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Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to participate in or attend meetings or use convention services must register for the MLA convention. MLA registration for members opens in September; nonmember registration opens in October.

Membership in the MLA

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. Join the MLA

Please download the MLA 2020 convention app 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).

or renew your membership online or at the membership desk at the convention, which will be located in the registration and welcome center in the Washington State Convention Center (Atrium, level 4).

Fees

All registration fees are in US dollars.

On-Site Registration

Attendees who have not registered for the MLA convention may register during the convention at the registration area in the Washington State Convention Center (Atrium, level 4). The registration area will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 12 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Registration Refunds

To request a registration refund, please use our online form. All requests must be submitted online by 17 December. For requests made after 15 November, your badge and a printout of the form must be mailed to the address below and postmarked by 17 December.

Michael Reilly
Modern Language Association
85 Broad Street, suite 500
New York, NY 10004-2434

A \$25 processing 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 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 in the study of language and literature must register and pay their registration fees for the convention.) Convention registrants who arrive in Seattle without hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk at the Washington State Convention Center (Atrium, level 4). A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help such attendees find housing and to assist 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.

	Early Registration 5 Sept.–7 Oct.	Registration 8 Oct.–4 Dec.	Late and On-Site Registration 5 Dec.–12 Jan.
Regular Member	\$190	\$235	\$275
Student Member	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 75
Emeritus Member	\$ 95	\$100	\$120
Unemployed Member or Member Employed Part-Time	\$ 65	\$ 70	\$ 80
Nonmember	N/A	\$295	\$330
Student Nonmember	N/A	\$ 90	\$ 97

Transportation to and in Seattle

MLA convention hotels are located in downtown Seattle and can be reached by Seattle's mass transit system or taxi.

Airport Transportation. Seattle is served by Sea-Tac Airport (SEA), with a variety of transportation options to downtown Seattle. One-way fare for taxi service to downtown Seattle is approximately \$40–\$55 (prices do not include tolls, surcharges, and tips).

Sound Transit. Seattle's light rail system, Sound Transit, provides the most economical travel from the airport to downtown Seattle. Take the University of Washington-bound line to Westlake Station. The trip takes about forty minutes. One-way adult fare ranges from \$2.25 to \$3.25.

Bike Share. JUMP and Lime are app-based bike-sharing options in Seattle. JUMP bikes are free to unlock and charge \$0.15 per minute. For Lime, download the app and scan the QR code to unlock a bike for \$1, plus varying rates per minute.

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 policies on discrimination and harassment and on professional ethics are included on the Web site and in the *Convention Guide*. We also encourage those participating in interviews at the convention to review Dos and Don'ts for MLA Convention Interviews.

Audio- and Videotaping at Sessions

Neither audiotaping nor videotaping of sessions is normally permitted. Occasional ex-

ceptions 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 be submitted by e-mail to the Executive Council (press@mla.org) no later than 11 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 in order 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, Washington State Convention Center (Atrium, level 4).

Photography

In order to share the work of members and the atmosphere of the convention with a broader public, the convention will be photographed and recorded. Attendees may be photographed or recorded as part of this event.

Reading in Absentia

To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by *Skype*, videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted. 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 in most public places in Seattle.

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 on-site 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 28 January 2020 to Karin Bagnall, Director of Convention and Events, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434.

Lactation Rooms. Space will be available in the Washington State Convention Center and Sheraton Grand Seattle during meeting hours for those who require it.

Convention App

The MLA 2020 convention app provides easy access to session information, maps, the list of exhibitors, and other convention details. Download the app to create a personal convention schedule, and 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 Web site and as a handout at 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 (scourtney@mla.org; 646 576-5263) coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities.

Desks for Attendees with Disabilities. There will be a desk in the MLA registration and welcome center at the Washington State Convention Center (Atrium, level 4) and one at the Sheraton Grand Seattle (Lobby level) 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 check the appropriate boxes on the convention registration and housing reservation forms or contact Stacey Courtney by 13 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 13 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 (scourtney@mla.org; 646 576-5263).

Service Animals. There is a designated pet relief area near the Washington State Convention Center, outside the level 4 Atrium in Freeway Park.

Scooter Rentals. To navigate the convention more easily, attendees can rent scoot-

ers in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or locations.scootaround.com/MLA) or from Seattle-based Access Medical Equipment (206 365-7700 or www.accessmedicalequipment.com/).

Friends of Bill W.

Room 306 in the Washington State Convention Center (level 3) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meeting dates and times will be listed closer to the convention.

Headquarters Offices

Headquarters offices will be located in the Washington State Convention Center (304, level 3) and the Sheraton Grand Seattle (Madrona, second floor). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the 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 offices will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 12 January from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lounges

An area furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Washington State Convention Center (6E Lobby, level 6). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Washington State Convention Center (602, level 6).

MLA Registration and Welcome Center

The MLA registration and welcome center will be located in the Washington State Con-

vention Center (Atrium, level 4). Visit the center for information about the convention and the association, registration and badges, and free copies of the *Convention Guide*. The center will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 12 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Press Office

The press office is located in the Washington State Convention Center (308, level 3).

Quiet Rooms

Quiet rooms will be located in the Washington State Convention Center (305, level 3) and Sheraton Grand Seattle (Everett, third floor). We invite convention attendees to drop in to these quiet spaces removed from traffic and noise. We ask that visitors to the rooms arrive fragrance-free and keep any discussion to a minimum and at a low volume.

Speaker Ready Room

Space in the Washington State Convention Center (309, level 3) 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.

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Sheraton Grand Seattle and in the Washington State Convention Center (except in the exhibit hall).

MLA Career Center and Professional Development

The MLA Career Center (Washington State Convention Center) will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The MLA Career Center provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Visit the Information for Attendees page on the MLA Web site for up-to-date information on related services, events, and scheduling details.

Interviews

A list of available academic and nonacademic positions will be posted, and 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 academic interviews take place at the convention.

Job Counseling Service

A counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 10 and 11 January. Sign up for one-on-one sessions to discuss job-search and career options on a wide spectrum of careers inside and outside the professoriat.

Career Fair

The MLA Career Fair will take place on 10 January from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Attend the fair to meet a range of employers, from private companies to nonprofits to federal government agencies, who are interested in speaking with prospective applicants from MLA fields.

Consultancy Sessions

Experienced consultants from ADE and ADFL will be available in the MLA Career

Center for one-on-one consultancy sessions to discuss questions connected with managing departments or programs.

Exhibits

The exhibit hall (Washington State Convention Center, 4B, level 4) is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 10 and 11 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 12 January. Discover the latest publications and products, take advantage of special discounts and promotions, catch up with editors, enjoy book signings and receptions, schedule time for a professional headshot, and more. Visit nearly one hundred exhibit booths representing 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. See pages 714–15 for a list of the 2020 exhibitors and the exhibit hall map.

Check the MLA 2020 convention app and the MLA Annual Convention *Twitter* feed for up-to-date information.

MLA PubCentral

Visit MLA PubCentral in the Washington State Convention Center (MLA exhibit hall, 4B, level 4) for everything related to MLA publications.

Booth Happenings. Shop for MLA products—including a wide array of new titles—and receive a 30% discount on all MLA titles ordered at the booth with free domestic shipping. Spin the prize wheel to win MLA merchandise. Ask MLA editors questions about MLA style and learn about *The MLA Style Center*.

Display and Video of 2019 MLA-Prize-Winning Books. Browse a display of the books that won 2019 MLA prizes along with a video featuring material from the winners. Many of the

prizewinning publishers are exhibiting and will have copies of these books for sale at their booths. The winners will receive their awards at the MLA Awards Ceremony.

MLA Commons. *MLA Commons* is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of MLA groups, and much more. Update your *MLA Commons* profile and learn about *Humanities Commons* and the *Commons Open Repository Exchange (CORE)*. Staff members will be available to demonstrate the platform's function and to assist with account activation.

MLA International Bibliography. Now available with full text, the *MLA International Bibliography* provides a subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. Bibliography staff members will be on hand to answer questions, provide demonstrations, help with searches, and provide assistance for setting up your ORCID profile and using Biblink for updates. Free giveaways will be available.

Future Conventions

Calls for Papers

Go to the Calls for Papers page on the MLA Web site to submit (Nov. 2019–28 Feb. 2020) or review (Nov. 2019–31 Mar. 2020) calls for papers for the 2021 MLA convention in Toronto.

Locations

The 136th MLA Annual Convention will take place in Toronto from 7 to 10 January 2021. The 137th convention will take place in Washington, DC, from 6 to 9 January 2022.

Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2021 convention in Toronto will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2020.