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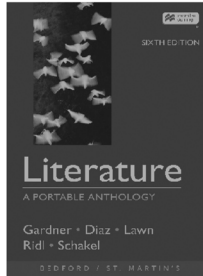
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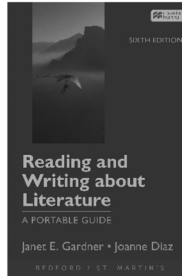


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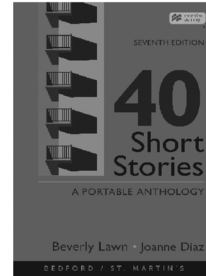
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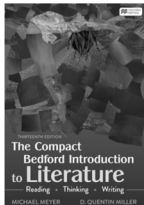


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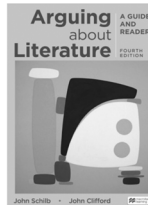
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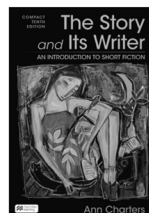
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# About the MLA Convention

The Modern Language Association convention, first held 1883, is an annual gathering of teachers and scholars in the field of language and literature study. The convention enables members of the profession to share their ideas and research with colleagues from other universities and colleges. Sessions will take place either in person or online. Online sessions are listed in the Program, and details for accessing those sessions will be in the online program. In-person sessions, along with the exhibit hall and the Professional Development Hub, will be in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Sessions begin at 12:00 noon on 9 January, and there are workshops at 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on 9 January. The last sessions will end at 3:00 p.m. on 12 January.

Convention sessions are organized by MLA members, but non-members are welcome to attend. All participants—members and nonmembers alike—must pay registration fees, whether attending in person or online. Registrants receive badges, which grant attendees admission to sessions, the MLA Professional Development Hub, and the exhibit hall. On-site registrants who lose their badges may purchase replacements at the registration area.

## Sessions

Most sessions at the 2025 MLA convention were arranged by the membership at large, either through the association's forums or by individual members. Attendance is open to all convention registrants, but only current MLA members may organize or participate formally in sessions. On occasion, the membership requirement is waived for individuals whose main interests are in other disciplines. The kinds of sessions arranged for this year's convention are described below.



### *Forum Sessions*

MLA forums encompass the scholarly and professional concerns of the association; to this end, their executive committees advise on specific research and pedagogical needs, propose to the MLA Executive Council programs that might be undertaken on behalf of their forums, compile information of interest to their members for publication in MLA periodicals or in special mailings, and elect forum representatives to serve in the MLA Delegate Assembly.

Members who have suggestions for a forum's sessions or who would like to participate in those sessions should correspond with the 2025 secretary of the appropriate forum, since 2025 secretaries become chairs for the 2026 convention (see the list of executive committee members that follows the sessions listing). For forums approved in 2024, the executive committee members will be listed on the MLA website in January 2025.

### *Plenaries*

Arranged by forums or individual members, plenaries are meetings on topics of broad interest. The MLA executive director, with the assistance of the Program Committee, has final responsibility for approving plenaries.

### *Special Sessions*

MLA members whose scholarly or professional interests are not adequately accommodated through convention programs arranged by the forums may propose special sessions. These sessions are the most specialized of all convention meetings and are intended to enable participants to exchange ideas on specific topics.

### *Allied Organization Sessions*

Other scholarly, business, or social meetings are arranged in conjunction with the MLA

convention by officially recognized allied organizations. Typically, these organizations are learned societies or professional associations whose purposes are closely allied with those of the MLA.

### *Language and Literature Program Innovation Room*

The Language and Literature Program Innovation Room (session 214) provides a space for faculty members to share successful and promising new programs, courses, collaborations, educational resources, and other pedagogical initiatives, offering convention participants opportunities to explore innovative curricular thinking in both discipline-specific and interdisciplinary configurations. Each presentation appears as an individual station in this poster-style event, and audience members are welcome to drop in any time while the event is in session.

### *Working Groups*

Working groups are proposed by individual members who post a call for participation and then engage eight to twelve participants to meet together to discuss their work in two or three sessions during the convention, working toward a collective project or outcome. Working groups extend over more than one session, so participants in a working group will not be able to participate in any other sessions.

### **Organizing Sessions for 2026**

Please see the Procedures for Organizing Meetings on the MLA website ([www.mla.org/organizing-meetings/](http://www.mla.org/organizing-meetings/)) for further details on all types of sessions. All program copy is due 1 April 2025 for the 2026 convention in Toronto, Ontario.

# General Convention Information and Services

## Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to participate in or attend meetings (whether in person or online) or use convention services must register for the MLA convention.

### *Convention Registration*

MLA registration for members opens in September; nonmember registration opens in October. Visit [www.mla.org/Events/2025-MLA-Convention](http://www.mla.org/Events/2025-MLA-Convention) for registration rates and details.

### *Membership in the MLA*

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. Join the MLA or renew your membership online or at the membership desk at the convention, which will be located in the MLA registration and welcome center.

### *On-Site Registration*

Attendees who have not registered for the MLA convention may register during the convention at the MLA registration and welcome center in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside (First Floor). Refer to the online Information for Attendees for the hours of operation.

### *Hotels*

Hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available beginning in September and 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

Please download the MLA 2025 convention app and visit the online program ([mla25.org](http://mla25.org)) 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)).



in the study of language and literature must register and pay their registration fees for the convention.) Convention registrants with housing questions during the convention may go to the housing desk in the MLA registration and welcome center. A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help 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 New Orleans**

MLA convention hotels are located in New Orleans's Central Business District (CBD) and can be reached by the city's mass transit system or by taxi.

*Airport Transportation.* New Orleans is served by Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY). One-way fare for taxi service to the CBD is approximately \$36, and ride-share trips are about \$33–\$40 in the lowest fare category (prices do not include tolls, surcharges, and tips).

*New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA).* New Orleans's transportation system includes buses, streetcars, and ferries. RTA tickets may be purchased at select New Orleans-area stores and cash-only ticket vending machines, ordered in advance, or through the Le Pass and Transit apps.

*Bike Share.* Blue Bikes ([bluebikesnola.com/](http://bluebikesnola.com/)) is an app-based bike-sharing option in New Orleans.

### **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 guidelines on appropriate conduct at the convention and MLA policies on discrimination and harassment and on professional ethics are included on the website and in the *Convention Guide*.

### *Photography and Recording of Sessions*

The MLA will be photographing and recording a number of convention sessions as well as informal interactions during the event, so attendees may be recorded in photographs and in audio and video recordings. Session recordings will be available to convention registrants through the online convention platform. The MLA's recordings and photographs from the convention will also be used to share the work of members and the atmosphere of the convention with a broader public. It is a violation of MLA policy for individuals to record either audio or video of presentations or sessions. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made in advance through the director of outreach and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the MLA's media staff must be present during the session. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audio or video recording will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to use brief recorded elements of the convention as part of a creative or documentary project should be sent to [press@mla.org](mailto:press@mla.org).

### *Badges*

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the MLA Professional Development Hub. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome center, where attendees can also replace lost badges for \$25.

### *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.

### *Reading in Absentia*

Sessions at the 2025 convention will take place either in person or online. To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted at sessions taking place in person. 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 inside most public places in New Orleans.

### **Attendee Resources**

All MLA 2025 sessions, events, and services will take place in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. For specific room locations and other details, visit [mla25.org](http://mla25.org) closer to the convention.

### *Accessibility*

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Write to Stacey Courtney ([scourtney@mla.org](mailto:scourtney@mla.org)) with questions and specific requests.

*Accessibility Desk.* There will be a desk in the MLA registration and welcome center staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees.

*American Sign Language Interpretation and CART.* Sign language interpretation and real-time captioning at the convention are scheduled based on requests received by 14 November. If resources

are available, the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests.

Convention sessions that take place online will be set for automated captioning (viewable at the bottom of your screen) or automated transcription (viewable at the side of your screen). You may adjust these settings as desired on your own screen (click the CC box at the bottom of your screen for your options).

*Sessions.* The MLA requests that all session organizers and presenters take the necessary steps to make their sessions accessible to attendees with permanent or temporary disabilities. See the complete list of guidelines on the Access Guidelines for MLA Convention Session Organizers and Presenters page ([www.mla.org/access-guidelines](http://www.mla.org/access-guidelines)).

Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow a written text. We recommend uploading those presentations to *MLA Commons* before the convention for easy and secure sharing. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large-print format (14- to 16-point type size) and should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned.

*Meeting Rooms.* Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Each meeting room is set up with empty spaces for individuals using wheelchairs or scooters. Please do not move chairs into these spaces.

*Hotel Rooms.* To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, participants must check the appropriate boxes on the convention registration and housing reservation forms or contact Stacey Courtney ([scourtney@mla.org](mailto:scourtney@mla.org)) by 14 November.

*Transportation.* New Orleans's RTA provides information about their accessible transportation services ([www.norta.com/ride-with-us/know-before-you-go/transit-accessibility](http://www.norta.com/ride-with-us/know-before-you-go/transit-accessibility)). In addition, convention registrants who need accessible transportation during

the convention are eligible to be reimbursed up to \$150 for rides taken between official MLA locations during convention hours (9–12 January 2025). Reserve a ride through Uber to request wheelchair-accessible rides (WAV). Receipts must include the travel date, time, and cost as well as the pickup and drop-off locations. Send your reimbursement request and receipts by 22 January to Stacey Courtney ([scourtney@mla.org](mailto:scourtney@mla.org)).

*Scooter Rentals.* To navigate the convention more easily, attendees can rent scooters in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or [scootaround.com/en/2025-mla-annual-convention](https://scootaround.com/en/2025-mla-annual-convention)).

### *Childcare*

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services 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 to Karin Bagnall ([kbagnall@mla.org](mailto:kbagnall@mla.org)).

### *Lactation Rooms*

Space will be available during meeting hours for those who require it.

### *Convention App and Online Program*

The MLA 2025 online program ([mla25.org](https://mla25.org)) and convention app provide easy access to session information, maps, the list of exhibitors, and other convention details. Log in to [mla25.org](https://mla25.org) or download the MLA 2025 app in December to create a personal convention schedule and to communicate with fellow attendees, learn about session and schedule

changes, and discover exhibit hall events and other late-breaking news.

### *Convention Guide*

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 website and as a handout at the convention.

### *Friends of Bill W.*

A meeting room is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meeting dates and times and exact location will be listed closer to the convention.

### *Headquarters Office*

Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the headquarters 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 center. The headquarters location and hours of operation will be available on the MLA website and in the online program.

### *MLA Registration and Welcome Center*

Visit the MLA registration and welcome center (First Floor) for information about the convention and the association, registration and badges, and free copies of the *Convention Guide*. The center's hours of operation will be available on the MLA website and in the online program.

### *Press Office*

Members of the press who wish to cover the convention should contact the director of outreach ([achang@mla.org](mailto:achang@mla.org)) by 6 January to obtain credentials and get assistance.

### *Speaker Ready Room*

Space for speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions will be available; the location will be listed online later this fall. Those who have computer presentations are strongly encouraged to test their presentations in the speaker ready room during convention hours. Please write to Deirdre Henry ([dhenry@mla.org](mailto:dhenry@mla.org)) with audiovisual questions. Requests for audiovisual equipment were due 1 April; we regret that we are unable to accommodate late requests.

### *Wi-Fi Access*

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the convention meeting rooms and public areas.

### **MLA Professional Development Hub**

The MLA Professional Development Hub provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Offerings include one-on-one mentoring for academic and nonacademic careers, a wide range of professional-issues discussion groups, and networking events. Visit the Information for Attendees page on the MLA website and the MLA Professional Development Hub section in the online program for up-to-date information on the hub's location, hours of operation, services, and events.

### **Exhibits**

Visit the exhibit hall (Grand Ballroom, First Floor) on 10 and 11 January, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 12 January, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and online at [mla25.org](http://mla25.org) to discover the latest publications and products, take advantage of special discounts and promotions, engage with editors, enjoy book signings and receptions, and more. These companies have made the commitment to support the

MLA convention and our attendees and are looking forward to connecting with you in person and through the digital platform. Admission to the exhibit hall is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. See page 579 for a list of the 2025 exhibitors.

Visit the refreshment stand in the exhibit hall to satisfy your coffee, tea, and food cravings. Stay hydrated and fed while perusing books and connecting with friends.

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### *MLA PubCentral*

Visit MLA PubCentral in the exhibit hall for everything related to MLA publications.

Take advantage of discounts on MLA books, watch a demo of *MLA Handbook Plus*, and learn about the *MLA International Bibliography's* free online course. Don't forget to join us for our annual wine and cheese reception—details forthcoming.

### **Future Convention**

The 141st convention will take place in Toronto from 8 to 11 January 2026.

Go to the Calls for Papers page on the MLA website to submit (Nov. 2024–28 Feb. 2025) or review (Nov. 2024–31 Mar. 2025) calls for papers for the 2026 MLA convention.

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2026 convention in Toronto will be available on the MLA website in March 2025 (see [www.mla.org/organizing-meetings](http://www.mla.org/organizing-meetings)).

# Exhibitors

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509	APA Style, American Psychological Association (APA)	304	University of Minnesota Press
401	Bedford St. Martin's / Macmillan Learning	115	University Press of Mississippi
501, 503	Bloomsbury Academic	MLA PubCentral	Modern Language Association
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106	Bucknell University Press	215	University of New Mexico Press
301, 303	Cambridge University Press	214	University of North Carolina Press
200, 202, 204	University of Chicago Press	112	Northwestern University Press
114	Clemson University Press	101, 103	NYU Press
201	Columbia University Press	316	Ohio State University Press
106	University of Delaware Press	208, 210	Oxford University Press
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305	Edinburgh University Press	111	University of Pennsylvania Press
216	Fordham University Press	203, 205	Princeton University Press
511	Fulbright Scholar Program	108, 110	Project MUSE
601	HarperCollins Publishers	402	Punctum Books
108, 110	Johns Hopkins University Press	104	Rutgers University Press
508	JSTOR Ithaka	405	SabbaticalHomes.com
505	Lexington Books	510	Sourcery, University of Connecticut
114	Liverpool University Press	300, 302	Stanford University Press
109	Louisiana State University Press	314	SUNY Press
400	Macmillan Publishers	105	University of Toronto Press
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		504	Yale University Press

# Floor Plan of the Exhibit Area

## Grand Ballroom, First Floor, Hilton New Orleans Riverside

