

MIDCONTINENT  
AMERICAN STUDIES JOURNAL

An interdisciplinary journal sponsored jointly by The Midcontinent American  
Studies Association and The University of Kansas

STUART LEVINE, EDITOR  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

EDITORIAL BOARD

ROBERT W. JOHANNSEN  
HISTORY  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

GEORGE EHRLICH  
THE ARTS  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY

HARRY M. CAMPBELL  
LITERATURE  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

WAYNE WHEELER  
SOCIAL SCIENCE  
TARKIO COLLEGE

EDWARD F. GRIER, LITERATURE  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
(CHAIRMAN)

MIDCONTINENT AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

KENNETH LABUDDE  
PRESIDENT  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY

JERZY HAUPTMANN, SECRETARY-  
TREASURER  
PARK COLLEGE

JOHN Q. REED, VICE-PRESIDENT  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF PITTSBURG

---

---

SUSAN NICOL  
ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR

Copyright, Midcontinent American Studies Association, 1963

Address business correspondence to the Secretary-Treasurer, and all editorial correspondence to the Editor.

Midcontinent American Studies Journal is the new name for the Journal of the Central Mississippi Valley American Studies Association. Format and editorial policies are unchanged. Volume numbering will continue as though there had been no change.

MIDCONTINENT AMERICAN  
STUDIES JOURNAL

CONTENTS

**Special Section: The Negro Intellectual**

ASPIRALING WE SHOULD GO

HOWARD LEVANT . . . . . 3

RALPH ELLISON'S MODERN VERSION OF  
BRER BEAR AND BRER RABBIT IN  
INVISIBLE MAN

FLOYD R. HOROWITZ . . . . . 21

THE CRISIS IN THE WHITE COMMITTEE

RICHARD L. MCBANE . . . . . 28

WILLIAM JAMES: THE MEANING AND  
FUNCTION OF ART

DAVID A. REMLEY . . . . . 39

WILL ROGERS: FORGOTTEN MAN

IVIE E. CADENHEAD . . . . . 49

**Special Section: Artemus Ward**

ARTEMUS WARD'S "THE CHILDREN IN  
THE WOOD" LECTURE ON THE TOUR  
OF 1861-1862

JOHN Q. REED . . . . . 58

ARTEMUS WARD, MARK TWAIN AND  
THE LIMBURGER CHEESE

JAMES C. AUSTIN . . . . . 70

REVIEWS . . . . . 74

MASA BULLETIN . . . . . 2