General Convention Information and Services

Registration and Housing

Everyone who wishes to participate in or attend meetings (whether in person or online) or use convention services must register for the MLA convention. On-site attendees must adhere to the MLA's COVID-19 safety protocols.

Convention Registration

Convention registration opens for MLA members in September and for nonmembers in October. Visit www.mla.org/MLA-2022 for registration rates and details.

Membership in the MLA

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. Join the MLA or renew your membership online or at the membership desk at the convention, which will be located in the MLA registration and welcome center.

On-Site Registration

Attendees who have not registered for the MLA convention may register during the convention at the MLA registration and welcome center. Refer to the online Information for Attendees for the center's location and hours of operation.

Please download the MLA 2022 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).

Hotels

Hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available beginning in September and only to persons who are registered for the MLA convention.

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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 with housing questions during the convention may go to the housing desk in the MLA registration and welcome center. A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help 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.

Transportation to and in Washington, DC

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

Airport Transportation. Washington is served by Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), with a variety of transportation options to downtown Washington. One-way fare for taxi service to downtown Washington is approximately $15–$20 from Reagan Airport, $60–$70 from Dulles Airport, and $90 from BWI Airport (prices do not include tolls, surcharges, and tips).

Amtrak. Amtrak trains enter and leave Washington at Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, with direct access to multiple forms of ground transportation.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Washington's transportation system includes the Metrorail, Metrobus, and the DC Circulator. Commuters pay for trips using either a reloadable plastic card or mobile pay, both of which are managed through a SmarTrip account.

Bike Share. Capital Bikeshare is an app-based bike-sharing option in Washington. Download the app and scan the QR code to unlock a bike for $2, 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 guidelines on appropriate conduct at the convention and MLA policies on discrimination and harassment and on professional ethics are included on the website and in the *Convention Guide*. We also encourage those participating in interviews at the convention to review the MLA's Recommended Guidelines for Interviews for Academic Positions.

Photography and Recording of Sessions

The MLA will be photographing and recording a number of sessions taking place at the convention; attendees' audio, video, or written participation in the convention may be recorded, and attendees may be photographed as part of this event. Session recordings will be available to convention registrants through the online convention platform. The MLA's recordings and photographs from the convention will also be used to share the work of members and the atmosphere of the convention with a broader public. It is a violation of MLA policy for individuals to record either

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audio or video of presentations or sessions. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made in advance through the director of outreach and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the MLA's media staff must be present during the session. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audio or video recording will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to use brief recorded elements of the convention as part of a creative or documentary project should be sent to press@mla.org.

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.

Reading in Absentia

Sessions at the 2022 convention will take place either in person or online. 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 at sessions taking place in person. 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 Washington, DC.

Attendee Resources

Accessibility

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Write to Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org) with questions and specific requests.

Accessibility Desks. There will be a desk in the MLA registration and welcome center staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees.

American Sign Language Interpretation and CART. Sign language interpretation and real-time captioning at the convention are scheduled based on requests received by 12 November. If resources are available, the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests.

Convention sessions that take place online will be set for automated captioning (viewable at the bottom of your screen) or automated transcription (viewable at the side of your screen). You may adjust these settings as desired on your own screen (click the CC box at the bottom of your screen for your options).

Sessions. The MLA requests that all session organizers and presenters take the necessary steps to make their sessions accessible to attendees with permanent or temporary disabilities. See the complete list of guidelines on the Access Guidelines for MLA Convention Session Organizers and Presenters page (www.mla.org/access-guidelines).

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Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow a written text. We recommend uploading presentations to *MLA Commons* before the convention for easy and secure sharing. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large-print format (14- to 16-point type size) and should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned.

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 (scourtney@mla.org) by 12 November.

Transportation. Washington's Metro provides a comprehensive outline of accessible transportation services available (www.wmata.com/service/accessibility/). In addition, complimentary transportation services will be available during convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Details will be available closer to the convention.

Scooter Rentals. To navigate the convention more easily, attendees can rent scooters in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or scootaround.com/en/2022-mla-annual-convention) and Orthopaedic Mobility Rentals (571 340-8961 or www.orthomobilityrental.com/).

Childcare

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services 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 dues 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 2022 to Karin Bagnall, Director of Convention and Events, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, Suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434 (kbagnall@mla.org).

Convention App

The MLA 2022 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, 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 website and as a handout at the convention.

Friends of Bill W.

A meeting room is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meeting dates and times and exact location will be listed closer to the convention.

Headquarters Office

Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the headquarters 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

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members at the MLA registration and welcome center. The headquarters location and hours of operation will be available on the MLA website and in the online program.

MLA Registration and Welcome Center

Visit the MLA registration and welcome center for information about the convention and the association, registration and badges, and free copies of the *Convention Guide*. The center's location and hours of operation will be available on the MLA website and in the online program.

Press Office

Members of the press who wish to cover the convention should contact the director of outreach (achang@mla.org) by 3 January to obtain credentials and get assistance.

Speaker Assistance

Speaker Ready Room. Space has been reserved for speakers presenting in person to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions; the location will be listed online later this fall. Those who have computer presentations are strongly encouraged to test their presentations in the speaker ready room during convention hours. Please write to 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.

Assistance for Online Participants. Online sessions will take place on *Zoom* through the online platform. Detailed guidance for presenting at virtual sessions is available on the Information for Attendees page. Be sure to join your session at least twenty minutes before the session start time to review any questions with the meeting tech (a staff member from our virtual event partner, Confex) and your fellow session participants.

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the convention meeting rooms and public areas (except in the exhibit hall).

MLA Career Center and Professional Development

The MLA Career Center provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Visit the Information for Attendees page on the MLA website for up-to-date information on the center's location, hours of operation, related services, events, and scheduling details.

Exhibits

Visit the exhibit hall to discover the latest publications and products, take advantage of special discounts and promotions, engage with editors, enjoy book signings and receptions, and more. These companies have made the commitment to support the MLA convention and our attendees and are looking forward to connecting with you in person and through the digital platform. Admission to the exhibit hall is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. See page 496 for a list of the 2022 exhibitors.

Check the MLA website (www.mla.org/MLA-2022), MLA 2022 convention app, and the MLA Annual Convention *Twitter* feed (#mla22) for up-to-date information, including the exhibit hall location, hours, and online access to exhibitors.

MLA PubCentral

Visit MLA PubCentral in the MLA exhibit hall for everything related to MLA publications.

MLA Books. Purchase recent MLA titles at a discount, pitch your manuscript to an acquisitions editor, or grab some branded gear.

MLA Style. Explore the ninth edition of the *MLA Handbook* and sign up for a demo or

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free trial of our new digital resource for libraries, *MLA Handbook Plus*.

MLA International Bibliography. Learn more about our definitive database and its full-text counterpart, along with our new free online course.

Future Conventions

Go to the Calls for Papers page on the MLA website to submit (Nov. 2021–28 Feb. 2022) or review (Nov. 2021–31 Mar. 2022) calls for papers for the 2023 MLA convention in San Francisco.

The 138th convention will take place in San Francisco from 5 to 8 January 2023. The 139th convention will take place in Philadelphia from 4 to 7 January 2024.

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2023 convention in San Francisco will be available on the MLA website in March 2022 (see www.mla.org/organizing-meetings).

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