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Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention. Persons who plan to attend the convention may register through the MLA Web site (www.mla.org/conv_registration).

Fees

Early registration fees from 4 September through 3 October are as follows: regular members, $150; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $55; graduate student members, $50; emeriti members, $55; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, $55.

Registration fees from 4 October through 7 December are as follows: regular members, $180; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $55; graduate student members, $50; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, $55; emeriti members, $55; nonmembers, $240; graduate student nonmembers, $70.

Registration fees after 7 December are as follows: regular members, $210; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $65; graduate student members, $60; emeriti members, $65; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, $65; nonmembers, $270; graduate student nonmembers, $80. Registrations will be accepted after 7 December, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges may not be sent.

On-Site Registration

Members attending the convention who have not registered may register during the convention at the registration area located in the Hynes Convention Center (Prefunction Hall D, level 2). The registration area will be

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open on 3 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 4 and 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, sent to the director of convention programs at the MLA office, and postmarked no later than 4 January 2013. Refunds requested after 4 January 2013 will not be granted. A $10 service 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 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 Boston without hotel arrangements may go to the registration and information desk at the Hynes Convention Center (Prefunction Hall D, level 2). 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.

Transportation in Boston

MLA convention hotels are located in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, near the Hynes Convention Center.

Airport Transportation

Boston Logan International Airport is about four miles from downtown Boston. For airport information, visit www.massport.com/logan-airport/Pages/Default.aspx. Shuttle transportation from Logan to the MLA convention hotels is available from various shuttle companies. The T Commuter Rail (www.mbta.com/) connects Boston to Logan; the ride takes about forty minutes from the airport to the Hynes Station on the Green Line. Taxi stands are located outside each terminal at Boston Logan International Airport. Average fare to downtown Boston is approximately $25–$35, and the ride is approximately 15–20 minutes depending on traffic conditions and your destination. For Boston taxi fare information, including meter and flat rates as well as a fare calculator, visit the City of Boston Hackney Division (www.cityofboston.gov/Police/hackney/taxi_rates.asp).

Amtrak

The Back Bay Amtrak station (http://www.amtrak.com/northeast-train-bus-stations), located two blocks from Copley Square, is the Amtrak station closest to MLA convention hotels and the Hynes Convention Center.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

MBTA operates throughout Boston; for information on routes and fares, visit www.mbta.com/.

South Station Bus Terminal

The terminal for Greyhound and other bus lines is South Station. The average taxi fare to the Hynes and Back Bay hotels is $15–$20, and the ride is approximately ten minutes.

Policies

Audio- and Videotaping at Sessions

Neither audiotaping nor videotaping of sessions is normally permitted. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to con-

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vey 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 to the Executive Council by 17 October.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the Job Information Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and information center in the Hynes Convention Center, at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Sheraton Boston, and at the satellite badge replacement desk in the Westin Copley Place. Lost badges can be replaced for $8 at the MLA registration center.

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.

Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check in to your hotel. Security personnel may ask to see a hotel room key or may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.

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 are reminded that they may include a link to their papers in the online Program.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Boston.

On-Site Resources

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.

Meeting Rooms. Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. There will be a desk in the convention registration and information center at the Hynes Convention Center (Prefunction Hall D, level 2) staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be desks in the lobbies of the Sheraton Boston and the Westin Copley Place.

Hotel Rooms. To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, participants must have checked the appropriate boxes on the convention registration form and the housing reservation form or written or called Karin Bagnall in the MLA convention office by 12 November.

Shuttle Bus. A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements may be made at the desks for persons with disabilities in the Hynes Convention Center (South Lobby, level 4), the Sheraton Boston (Lobby level), and the Westin Copley Place (Lobby level). Further details and phone numbers will be posted at the convention center and headquarters hotel.

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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 are available on request. The deadline to arrange for an interpreter is 12 November, though the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Karin Bagnall in the MLA convention office.

Scooter Rentals. Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or www.scootaround.com/rentals/m/mla). Karin Bagnall coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at kbagnall@mla.org.

Friends of Bill W.

In the Sheraton Boston, Forest Hills (5th floor) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Headquarters Offices

Headquarters offices will be located in the Hynes Convention Center (200, level 2) and the Sheraton Boston (Conference, 3rd floor). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in these offices whenever sessions are in progress to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA information center.

Lounges

Areas furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Hynes Convention Center (Boyleston Hallway, level 2). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Sheraton Boston (Exeter, 3rd floor).

MLA Information Center

General questions about the convention and the association will be answered at the MLA information center in the Hynes Convention Center (Prefunction Hall D, level 2). Copies of the Program and the *Job Information List* will be sold at the center; the *Convention Guide* and the *Convention Daily* will be available free at the registration and information area in the Hynes Convention Center, at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Sheraton Boston, and through the MLA Web site. The information center will be open on 3 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 4 and 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate between the Hynes Convention Center and designated locations. Further details will be available at the convention and on the MLA Web site. There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

"Who's Here" Directory

The "Who's Here" directory will be posted in the members' lounge in the Hynes Convention Center (Boyleston Hallway, level 2) and near the Job Information Center in the Westin Copley Place (4th floor). The directory will include the names and convention addresses of persons who make hotel reservations through the housing bureau or send their local addresses to the MLA office before 10 December. Only the names of hotels listed on the convention housing form or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their

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own "Who's Here" listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. The information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA.

Job Information Center

The MLA Job Information Service will operate a center at the Westin Copley Place (American Ballroom, 4th floor). Positions that become available after the printing of the December *Job Information List* will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 4 and 5 January. 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 interviews take place at the convention. Therefore, members are advised not to attend the convention for the sole purpose of seeking employment if they do not have scheduled interviews.

Location and Hours

The Job Information Center (American Ballroom, 4th floor, Westin Copley Place) will be open on 3 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 4 and 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 6 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For Prearranged Interviews

Consult the interviewers' sign-in file in the Westin Copley Place (American Ballroom, 4th floor) if you do not know whether your interview is scheduled for a hotel room or the interview area or if you need to find out the hotel room number for your interview. Allow yourself ample time to obtain this information. If your interview is scheduled for the interview area, proceed directly to the Westin Copley Place (American Ballroom, 4th floor), and ask a staff member for the table number.

If the interviewer has not signed in, consult the "Who's Here" directory in the members' lounge in the Hynes Convention Center or near the Job Information Center in the Westin Copley Place (4th floor). Once you know where the interviewer is staying, you can call the hotel information desk and be connected with the interviewer's hotel room. (For reasons of safety, hotel staff members will not give guests' room numbers to callers.) If the interviewer is not in, use the hotel's message facilities. A message left in a hotel mailbox will be flashed on the guest's room telephone. If the person is not listed in the "Who's Here" directory, check the Program Participants section of the convention program to see whether that interviewer is speaking at or chairing a session and can be reached at a specific time and place or ask a Job Information Center staff member for help.

Exhibits

Over one hundred firms will display books and other materials of interest to teachers of language and literature in the Hynes Convention Center (Hall D, level 2). Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. The exhibit hall is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 4 and 5 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 6 January. To view a list of the 2013 exhibitors, go to www.mla.org/list_of_2013_exhibit.

Event Highlights

MLA Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 5 January in the Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor). First Vice President Marianne Hirsch will present awards to the recipients of the William Riley Parker Prize, James Russell Lowell Prize, MLA Prize for a First Book, Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize, MLA Prize for Independent Scholars, Howard R. Marraro Prize, Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies, Aldo and

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Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Germanic Languages and Literatures, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Literary Work, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies, MLA Prize for a Distinguished Bibliography, William Sanders Scarborough Prize, and Fenia and Yaakov Leviant Memorial Prize in Yiddish Studies. Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will present the *MLA International Bibliography* Fellowship Awards and announce the recipients of the seal of approval from the Committee on Scholarly Editions. Marianne Hirsch will announce the recipient of the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 4 January in the Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor). Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association's 2012 activities and President Michael Bérubé will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Forum

The Presidential Forum will take place at 5:15 p.m. on 3 January in the Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor).

Informational Sessions and Workshops

Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Officers and experienced editors who are members of the Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) will be available for consultation and advice for other editors and scholars who have questions about what to expect in journal submission, peer review, and publishing processes. Beginning scholars (graduate students and entry-level professors) are particularly welcome.

Editors from CELJ will be available to provide informal information and private consultations on 4 and 5 January from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Jamaica Pond, Sheraton.

Electronic Literature Exhibit: "Avenues of Access"

The exhibit, curated by Dene Grigar and Kathi Inman Berens, brings together thirty-two "born digital" works of electronic literature by current MLA members as well as artists whose poetry and fiction are viewed as seminal to the field. The exhibit will include multimodal narrative and poetry, e-essays, literary games, and mobile-geolocative work. Please visit http://dtc-wsuv.org/elit/mla2013 for more information.

Hynes Convention Center, 312, level 3

Thursday, 3 January, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.; Friday, 4 January, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 5 January, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Government Careers

On 5 January from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 210 of the Hynes Convention Center, representatives from federal-government agencies will offer a workshop highlighting government careers that utilize foreign language and cultural expertise. Afterward, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., representatives will be available at the Hynes Convention Center (210) to answer questions about government careers that use skills in languages and cultural expertise.

MLA Commons

The MLA will launch its new scholarly communication platform, *MLA Commons*, at the convention. *MLA Commons* is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of divisions and discussion groups, and much more. A live presentation on the new platform will be held in the Exhibit Hall Theater at 10:30 a.m. on 4 January, and volunteers will be available to demonstrate the platform's function and to

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assist with account activation in the registration area.

NEH Information

On 4 January from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 210 of the Hynes Convention Center, representatives from the NEH will offer a workshop that highlights recent awards and outlines current funding opportunities.

Northeastern University, centerNet, and NITLE

Northeastern University, centerNet, and the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE), will sponsor a preconvention workshop, "Get Started in the Digital Humanities with Help from DHCommons," at Northeastern University. Ronald Bernier (Wentworth Inst. of Tech.), Ryan Cordell (Northeastern Univ.), Rebecca Frost Davis (NITLE), Quinn Dombrowski (Univ. of California, Berkeley), Paul Schacht (State Univ. of New York, Geneseo), and Lisa Spiro (NITLE) will organize and preside over the event. The four-hour workshop welcomes language and literature scholars who wish to learn about, pursue, or join digital humanities projects but do not have the institutional infrastructure to support them. Representatives of major digital humanities projects and initiatives will share their expertise on project design, outline available resources and opportunities, and lead small-group training sessions on DH technologies and skills. Scholars must have applied in advance for the workshop at http://dhcommons.org/mla2013. Enrollment was limited to fifty participants.

Governance

Delegate Assembly

Established in 1971 as an elected body representing the membership at large, the Delegate Assembly, composed of over 270 delegates, debates issues of concern to the membership and advises the Executive Council on the association's policies, direction, goals, and structure.

Formal deliberations of the assembly, at which any MLA member can speak, are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on 5 January in the Sheraton Boston (Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor).

An open hearing of the Delegate Assembly, at which MLA members may present their views, will be held at 10:15 a.m. on 4 January in the Sheraton Boston (Fairfax B, 3rd floor). Members who wish to submit formal resolutions to the Delegate Assembly should attend the open hearing on resolutions held on 6 January at 12:00 noon in the Sheraton Boston (Fairfax B, 3rd floor).

Procedures for submitting resolutions, which are general statements of membership sentiment, are described in article 11.C.3 of the MLA constitution; copies of this section of the constitution will be available at the MLA information center.

Emergencies

If weather or an emergency in Boston should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA Web site. If a local or personal emergency should cause you to have to delay or cancel your attendance at the convention, you should contact your hotel as early as possible. Registrants who booked their travel through MacNair Travel should call 877 410-8195; others should call their carrier directly. Requests for registration refunds must be postmarked by 4 January. Visit www.mla.org/conv_registration for more information. If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer. You may also want to annotate your session listing in the online Program.

Future Conventions

The 129th MLA Annual Convention will take place in Chicago from 9 to 12 January 2014. Locations for conventions beyond 2014 will be determined at a later date. Please visit www.mla.org/future_conventions for updates.

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