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Vuk Karadžić. "The Wedding of Radul Vlašić." Introduction by Ena Selimović; translation by Katja Perat and Selimović

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On Tommy Orange's There There. Contributions by Chadwick Allen, Matt Cohen, James H. Cox, Margaret A. Noodin, Beth Piatote, Stephen Ross and Steven Sexton, Gary Snyder, and Melanie Benson Taylor; response by Tommy Orange

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Review Process

Each article submitted and eligible for peer review is sent to at least two reviewers. Articles recommended by these readers are then sent to the members of the Editorial Board, who meet periodically with the editor to make final decisions. Until a final decision is reached, the author's name is not made known to readers, to members of the Editorial Board, or to the editor. For detailed information on the review process for submitted essays, please send an inquiry to pmlasubmissions@mla.org.

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MLA members are invited to submit to the *PMLA* Editorial Board proposals for translations. Articles, as well as chapters or sections of books that can function as independent units, will be considered. The originals may be in any language. Two types of proposals are welcome: (1) significant scholarship from earlier periods that has not lost its forcefulness and whose retrieval in English in *PMLA* would be a noteworthy event for a broad body of readers and (2) contemporary work of sufficient weight and potential influence to merit the attention of the field as a whole.

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Special Topics

From time to time the Editorial Board invites essays on special topics designed to attract a wide readership. These groupings allow dialogue among essays and encourage in-depth investigation of the selected subjects. Recent past topics include Literature in the World, Cultures of Reading, and Varieties of Digital Humanities. A special topic is composed primarily of

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Charlotta Salmi. "The Global Graphic Protest Narrative: India and Iran"

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Little-Known Documents

Giorgio Agamben. *Decadenza*. Introduction and translation by Daniel Lukes

Faiz Ahmed Faiz. "Months and Years of Friendship: Recollections." Introduction by Lusia Zaitseva; translation by Umar Anjum and Zaitseva

Eliza Sharples. *A Glossary for the Bible, Chiefly Designed for Children*. Introduction by Suzanne L. Barnett

Thornton Wilder. "The Barock; or, How to Recognize a Miracle in the Daily Life."

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full-length essays that go through the regular *PMLA* review process; in addition, coordinators write an introduction to the topic and can commission up to two full-length essays and material for Theories and Methodologies and The Changing Profession (among other sections of the journal), to round out the submissions received through peer review.

Suggestions for future topics are always welcome. Proposals for special topics should describe the focus and goals of the envisioned special topic and be submitted by an MLA member (or members) willing to coordinate the special topic. Because the special topic is largely shaped by essays that are submitted for peer review, proposals should not list potential contributors. Proposals are considered by the Editorial Board, which meets three times a year; successful proposals will put forth topics that appeal to a wide range of authors and readers. Please send proposals to spastel@mla.org.

Solicited Contributions

The editor and the Editorial Board periodically invite studies and commentaries by specific authors on topics of wide interest. These contributions appear in the following series: Theories and Methodologies, The Changing Profession, The Book Market, The Journal World, Letters from Librarians, and Correspondents at Large. MLA members are welcome to suggest themes that might be addressed under these rubrics. Proposals should be sent to spastel@mla.org and include a detailed description of the theme and a list of potential contributors and preliminary topics; the board encourages proposals that represent a variety of viewpoints.

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