



Summer News!

Dear MMLA Community,

There are several updates and upcoming deadlines we are excited to share regarding this year's MMLA Convention (taking place November 14-16 at Hilton Chicago) and the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*.

Convention Dates

- **July 1:** MMLA membership, which corresponds to the fiscal year, begins. You may renew or become a new member after this date.
- **July 1:** Convention registration will open and will be accessible via an online form at www.midwest-mla.org. The registration fee is distinct from membership dues and can only be paid after membership has been obtained.
- **July 1:** Applications for Lodging Awards are due to mmla@luc.edu. Please submit the following materials: a one-page cover letter, CV, and your accepted paper's abstract (250 word max).
- **July 1:** If you are the author of a creative publication published between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2024 and would like to be considered for this year's Book Award please submit the following materials to (mmla@luc.edu): author institutional affiliation & academic position, PDF of the book that can be circulated to the MMLA's Program Committee, and a link to the book on the publisher's website.

Convention News

- Dr. Andrea Charise's keynote presentation is titled "On Burning Ground: The Futures of Health in/of the Humanities." Read more about Dr. Charise's work [here!](#)
- The MMLA has launched official Discord servers for the 2024 Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium. While additional channels will be added at a later date, attendees who join our servers this summer will be able to access spaces dedicated to locating roommates and rideshares. To join one of these servers, please email the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu.

JMMLA Current Calls for Submissions

- Please find the link to all current JMMLA calls for [submissions here](#). Submissions should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow MLA style guidelines. Questions may be directed to the MMLA (mmla@luc.edu) or to each issue's editor(s), who are listed below.
 - **Fall 2024: "Going Public."**
 - Editor: Gaywyn Moore (gaywynmoore@gmail.com).
 - Submission Deadline: September 15, 2024.
 - **Spring 2025: "Solidarity."**
 - Guest Editors: Kelly Kidder (kelly.kidder@lipscomb.edu) and Brynn Fitzsimmons (bfitzsimmons@ua.edu).
 - Submission Deadline: January 15, 2025.
 - **Spring 2026: "Transnational Writings - Ethnic Ukrainian Authors in the Americas."**
 - Guest Editor: Mariya Shymchyshyn (mshymchyshyn@yahoo.com).
 - Submission Deadline: December 15, 2025.

JMMLA Recent Publication

- The Spring 2023 issue, *Affective Labor*, was recently published! Current members can read more about the issue's authors [here](#) and read the issue itself and all prior issues by logging on to the [member portal](#).

Sincerely,

The MMLA Team

[Click here to learn more about the convention.](#)



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