



Happy April from the Midwest Modern Language Association!

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CONVENTION NEWS

The 67th Annual MMLA Convention, "After the Archive," will take place November 12-14 at voco Chicago Downtown!

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Convention Deadlines

April 25	- Individual paper proposals for a Permanent Section or Pre-Organized Panel MUST be submitted to the organizer.
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May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-Organized-Panel, Workshop, and Individual-Paper proposals for the annual MMLA Convention MUST submitted to the MMLA. - Pre-Organized-Panel and Individual-Paper proposals for the Undergraduate Research Symposium MUST submitted to the MMLA.
May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All organizers of a Permanent Section MUST submit their panel details to the MMLA.

Undergraduate Research Symposium

July 1

- Applications for a Travel/Lodging Award and the annual Book Award are **DUE** to the MMLA.

- Registration **OPENS** for the MMLA Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium's goal is to showcase and celebrate promising research by undergraduate students as well as offer a professional development opportunity that is especially useful to those who are interested in attending graduate school.

The MMLA invites undergraduates to submit individual paper proposals or, alternatively, it encourages faculty members to pre-organize a panel of undergraduate papers based on a special topic (which may, but is not required to, overlap with the annual Convention's theme). Please visit our page on the [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) for more details. The general deadline for proposals is **May 01**.

Undergraduates who have been selected to present at the Symposium are also eligible to receive the MMLA's Undergraduate Student Paper Prize. The \$100 prize will be awarded to the strongest paper. Those interested in being considered for the Undergraduate Student Paper Prize must submit a CV and the presented paper to the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu by November 24.

MMLA Book Award

At the annual convention, the MMLA awards a \$500 prize to the best scholarly or creative book by an MMLA member. As these valuable forms of publishing are recognized in alternate years, we will be considering **creative books** for recognition at our 2026 convention this November. Current MMLA members who wish to be considered for a Book Award must submit their nominations by **July 01**. Please visit the [Awards and Prizes](#) page for the full guidelines.

Important Reminder: The 2026 Convention will NOT support slide projection

Since installing and maintaining projectors and screens in the convention venue's presentation rooms is cost-prohibitive, **the MMLA will not be supplying the AV equipment needed to support PowerPoint, Keynote, etc., slide projection at its 2026 convention.** Presenters interested in supplementing their spoken remarks with visual aids are encouraged to bring printed handouts to distribute to audience members attending their sessions. Alternatively, presenters may wish to distribute QR codes enabling audience members to view a remote slide presentation on their mobile devices, as described in the YouTube video linked [here](#). Please

direct all technical questions about such alternatives to the information technology support staff at your institution.

JOURNAL NEWS



JMMLA Fall 2026 Call for Submissions on the theme "The Humanities is Where Hope Lives"

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is accepting submissions for a Fall 2026 issue on the theme "The Humanities is Where Hope Lives." We invite submissions that contribute new insights into the value of the Humanities in relation to a more hopeful future. To this end, we seek submissions that address digital humanities, library studies, the intrinsic or extrinsic value of any branch of the Humanities, pedagogy in the time of the politics of chaos, and beyond. Please read the full Call for Papers [here](#) for more information on submission topics.

Articles should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes). Prior to submission please review the *JMMLA*'s [Style Guide](#) and [Manuscript Manager Instructions](#). All submissions are due by **September 15th, 2026**.

Please direct any questions or concerns to mmla@iuc.edu or to this issue's editor, Joe Keener, at keenerj@iu.edu.

JMMLA Spring 2027 Call for Papers

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is accepting submissions for a Spring 2027 issue on the theme "Computation, Interdisciplinarity, and the Humanities." This special issue invites scholarly articles, critical essays, and book reviews that examine how interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration shape the transfer of computational methods between language and literary studies and the wider humanities. Please read the full Call for Papers [here](#) for more information on submission topics.

Articles should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes). Prior to submission please review the *JMMLA*'s [Style Guide](#) and [Manuscript Manager Instructions](#). All submissions are due by **January 15, 2027**.

Please direct all questions to MMLA at mmla@iuc.edu or to the editor of this issue, Shu Wan (shuwan@buffalo.edu).

Thank you all so much for reading the MMLA's April Newsletter! We want to express the utmost gratitude to all of the members who make our work possible. Your scholarly contributions cultivate conversations and enrich the perspectives of our readers. We wish you all the best from Chicago!

Sincerely,
The MMLA Team



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