

Special Issue

Twentieth-Century American Literature

Message from the Guest Editors

It's a statistic we hear often: the United States incarcerates more people per capita than any other nation. Yet, many U.S. Americans can go about their daily lives without thinking about their physical proximity to prisons or the people locked within. Prisons have become increasingly removed to rural, remote areas, set back from main highways, not visible from shopping centers, restaurants, and housing developments. Likewise, the U.S. political landscape works hard to obfuscate the realities of life locked up, reducing mass incarceration to shocking statistics. However, prisons remain hidden in plain sight, coming to life in American literature and film. This special issue on twentieth-century US American literature invites submissions investigating Americans' longstanding cultural impulses to write, read, and watch stories about prison. We are especially interested in contributions that explore abolitionist histories and activist practices as well as intersectional analyses.

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