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Please check the *Convention Daily*, available on-site and online, for updates to session information and more. Visit the Information for Attendees page for further details on convention information and services ([www.mla.org/Information-for-Attendees](http://www.mla.org/Information-for-Attendees)).

## Registration and Housing

As part of our collaboration with the American Historical Association, which will hold its annual meeting in Chicago from 3 to

6 LA and the AHA will honor each other's attendee badges. All persons wishing to participate in or attend meetings or use convention services must register for either the MLA convention or the AHA annual meeting. MLA registration for members opens in September; nonmember registration opens in October.

### *Membership in the MLA*

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. For the convenience of those who would like to join the MLA, as well as for continuing members who would like to renew, a membership desk will be located in the registration and welcome center in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Ballroom level, East Tower).

### *On-Site Registration*

Attendees who have not registered for the MLA convention and are not AHA badge holders may register during the convention at the registration areas in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Ballroom level, East Tower) and the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Lobby level 3).

### *Fees*

All registration fees are in US dollars.

### *Registration Refunds*

To request a registration refund, please use our online form. For requests made after 14 November, a printout of the form and your badge must be mailed to

Michael Reilly  
Modern Language Association  
85 Broad Street, suite 500  
New York, NY 10004-2434

All requests must be submitted online by 17 December; requests accompanied by badges must be postmarked by 17 December. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.

### *Hotels*

Hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who are registered for the MLA convention. Each convention registrant can reserve one hotel room. Housing forms will not be processed if they include the names of persons in the profession who have not paid their registration fees for the convention. (Spouses, friends, and family members who wish to share a room with a registrant and who are also engaged in the study of language and literature must register and pay their registration fees for the convention.) Convention registrants who arrive in Chicago without hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk at the Hyatt Regency

|   | Early<br>Registration<br>5 Sept.–2 Oct. | Registration<br>3 Oct.–6 Dec. | Late and On-Site<br>Registration<br>7 Dec.–6 Jan. |
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| Regular Member                                    | \$ 190                                  | \$230                         | \$270   |
| Graduate Student Member                           | \$ 55                                   | \$ 60                         | \$ 70   |
| Emeritus Member                                   | \$ 95                                   | \$ 95                         | \$115   |
| Unemployed Member or<br>Member Employed Part-Time | \$ 65                                   | \$ 65                         | \$ 75   |
| Nonmember   | N/A                                     | \$290                         | \$325   |
| Student Nonmember                                 | N/A                                     | \$ 85                         | \$ 95   |

Chicago (Ballroom level, East Tower). A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help such attendees find housing and to assist attendees with any hotel issues they may have.

### *Identification*

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check into your hotel. Security personnel may ask to see your hotel room key or may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.

### **Transportation to and in Chicago**

MLA convention hotels are located in downtown Chicago and can be reached by Chicago's mass transit system or taxi.

*Airport Transportation.* Chicago is served by two airports: Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD) and Midway International Airport (MDW). One-way fare for taxi service to downtown Chicago is approximately \$30–\$35 from Midway and \$40–\$50 from O'Hare (prices do not include tolls, surcharges, and tips).

*Divvy.* Divvy is a bike-share program in Chicago; bicycle stations are located throughout the city. There is a station at Stetson Avenue and South Water Street, near the Hyatt and the Fairmont, and one on McClurg Court and Illinois Street, near the Sheraton.

### **Policies**

#### *Appropriate Conduct at the MLA Annual Convention*

The MLA is committed to providing an inclusive and harassment-free environment for everyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, physical appearance, ethnicity, religion, or other group identity.

MLA policies on discrimination and harassment and on professional ethics are in-

cluded on the Web site and in the *Convention Guide*. We also encourage those participating in interviews at the convention to review "Dos and Don'ts for MLA Convention Interviews."

### *Audio- and Videotaping at Sessions*

Neither audiotaping nor videotaping of sessions is normally permitted. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made through the press office and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the media staff will accompany the reporter and crew. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audio- or videotaping will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to film the convention as part of a creative or documentary project must have been submitted to the Executive Council by 12 October.

### *Badges*

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the MLA Career Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome centers, where attendees can also replace lost badges for \$20.

### *Fragrance*

The Committee on Disability Issues in the Profession reminds attendees that refraining from using scented products will help ensure the comfort of everyone at the convention.

### *Guest Passes*

All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves must register to participate in or attend sessions.

A convention speaker may obtain a pass for a guest who has no professional interest in language or literature; the pass is valid only to hear a presentation given by that speaker at a single session. The speaker must request the pass at the MLA registration and welcome centers on the day of the session, before the center closes. The speaker must provide his or her name, session details (session number, room, date, and time), and the guest's name. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers or by MLA members who have not registered for the convention.

MLA convention registrants may obtain free passes to the exhibit hall for guests they accompany in the hall. Persons who are not registered for the convention and who are not accompanied by registrants may purchase a one-day pass to the exhibit hall for \$10. These passes are available at the exhibit registration booth, Hyatt Regency Chicago (Ballroom level, East Tower).

### *Reading in Absentia*

To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by *Skype*, videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted. Presenters who are unable to attend the convention because of unforeseen emergencies may circulate their papers in advance through private or public groups on *MLA Commons* or upload them to the MLA's open-access repository, *CORE*.

### *Smoking*

Smoking is prohibited in most public places in Chicago.

## **On-Site Resources**

### *Childcare*

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services pro-

vided by one of the convention hotels or another service are eligible for reimbursement. The MLA has funds available for reimbursement of up to \$400 each to registered members who use childcare during convention hours. If more requests are received than can be reimbursed with available funds, preference will be given to graduate students and members in lower-income categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with supporting documentation such as a receipt from a childcare service, no later than 28 January 2019 to Karin Bagnall, Head of Convention Programs, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434.

*Lactation Rooms.* Space is available in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (New Mother's Room, Skyway level, West Tower, near the fitness center) and Sheraton Grand Chicago (Pullman, Lobby level 3) during meeting hours for those who require it.

### *Convention App*

The MLA 2019 convention app provides easy access to session information, maps, exhibitors, and other convention details. Download the app to create a personal convention schedule and communicate with fellow attendees.

### *Convention Guide and Convention Daily*

The *Convention Guide*, containing city and hotel maps and providing general information pertinent throughout the convention, will be available as a PDF on the MLA Web site and as a handout at the convention. The *Convention Daily* prints special notices, changes in schedule, and brief reports on convention activities and appears Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the convention. Copies are available free at the MLA registration and welcome centers; the 3 January issue will appear on the MLA Web site before the convention.

### *Disabilities, Facilities and Services for Persons with*

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org; 646 576-5263) coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities.

*Desks for Attendees with Disabilities.* There will be desks in the MLA registration and welcome centers at the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Ballroom level, East Tower) and at the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Lobby level 3) staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities.

*Meeting Rooms.* Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

*Hotel Rooms.* To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, participants must have checked the appropriate boxes on the convention registration and housing reservation forms or contacted Stacey Courtney by 16 November.

*Transportation.* Complimentary transportation services will be available during convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Details will be available closer to the convention.

*Sessions.* Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow the written text. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large-print format (14- to 16-point type size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning may be requested in advance. The deadline to arrange for either service is 16 November, though the convention office will make every

effort to accommodate late requests. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Stacey Courtney.

*Scooter Rentals.* To navigate the convention more easily, attendees can rent scooters in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or [locations.scootaround.com/MLA](http://locations.scootaround.com/MLA)).

### *Friends of Bill W.*

Ogden in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (third floor, West Tower) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meeting dates and times will be listed closer to the convention.

### *Headquarters Offices*

Headquarters offices will be located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Comiskey, Concourse level, West Tower) and the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Edgewater, Lobby level 3). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the office to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to the headquarters office, not to the venue management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA registration and welcome centers. The offices will be open on 3 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on 4 and 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### *Lounges*

An area furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Regency C, Ballroom level, West Tower) and Sheraton Grand Chicago (Promenade, Meeting Room level 2). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Dusable, third floor, West Tower).

### *MLA Registration and Welcome Centers*

The MLA registration and welcome centers will be located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Ballroom level, East Tower) and the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Lobby level 3). Visit the centers for information about the convention and the association, registration and badges, and free copies of the *Convention Guide* and the *Convention Daily*. The centers will be open on 3 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 4 and 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### *Press Office*

The press office is located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Wrigley, Concourse level, West Tower).

### *Quiet Rooms*

Quiet rooms will be located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Horner, third floor, West Tower) and Sheraton Grand Chicago (Lakeview, Lobby level 3). We invite convention attendees to drop in to these quiet spaces removed from traffic and noise. We ask that visitors to the rooms arrive fragrance-free and keep any discussion to a minimum and at a low volume.

### *Speaker Ready Rooms*

Space in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Grand Suite 1, Ballroom level, East Tower) and Sheraton Grand Chicago (Columbus, Lobby level 3) has been reserved to allow speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions. Those who have computer presentations are strongly encouraged to test their presentations in the speaker ready room during convention hours. Please contact Deirdre Henry (dhenry@mla.org) with audiovisual questions. Requests for audiovisual equipment were due 1 April; we regret that we are unable to accommodate late requests.

### *“Who’s Here” Directory*

The “Who’s Here” directory will be posted in the members’ lounge in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Regency C, Ballroom level, West Tower) and the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Promenade, Meeting Room level 2). The directory will include the names and convention addresses of persons who make hotel reservations through the housing bureau or send their local addresses to the MLA office before 12 December. Only the names of hotels listed on the convention housing form or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their own “Who’s Here” listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. The information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA. Those who wish not to be listed in the “Who’s Here” directory can make that request on the convention registration form.

### *Wi-Fi Access*

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Sheraton Grand Chicago, and Fairmont Chicago.

### *MLA Career Center*

The MLA Career Center (Fairmont Chicago, International Ballroom, level 2) will be open on 3 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 4 and 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The MLA Career Center provides support to members at all stages in their careers.

### *Interviews*

A list of available academic positions will be posted, and an interviewers’ sign-in file will be maintained. Space will be available for interviews, but candidates and interviewers are urged to arrange interviews in advance. Job

candidates are reminded that almost no unscheduled academic interviews take place at the convention.

For prearranged interviews, consult the interviewers' sign-in file in the MLA Career Center to find where your interview is scheduled to take place. Allow yourself ample time to obtain this information. If your interview is scheduled for the interview area, ask an MLA Career Center staff member for the table number.

### *Job Counseling Service*

A counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 4 and 5 January. Sign up for twenty-five-minute one-on-one sessions to discuss job-search and career options on a wide spectrum of careers inside and outside the professoriat.

### *Career Fair*

The Possible Futures Career Fair (Fairmont Chicago, Imperial Ballroom, Level B2) will take place on 4 January from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Attend the fair to meet a range of employers, from private companies to nonprofits to federal government agencies, who are interested in speaking with prospective applicants from MLA fields.

### *Consultancy Sessions*

Experienced consultants from ADE and ADFL will be available in the MLA Career Center for one-on-one consultancy sessions to discuss questions connected with managing departments or programs.

### **Exhibits**

The exhibit hall (Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside Exhibit Hall, Exhibit level, East Tower) is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 4 and 5 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 6 January. Discover the latest publica-

tions and products, take advantage of special discounts and promotions, catch up with editors, enjoy book signings and receptions, schedule time for a professional headshot, and more. Visit nearly one hundred exhibit booths representing a variety of materials and services of interest to teachers, scholars, and students of language and literature. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. See pages 800–01 for a list of the 2019 exhibitors and the exhibit hall map.

Check the *Convention Daily* and the MLA Annual Convention *Twitter* feed for up-to-date information.

### *MLA PubCentral*

Visit MLA PubCentral in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Riverside Exhibit Hall, Exhibit level, East Tower) for everything related to MLA publications. Visit this section in late fall for more details.

*Booth Happenings.* Shop for MLA products—including the *MLA Handbook*—and receive a 30% discount on all MLA titles ordered at the booth. Ask MLA editors questions about MLA style.

*Display and Video of 2018 MLA-Prize-Winning Books.* Browse a display of the books that won 2018 MLA prizes along with a video featuring material from the winners. Many of the prizewinning publishers are exhibiting and will have copies of these books for sale at their booths. The winners will receive their awards at the MLA Awards Ceremony.

*MLA Commons.* *MLA Commons* is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of MLA groups, and much more. Update your *MLA Commons* profile and learn about *Humanities Commons* and the *Commons Open Repository Exchange (CORE)*. Staff members will be available to demonstrate the platform's function and to assist with account activation.

MLA International Bibliography. The *MLA International Bibliography* provides a subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. Bibliography staff members will be on hand to answer questions, provide demonstrations, help with searches, and provide assistance for setting up your ORCID profile and using Biblink for updates.

### Event Highlights

#### *MLA Awards Ceremony*

The awards ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. on 5 January in the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Sheraton Ballroom IV–V, fifth floor). See page 942 for event details. The session is open to the public.

#### *Presidential Address*

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 4 January in the Sheraton Grand Chicago (Sheraton Ballroom IV–V, fifth floor). Executive Director Paula M. Krebs will report on the association's 2018 activities, and President Anne Ruggles Gere will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public.

#### *Presidential Plenary*

The Presidential Plenary will take place at 10:15 a.m. on 4 January in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Grand Ballroom A, Ballroom level, East Tower).

#### *MLA Style Workshops*

On 4 January from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. and on 5 January from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Toronto, West Tower), MLA staff editors will lead a workshop on using the method for citing sources explained in the eighth edition of the *MLA Handbook*. The workshop is suit-

able for librarians and teachers as well as for students.

#### *Delegate Assembly*

Established in 1971 as an elected body representing the membership at large, the Delegate Assembly, composed of over 300 delegates, debates issues of concern to the membership and advises the Executive Council on the association's policies, direction, goals, and structure.

An open hearing of the Delegate Assembly, at which MLA members may present their views, will be held at 10:15 a.m. on 4 January in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Water Tower, Concourse level, West Tower). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge. Members who wish to submit emergency resolutions to the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee should attend the open hearing on resolutions on 4 January at 12:00 noon in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Water Tower, Concourse level, West Tower). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge. The deadline for submitting emergency resolutions to the presider is 12:30 p.m.

Formal deliberations of the assembly, at which any MLA member can speak (subject to strict time limits), are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on 5 January in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Grand Ballroom EF, Ballroom level, East Tower). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge.

Procedures for submitting resolutions, which are general statements of membership sentiment, are described in article 11.C.3 of the MLA constitution and in "Preparing Resolutions for the Delegate Assembly" and "Checklists for Submitting Resolutions."

### Professional Development

#### *Connected Academics*

This MLA initiative aims to serve the professional needs of those who pursue advanced



degrees in the humanities and offer new possibilities for integrating the values of humanistic study into society. About a dozen sessions related to the project will take place at the convention.

#### *Council of Editors of Learned Journals*

Officers and experienced editors who are members of the Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) will be available for consultation and advice for other editors and scholars who have questions about what to expect in journal submission, peer review, and publishing processes. Beginning scholars (graduate students and entry-level professors) are particularly welcome.

#### *MLA Career Center*

As part of our ongoing commitment to professional development for all convention attendees, the MLA Career Center is sponsoring eighteen workshops at this year's convention. Covering topics such as securing funding in the humanities, crafting an academic curriculum vitae or a nonacademic résumé, editing your own work, networking and using *LinkedIn*, and building an online scholarly presence, these sessions offer guidance and resources to humanities profes-

sionals at every stage of their careers. See the index on page 807 for a complete listing.

#### *NEH Information*

On 5 January from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Columbus IJ, East Tower), staff members from the National Endowment for the Humanities highlight recent awards and outline current funding opportunities. See page 930 for workshop details.

#### **Future Conventions**

##### *Calls for Papers*

Go to the Calls for Papers page on the MLA Web site to submit (Nov. 2018–28 Feb. 2019) or review (Nov. 2018–31 Mar. 2019) calls for papers for the 2020 MLA convention in Seattle.

##### *Locations*

The 135th MLA Annual Convention will take place in Seattle from 9 to 12 January 2020. The 136th convention will take place in Toronto from 7 to 10 January 2021.

##### *Organizing Sessions*

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2020 convention in Seattle will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2019.