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Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to participate in or attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention.

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.

Fees

All registration fees are in US dollars.

Early registration fees from 7 September through 2 October are as follows: regular members, \$185; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$90; graduate student members, \$55; emeriti members, \$90; unemployed members and members employed part-time, \$60.

Registration fees from 3 October through 5 December are as follows: regular members, \$220; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$90; graduate student members, \$55; emeriti members, \$90; unemployed members and members employed part-time, \$60; nonmembers, \$285; student nonmembers, \$80.

Registration fees after 6 December are as follows: regular members, \$265; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$110; graduate student members, \$65; emeriti members, \$110; unemployed members and members employed part-time, \$70; nonmembers, \$320; student nonmembers, \$90. Registrations will be accepted throughout December, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges may not be sent.

On-Site Registration

Attendees who have not registered may register during the convention at the registration area in the New York Hilton (Promenade, second floor). The registration area will be open on 4 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 5 and 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 7 January from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, sent to the head of convention programs at the MLA office, and postmarked no later than 5 January 2018. Refunds requested after 5 January 2018 will not be granted. A \$25 service 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 convention. Each convention registrant can reserve one hotel room.

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 New York City

MLA convention hotels are located in midtown Manhattan.

Program Online and Convention App

A searchable program for the convention is available online. You can also download the MLA convention app, through which you can create a personal convention schedule and access session information, maps, the list of exhibitors, and other convention details.

Policies

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 13 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 center, 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 center 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, New York Hilton (Promenade, second floor).

MLA's Policies against Discrimination and Harassment

The MLA prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, military status, or any other characteristic protected by law. Sexual harassment (such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature) is a specific type of discriminatory harassment and is prohibited. The MLA has policies in place to ensure that any violations involving MLA employees will be handled in an appropriate manner. If you believe you have been subjected to unlawful discrimination by an MLA employee, please contact Arlene Barnard, Terrence Callaghan, or Angela Gibson.

The MLA reminds participants in the convention that federal law prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person. Please ensure that all individuals in your organization who are participating in the MLA's convention as your representatives are made aware of and understand that they must comply with applicable law.

Reading in Absentia

To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions,

reading in absentia (whether by *Skype*, video-conferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted. Presenters who are unable to attend the convention because of unforeseen emergencies may include a link to their papers in the online Program.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most public places in New York City.

On-Site Resources

Childcare

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services provided 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 27 January 2018 to Karin Bagnall, Head of Convention Programs, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434.

Nursing Mothers. Space is available in the New York Hilton (Concourse H, Concourse level) and Sheraton New York (Turtle Bay, lower lobby) during meeting hours for those who require it.

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 *Con-*

vention 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 center; the 4 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 coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities.

Desks for Attendees with Disabilities. There will be desks in the MLA registration and welcome center at the New York Hilton (Promenade, second floor) and at the Sheraton New York 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 in the MLA convention office by 17 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 17 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 in the MLA convention office.

Scooter Rentals. For navigating the convention more easily, scooters can be rented in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or locations.scootaround.com/MLA).

Friends of Bill W.

Madison Suite 1 in the Sheraton New York (fifth floor) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Headquarters Offices

Headquarters offices will be located in the New York Hilton (Green Room, fourth floor) and the Sheraton New York (Bryant Park, lower level). The offices will be open on 4 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on 5 and 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lounges

An area furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the New York Hilton (Promenade, third floor) and Sheraton New York (Lenox Ballroom, second floor). A graduate student lounge will be located in the New York Hilton (Trianon Rendezvous, third floor) and will be open on 4, 5, and 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

MLA Registration and Welcome Center

General questions about the convention and the association will be answered at the MLA

registration and welcome center in the New York Hilton (Promenade, second floor). The center will be open on 4 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 5 and 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 7 January from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Press Office

The press office is located in the New York Hilton (East, fourth floor).

Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the New York Hilton (Morgan, second floor) and Sheraton New York (Carnegie West, third floor) 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.

Twitter

We encourage attendees to tweet sessions using the convention hashtag (#mla18) and session hashtags (e.g., #s441).

“Who’s Here” Directory

The “Who’s Here” directory will be posted in the members’ lounges in the New York Hilton and Sheraton New York. 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 New York Hilton and Sheraton New York.

MLA Career Center

The MLA Career Center (New York Hilton, Americas II, third floor) will be open on 4 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 5 and 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A list of available positions will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 6 and 7 January. 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 interviews take place at the convention. Therefore, members are advised not to attend the convention for the sole purpose of seeking employment if they do not have scheduled interviews.

For Prearranged Interviews

Consult the interviewers’ sign-in file in the MLA Career Center to find out 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.

If the interview is scheduled in a hotel room or if the interviewer has not signed in, consult the “Who’s Here” directory near the

MLA Career Center. Once you know where the interviewer is staying, you can call the hotel information desk and be connected with the interviewer’s hotel room. (For reasons of safety, hotel staff members will not give guests’ room numbers to callers.) If the interviewer is not in, use the hotel’s message facilities. A message left in a hotel mailbox will be flashed on the guest’s room telephone. If the person is not listed in the “Who’s Here” directory, check the Program Participants section of the convention program to see whether that interviewer is speaking at or chairing a session and can be reached at a specific time and place or ask an MLA Career Center staff member for help.

Exhibits

The exhibit hall (New York Hilton, Rhinelander Gallery, second floor, and Americas I, third floor) is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 5 and 6 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 7 January. Visit nearly one hundred exhibit booths representing the latest publications and 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. To view a list of the 2018 exhibitors, go to page 790; visit www.mla.org/Convention/MLA-2018/MLA-Exhibit-Hall for additional information.

MLA PubCentral

Visit MLA PubCentral in the New York Hilton (Rhinelander Gallery, second floor) for everything related to the MLA’s publications and digital initiatives programs. Shop for MLA products—including the new edition of the *MLA Handbook*—at the booth, explore the *MLA International Bibliography* and update your ORCID profile with Biblink, update your *MLA Commons* profile and learn

about *Humanities Commons* and the *Commons Open Repository Exchange (CORE)*, and browse the winners of the MLA's publication prizes all in one central location.

Event Highlights

MLA Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. on 6 January in the New York Hilton (West Ballroom, third floor). First Vice President Anne Ruggles Gere will present the MLA Publication Prizes; Executive Director Paula M. Krebs will present the *MLA International Bibliography* Fellowship Awards, the seal of approval from the Committee on Scholarly Editions, and the American Literature Society's Hubbell Medal for Lifetime Achievement in American Literary Studies; ADFL President William Nichols will present the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession; ADE President Emily Todd will present the ADE Francis Andrew March Award; and President Diana Taylor will present the MLA Award for Lifetime Scholarly Achievement. See page 952 for event details. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 5 January in the Sheraton New York (Metropolitan Ballroom East, second floor). Executive Director Paula M. Krebs will report on the association's 2017 activities, and President Diana Taylor will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Plenary

The Presidential Plenary will take place at 3:30 p.m. on 5 January in the New York Hilton (West Ballroom, third floor).

MLA Style Workshops

On 6 January, MLA editors will lead two workshops on documenting sources and crediting the work of others. From 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the New York Hilton (Clinton, second floor), MLA staff editors will provide an in-depth explanation of the method for documenting sources explained in the eighth edition of the *MLA Handbook*. From 1:45 to 3:00 p.m. in the New York Hilton (Clinton, second floor), editors will provide an overview of paraphrasing and quoting sources, crafting in-text citations, and using notes in MLA style. Both sessions are suitable for librarians and teachers as well as for students at all levels.

Delegate Assembly

Established in 1971 as an elected body representing the membership at large, the Delegate Assembly, composed of over 270 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 5 January in the New York Hilton (Mercury Ballroom, third floor). 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 5 January at 12:00 noon in the New York Hilton (Mercury Ballroom, third floor). 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 6 January in the New York Hilton (East Ballroom, third floor). 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,” on the MLA Web site.

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 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.

Funding in the Humanities Workshop

On 5 January from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in the New York Hilton (Sutton South, second floor), a workshop, primarily geared toward graduate students and junior faculty members, introduces the different kinds of grants that are available for scholars in the humanities and how to go about finding them. Facilitators discuss some things to bear in mind

as you craft an application so that it has the greatest chance of being funded.

NEH Information

On 6 January from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the New York Hilton (Gramercy West, second floor), a senior program officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) highlights recent awards and outlines current funding opportunities. In addition to emphasizing grant programs that support individual and collaborative research and educational opportunities, this workshop includes information on new developments at the NEH and offers applicants strategies for submitting competitive grant proposals.

Future Conventions

Calls for Papers

Go to the Calls for Papers page on the MLA Web site to submit (Nov. 2017–28 Feb. 2018) or review (Nov. 2017–31 Mar. 2018) calls for papers for the 2019 MLA convention in Chicago.

Locations

The 134th MLA Annual Convention will take place in Chicago from 3 to 6 January 2019. The 135th 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 2019 convention in Chicago will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2018.