at the time of registration.

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