**Faulkner & Yoknapatawpha 2017**

“Faulkner and Money”

July 23-27, 2017

Announcement and Call For Papers

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To gain a fuller understanding of William Faulkner’s literary career and fictional oeuvre, a reader could do worse than to follow the proverbial money. Faulkner delighted in the intricate maneuverings of financial transactions, from poker wagers, horse trades, and auctions to the seismic convolutions of the New York Cotton Exchange. Moreover, whether boiling the pot with magazine stories, scraping by on advances from his publishers, flush with cash from Hollywood screenwriting labors, or basking in financial security in the wake of the Nobel Prize, Faulkner was at every moment of his personal and professional life thoroughly inscribed within the economic forces and circumstances of his era. The forty-fourth annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha conference will explore the relationship between Faulkner and “money,” construed broadly to encompass the economic dimensions of the author’s life and work. Topics could include but are by no means limited to:

--the economics of authorship and the literary marketplace;

--the role of value, specie, currency, credit, debt, barter, wages, contracts, property, the commodity, capital, finance, investment, gambling, production, consumption, circulation, distribution, and other forms of economic activity or exchange in Faulkner’s writings;

--the philosophy, psychology, or anthropology of money in Faulkner’s world;

--applications of economic theory to Faulkner’s texts (from classical political economy to the recent work of Thomas Piketty, David Graeber, Niall Ferguson, and others);

--material economics, or the economy of things;

--money and the modern state;

--the politics of economic development;

--general, restricted, gift, or symbolic economies in Faulkner;

--poverty in Yoknapatawpha and other Faulkner locales;

--Faulkner in the economic context of slavery, agrarian capitalism, consumerism, Wall Street, Prohibition, the Great Depression, the New Deal, Bretton Woods, globalization, neoliberalism, etc.

 The program committee especially encourages full panel proposals for 75-minute conference sessions. Such proposals should include a one-page overview of the session topic or theme, followed by two-page abstracts for each of the panel papers to be included. We also welcome individually submitted two-page abstracts for 15-20-minute panel papers. Panel papers consist of approximately 2,500 words and will be considered by the conference program committee for possible expansion and inclusion in the conference volume published by the University Press of Mississippi.

 Session proposals and panel paper abstracts must be submitted by January 31, 2017, preferably through e-mail attachment. All manuscripts, proposals, abstracts, and inquiries should be addressed to Jay Watson, Department of English, The University of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677-1848. E-mail: jwatson@olemiss.edu. Decisions for all submissions will be made by March 15, 2017.