



Fall News!

Dear MMLA Community,

We hope you've had a fun and productive start to the new academic year! 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 Deadlines & Reminders

Early-Bird Registration

Early-Bird Registration ends on **September 15th!** To avoid higher prices, register for the 2024 MMLA Convention before the deadline. Use the respective links for [Regular Member Registration](#) (full-time faculty and staff, administrators, school teachers, and librarians) or [Special Member Registration](#) (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, part-time faculty and staff, as well as independent, unemployed, or retired members) to secure a spot at the convention.

Program Book Corrections

Corrections to the Convention Program Book must be made no later than September 15th. Attendees may search the [convention program book draft](#) to learn the day and time that panels and workshops have been scheduled. If you are participating in the convention, please look over this draft carefully to ensure your name, institution, and paper title(s) are listed correctly. If errors to this information are found, you may request a correction by emailing the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu. Please include "Program Book Correction" in the subject line and the following details in the body of the email:

1. The page number where the correction is needed
 2. The erroneous text
 3. The correct text
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Graduate Student Paper Prize

The **Graduate Student Paper Prize** submission deadline is **October 15th**. This \$100 prize is open to all graduate students who have been chosen to present a paper at the convention, and the winning paper will be published in the Fall 2025 issue of the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*. The winning author will also receive a complimentary membership and registration to the next MMLA convention. To apply, send your CV and the accepted paper (3,000 word limit) to mmla@luc.edu.

Deadline for Member Hotel Discount

The **Final Day to Reserve a Hotel Room at the Member Rate is October 22nd!** Booking a room at the Hilton Chicago will be the most convenient choice for MMLA members coming from out of town for the convention, and these bookings help the MMLA meet its obligation to secure a minimum number of members staying at the hotel. The price of a hotel room at the member rate is \$229. [Click here to book a room at the Hilton at the member rate.](#)

Interested in Being a Convention Panel Moderator?

You're in luck! The 2024 MMLA convention still needs moderators for 25 panels, which can be identified in the [program book draft](#) with "To be Determined." Being a panel moderator is a great way to get even more out of your convention experience beyond presenting your work and attending sessions. The moderator performs the important tasks of introducing the speakers, keeping each speaker to time, and facilitating the Q&A portion of the panel. We appreciate everyone who volunteers to take on this vital role!

If moderating one or more of these panels seems like a good fit for your interests, expertise, and schedule, then, for each panel you are interested in moderating, please nominate yourself by sending your CV, the name of the panel, and a short statement of interest to the MMLA office at mmla@luc.edu. We will consider nominations as they are received.

Join the Convention Discord Server

The MMLA has created a [2024 MMLA convention Discord server](#). This server is a great resource for members to communicate with each other and find out more about the event. Within the server, members can access forums dedicated to locating rideshares and roommates, which will be a helpful tool for members looking to save money and network with their peers. We encourage all members, regardless of tech-savviness, to join this fun and helpful server!

Please note that the link above expires in seven days. Attendees may email the MMLA office for an additional link, if necessary, at mmla@luc.edu.

JMMLA Deadlines & Calls for Submissions

Upcoming Issues & Article Submission Deadlines

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is currently looking for submissions of scholarly articles that are between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow MLA style guidelines. Find the full list of current calls for [submissions here](#). Questions can be sent to the MMLA directly (mmla@luc.edu) or to the editor(s) of the given issue.

- **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
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Call for Book Reviewers & New Books for Review

Anyone who is interested in being published in the *JMMLA* is encouraged to write a book review! Book reviews should distill a book's arguments, themes, potential audience, strengths, and weaknesses in under 1200 words. Reviewers can choose any appropriate scholarly book published in the last 18 months to review, and our website is always being updated with new and fascinating titles that are eligible for review! To see the full list of potential books for review, as well as more in-depth guidelines for reviewers, [click here](#). Let the MMLA know that you're interested in being a book reviewer by sending us your CV and the title of the book you would like to review at mmla@luc.edu. (P.S.: Check out the [MMLA Instagram](#) for a sample of some of our most exciting new books up for review!)

Upcoming Member Vote to Ratify Bylaws Revision

The MMLA's Executive Committee is in the process of adding language to the MMLA bylaws that clarifies procedures for filling vacancies in MMLA leadership roles. In the upcoming weeks, the committee will ask the MMLA's membership to vote to ratify these changes to the bylaws before they can go into effect. This is simply a 'heads-up' that a vote will be occurring, so please watch for further information on this topic coming soon.

We hope the information in this newsletter is helpful to all members who are planning on being a part of this year's convention. As the date gets closer and the program book is almost complete, all of

us at the MMLA office are eager for the convention to begin, and we hope that you all are getting excited too!

Sincerely,
The MMLA team

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



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