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In the January issue

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Bruce R. Smith. "Introduction: Some Pre$_{sup}$positions"

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R. Clifton Spargo. "The Ethical Uselessness of Grief: Randall Jarrell's 'The Refugees'"

Eric R. J. Hayot. "The Strange Case of Araki Yasusada: Author, Object"

Daniel Tiffany. "Rhymes of the Canting Crew"

"Poetry and Theory: A Roundtable"

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Christophe Wall-Romana. "Mallarmé's Cinepoetics: The Poem Uncoiled by the Cinématographe, 1893–98"

Catherine Robson. "Standing on the Burning Deck: Poetry, Performance, History"

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Michael Clune. "'Everything We Want': Frank O'Hara and the Aesthetics of Free Choice"

Eric C. Walker. "The Muse of Indifference"

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Susan Stewart. "What Praise Poems Are For"

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Articles on the general topic are invited; the subtopics listed are provided by way of example and suggestion only. Submissions to *PMLA* must meet the requirements given in the statement of editorial policy.

Cities

Deadline for submissions: 15 March 2005

Coordinator: Patricia Yaeger (Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

PMLA invites essays on urban literature and culture and on the urban imaginary in any historical period and place. Are there specifically urban literary and cultural forms, and if so, how have they evolved through different historical incarnations of metropolitan culture? Are there characteristic forms of urban sociability? What is the relation between the scale of the city and the scale of the nation? Interdisciplinary and comparative approaches drawing on art and architecture, cultural geography, economics, history, politics, and sociology are encouraged, as are studies of migration, of shifting populations within the city, and of ancient, modern, and postmodern urban formations. Is the global city a postmodern invention or a culmination of older urban forms? Have global cities produced new urban metaphors, new literary genres, new media? What other paradigms of the city do we need to invent to understand the relation between literature and urban and posturban spaces across time and space?

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Criticism in Translation

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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.

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James Berger. "Falling Towers and Postmodern Wild Children: Oliver Sacks, Don DeLillo, and Turns against Language"

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Dean Franco. "Working through the Archive: Trauma and History in Alejandro Morales's *The Rag Doll Plagues*"

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Feisal G. Mohamed. "Confronting Religious Violence: Milton's *Samson Agonistes*"

Lisa Surwillo. "Representing the Slave Trader: *Haley* and the Slave Ship; or, Spain's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*"

Alison Weber. "Lope de Vega's 'Sacred Rhymes': Conversion, Clientage, and the Performance of Masculinity"

Gang Zhou. "The Chinese Renaissance: A Transcultural Reading"

Julie Stone Peters. "Law, Literature, and the Vanishing Real: Notes on the Future of an Interdisciplinary Illusion" (Theories and Methodologies)

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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 Abroad. MLA members are welcome to suggest topics that might be addressed under these rubrics.

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