Submitting Manuscripts to *PMLA*

Editorial Policy for Essays

PMLA welcomes essays of interest to those concerned with the study of language and literature. As the publication of a large and heterogeneous association, the journal is receptive to a variety of topics, whether general or specific, and to all scholarly methods and theoretical perspectives. The ideal *PMLA* essay exemplifies the best of its kind, whatever the kind; addresses a significant problem; draws out clearly the implications of its findings; and engages the attention of its audience through a concise, readable presentation.

Eligibility

To be eligible for review, manuscripts must meet the following requirements:

MLA membership. Authors must be members of the MLA. (For a collaboratively written essay to be eligible for review, all coauthors must be members of the MLA.)

Author anonymity. Authors should not refer to themselves in the first person in the submitted text or notes if such references would identify them; any necessary references to the author's previous work, for example, should be in the third person.

Word length. Articles must be between 6,000 and 9,000 words. The word count includes discursive notes but excludes works-cited lists and translations.

Originality. Articles cannot have been previously published in any language. An article is considered previously published if it appears in print or in an online outlet with the traits of publication, such as editorial selection of content, a formal presentation, and ongoing availability. Online contexts that typically lack these traits include personal Web pages, discussion groups, and repositories.

Exclusive submission. Articles cannot be under consideration by other journals or publishers. An article found to have been simultaneously submitted elsewhere will not be published in *PMLA* even if it has already been accepted for publication by the Editorial Board.

Language. Manuscripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by a detailed summary in English (generally of 1,000–1,500 words) and must be translated into English if they are recommended to the Editorial Board. Translations should accompany all foreign language quotations.

Scope. PMLA does not publish book reviews or new works of fiction. Submissions should be broadly of interest to those concerned with the study of language and literature.

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In the May issue

"Editor's Column—Humanists as Builders"

Diana Taylor. "Presidential Address 2018—*¡Presente!*"

Patrizia McBride. "Berlin Dada and the Time of Revolution"

Jamison Kantor. "Immortality, Romanticism, and the Limit of the Liberal Imagination"

Katherine Fusco. "Sexing Farina: *Our Gang*'s Episodes of Racial Childhood"

Anna Nelson. "*Behind the Seams*: The 'Colored Historian' of the White House and Her Parodist"

Annabel L. Kim. "Autofiction Infiltrated: Anne Garréta's *Pas un jour*"

Julie Cyzewski. "Broadcasting Nature Poetry: Una Marson and the BBC's Overseas Service"

Criticism in Translation

Wolfgang Emmerich. "What Is and to What End Does One Study GDR Literature?" Introduction and translation by Nicole Burgoyne and Andrew Hamilton

Little-Known Documents

Anna Mendelssohn. *What a Performance*. Introduction by Sara Crangle

Theories and Methodologies

Reading over Time. Essays by Faye Halpern, Barbara Hochman, Sue Lanser, Cynthia Port, and Peter Rabinowitz

On Cathy N. Davidson's The New Education. Essays by Frederick Luis Aldama, John Marx and Mark Garrett Cooper, Christopher Newfield, Marjorie Gabrielle Perloff, and Karen Thornber; response by Cathy N. Davidson

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In other issues

Kathryne Bevilacqua. "'What a Farmer Reads Shows in His Farm': Reading beyond the Book with Adult Reading Primers"
Alison Margaret Bigelow. "Transatlantic Quechuañol: Reading Race through Colonial Translations"
Beth Blum. "The Self-Help Hermeneutic: Its Global History and Literary Future"
Michaela Bronstein. "Taking the Future into Account: Today's Novels for Tomorrow's Readers"
Mike Chasar. "Ghosts of American Literature: Receiving, Reading, and Interleaving Edna St. Vincent Millay's *The Murder of Lidice*"
Alicia Christoff. "*Margaret* and the Victorians"
Martin Eisner. "Machiavelli in Paradise: How Reading Dante and Ovid Shaped *The Prince*"
Edgar Garcia. "Pictography, Law, and Earth: Gerald Vizenor, John Borrows, and Louise Erdrich"
N. Katherine Hayles. "Human and Machine Cultures of Reading: A Cognitive Assemblage Approach"
James Heffernan. "Reading Pictures"
Laura E. Helton. "On Decimals, Catalogs, and Racial Imaginaries of Reading"
Barbara Hochman. "Filling in Blanks: Nella Larsen's Application to Library School"
Kamran Javadizadeh. "The Atlantic Ocean Breaking on Our Heads: Claudia Rankine, Robert Lowell, and the Whiteness of the Lyric Subject"
Kimberly Johnson. "Linear Perspective and the Renaissance Lyric"
Benjamin Mangrum. "Aggregation, Public Criticism, and the History of Reading 'Big Data'"
Joseph Mansky. "'Look No More': Jonson's *Catiline* and the Politics of *Enargeia*"
Rebecca Olson. "The Continuing Adventures of *Blanchardyn and Eglantine*: Responsible Speculation"

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Quality. PMLA publishes the best of its kind. Works that demonstrate egregious signs of poor quality (e.g., lack of scholarly apparatus when relevant, evidence of extreme carelessness in preparation) cannot be sent for review.

Submission Procedures

MLA style. Manuscripts should follow MLA style as set out in the most recent edition of the *MLA Handbook*. The MLA urges its contributors to be sensitive to the social implications of language and to seek wording free of discriminatory overtones.

Cover sheet. Authors' names should not appear on manuscripts; instead, a cover sheet, with the author's name and address and the title of the article, should accompany each manuscript.

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Submissions should be sent electronically to pmlasubmissions@mla.org.

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.

Features in *PMLA*

Manuscripts and correspondence related to the features described below should be sent to the Managing Editor, *PMLA*, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434 (pmlasubmissions@mla.org).

Criticism in Translation

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

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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.

A member who wishes to make a proposal should first ascertain that no previous English translation exists. The proposer should then provide the managing editor with the following materials: (1) a photocopy of the original essay, (2) an extended summary of the entire essay in English, (3) an introductory statement of approximately 1,000 words, prepared in accordance with MLA style, that will be published with the essay if the essay is accepted, (4) information on the copyright status of the original (if the translation is accepted for publication, the proposer will be responsible for obtaining permission to print it). In addition, if the proposer wishes to serve as translator of the essay or to designate a translator (who must also be an MLA member), a 1,000-word sample of the translation should be submitted; otherwise the Editorial Board will select a translator.

The translated essays should normally not exceed *PMLA*'s 9,000-word limit. The Editorial Board will approve or decline the proposals, evaluate the quality of the translations, and cooperate with the proposers and translators.

Little-Known Documents

MLA members are invited to submit to the *PMLA* Editorial Board proposals regarding little-known documentary material that merits the attention of a broad range of readers. Consideration will be given to archival data from any period and in any language that do not exceed *PMLA*'s 9,000-word limit.

A member who wishes to make a proposal should provide the managing editor with the following materials: (1) a photocopy of the document, (2) an extended summary of the document in English, (3) an introductory statement of approximately 1,000 words, prepared in accordance with MLA style, that will be published with the document if it is accepted, (4) information on the copyright status of the original (if the document is accepted for publication, the proposer will be responsible for obtaining permission to print it). In addition, if the document is not in English and if the proposer wishes to serve as translator or to designate a translator (who must also be an MLA member), the proposal should include a 1,000-word sample of the translation; otherwise the Editorial Board will select a translator of accepted non-English material. The Editorial Board will approve or decline the proposals.

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Jonathan Sachs. "Slow Time"

Andrew Stauffer. "An Image in Lava: Annotation, Sentiment, and the Traces of Nineteenth-Century Reading"

Whitney Trettien. "Media, Materiality, and Time in the History of Reading: The Case of the Little Gidding Harmonies"

Tristram Wolff. "That's Close Enough: The (Ongoing) History of Emotivism in Close Reading"

Christine A. Wooley. "Held in Checks: Du Bois, Johnson, and the Figurative Work of Financial Forms"

Daniel Wright. "Thomas Hardy's Groundwork"

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Charles Nodier. "Du fantastique en littérature." Introduction and translation by Elizabeth Berkebile McManus and Daniela Ginsburg

Otakar Zich. "Theatrical Illusion," from *Aesthetics of Dramatic Art* (*Estetika dramatického uměni*; 1931). Introduction and translation by Emil Volek and Andres Pérez-Simón

Little-Known Documents

Apollinaire. "Curiosities from the Front." Introduction and translation by Cedric Van Dijck

E. M. Forster. "Pericles in Paradise." Introduction by Foteini Dimirouli

Langston Hughes. "Four Poems from Langston Hughes's Spanish Civil War Verse." Evelyne Scaramella and Anne Donlon

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