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**Message from the President:**

THANK YOU  
CHERENE, JOANN,  
AND MADELINE!



Cherene Sherrard-Johnson's term as PEHS President came to an end in May 2022. The organization was extremely fortunate to have such a gifted, generous, and prominent scholar as its leader. This summer two long-serving PEHS officers tendered their resignations. JoAnn Pavletich, who is transitioning to retirement, made all our lives easier because of the seemingly effortless way she handled the roles of Treasurer and Membership Officer. As a result of her able stewardship, the PEHS has long been on sound financial footing. Madeline Gottlieb, who has taken a new position at SUNY-Farmingdale, began heading up the Awards and Monuments Committee in 2017, running both the Scholarship and Student Awards, conferred at the American Literature Association Conference in Boston every other year. These prizes not only recognize excellent work related to Pauline E. Hopkins; they also help to raise the profile of our small but vibrant organization.

In addition to expressing gratitude on behalf of the PEHS to our departing officers, I want to thank Ira Dworkin for agreeing to head up the Awards and Monuments Committee and Tanya Clark for committing to the roles of Treasurer and

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“Fiction is of great value to any people as a preserver of manners and customs—religious, political and social. It is a record of growth and development from generation to generation.”

—from the Preface to *Contending Forces*, 1900

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“Fiction, Hopkins thought, could reach the many classes of citizens who never read history or biography, and thus she created fictional histories with a pedagogic function: narratives of the relations between the races that challenged racist ideologies.”

—Hazel Carby, Introduction, *The Magazine Novels of Pauline Hopkins* (New York, Oxford University, 1988)



Membership Officer. Additionally, I want to acknowledge five others who are staying on: April Logan (former PEHS President and Vice President) who serves as Secretary; John Barton, organizer of the PEHS panels at the American Literature Association Conference, who serves as both Program Chair and Vice President; Elizabeth Cali, who, as Editor, has made this a timely and strong Newsletter; our Webmaster, Mary Frances Jimenez, who has served in this role since the PEHS's founding; and Amy Bennett-Zendzian, who continues to update and maintain the PEHS presence on Facebook. The contributions of time and talent on the part of all these people merit our heartfelt thanks.

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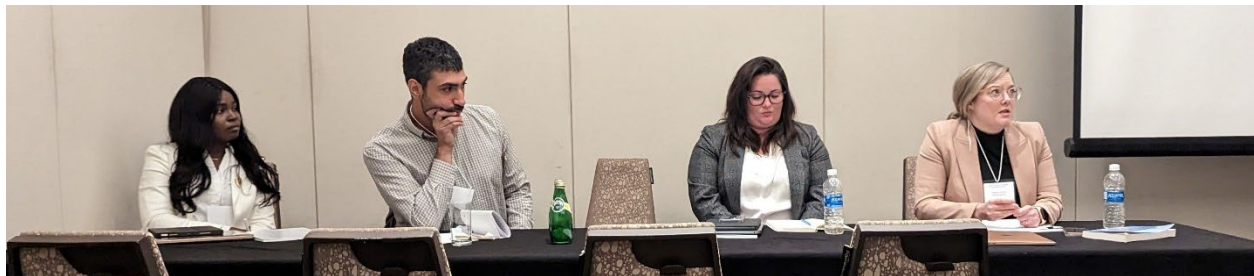
## 2023 ALA Events

### *The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual ALA Conference* Boston, MA May 25-28, 2023

The Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins Society hosted two excellent panels of scholars for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Literature Association

Panel Title: “Hopkins in Comparative Perspective.”

Panel Chair: John Cyril Barton, University of Missouri, Kansas City

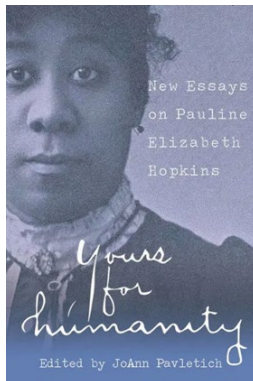


(Panelists left to right: Omogbadegun, Papanikolas, Spring, Avery)

Panelists:

Tamlyn Avery, University of Queensland, Australia  
Megan Spring, Florida Atlantic University  
Alexandra Omogbadegun, Howard University  
Tony Papanikolas, St. Thomas University

Roundtable Title: “*Yours for Humanity*”: *New Essays on Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins* (ed. JoAnn Pavletich): Roundtable on Recent Research and Readings in Hopkins Scholarship & Criticism.



Moderator: John Cullen Gruesser, Sam Houston State University

Panelists:

Geoffrey Sanborn, Amherst College  
Courtney L. Novosat, Carnegie Mellon University  
Elizabeth J. Cali, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
John Cyril Barton, University of Missouri, Kansas City



***The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual ALA Conference  
Chicago, IL***

The PEHS looks forward to inviting papers for Hopkins related panels at the ALA Conference in 2024 in the coming months. Stay tuned for CFP information!

For details about the 2024 ALA Convention, please consult the [ALA Website](#).

**Pauline Hopkins Society Awards**

***Pauline Hopkins Memorial Student Scholarship & Creative  
Writing Award***

The PEHS is pleased to announce Ebelechiyem (Ebele) Okafor as the recipient of the 2023 Hopkins Student Award for their submission of “Water in the Desert: A Short Collection of Poems Depicting the Lives of Brown-Skinned, Sun-Kissed Girls.”

John Gruesser presented Okafor with the award during the African American Literature and Culture Society Reception at the American Literature Association Conference in May 2023. Following presentation of the award, Okafor gave an engaging public reading of her poetry.





### ***The Pauline Hopkins Scholarship Award***



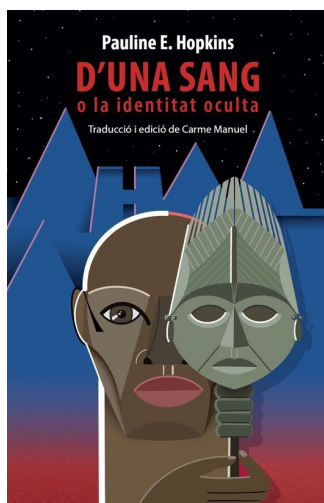
The PEHS is pleased to announce Dr. Edlie Wong as the recipient of the Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins Society 2023 Scholarship Award for her article entitled “An Unexpected Direction: Pauline Hopkins, S. E. F. C. C. Hamedoe and “The Dark Races of the Twentieth Century.”

Wong’s article appears in *American Literary History*, vol. 32, no. 4, pp.723-54.

## **New Scholarship on Pauline Hopkins and Her Work**

### ***Hopkins: New Editions and Translations***

Award-winning journalist, teacher, organizer, and former TV host Minister Faust has written an introduction to this new edition of Hopkins’s *Of One Blood* issued by MIT Press.



This translation of Hopkins’s *Of One Blood*, by Carme Manuel is the first translation of Hopkins’s fiction into Catalan. The translation is published with an introduction and a brief analysis of the novel. It will be available to Catalan speakers throughout Catalonia, Valencia, and the Balearic Islands.

Manuel has previously translated Hopkins’s novel *Contending Forces* into Spanish.



### ***Notable Academic Articles and Essays Featuring Hopkins***

Fabi, M. Giulia. "Early Black Feminist SF and Future Fiction." In *The Routledge Companion to Gender and Science Fiction*. Edited by Lisa Yaszek, Sonja Fritzsche, Keren Omry, and Wendy Gay Pearson. Routledge, 2023. pp. 324-330.

Hooks, Karin L. "'The Black Princess' and Black Editors: The (Re)Making of Piatt's 'Most Anthologized Poem'." *American Literary Realism*, vol. 55 no. 3, 2023, p. 231-239.

Mitchell, Verner. "Yours for Humanity: An Examination of the Life and Work of Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins (1865-1930)." *Afro-Caribbean Women's Writing and Early American Literature*, edited by LaToya Jefferson-James, Lexington Books, 2022, pp. 33-47.

### **Public Notes on Pauline Hopkins**

#### ***Hopkins appears in Ms. Magazine as prefiguring Wakanda.***



Alison Lanier published a fascinating piece conveying Hopkins as the author of the original Wakanda. The [article](#), "The Pioneering Black Sci-Fi Writer Behind the Original Wakanda," appeared in Ms. Magazine in November 2022.

There, Lanier makes crucial connections between Hopkins's speculative work and Black science fiction in contemporary and popular culture.



## Membership and Officers

### *Become a Member or Renew Your Membership*

Join the Pauline E. Hopkins Society for the first time, or renew your membership today! Our membership period runs on a calendar year, from January 1 to December 31. Membership benefits include:

- Participation in a vibrant society dedicated to “increasing public awareness and perpetuating the study and appreciation of the life, career, works, communities and legacy of Pauline Hopkins.”
- Opportunities to shape the Society through participation as an officer, committee member, or voting member.
- Submission and presentation opportunities for the PEHS’s annual ALA conference panels.
- Support of and opportunity to submit to the Society’s professional scholarship award, with cash prize.
- Support of the study of Hopkins in secondary schools through the Society’s high school scholarship awards.

We need a strong and diverse membership to strive toward our goals, and we hope you will consider joining us.

Join or renew your Membership for \$15/yr [Online](http://www.paulinehopkinssociety.org/online-membership-form/):  
<http://www.paulinehopkinssociety.org/online-membership-form/>

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