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Special Topic

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.

Work

Deadline for submissions: 1 March 2011

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The Editorial Board invites essays that focus on work as an analytic category. They may address any literary or cultural genre, historical period, or region and may take any theoretical perspective. In 1883 the French socialist Paul Lafargue attacked the "love of work" as a "disastrous dogma" and "mental aberration" over which priests, economists, and moralists had cast a "sacred halo," and he proclaimed laziness the "mother of the arts and noble virtues." In 2009, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, the Spanish philosopher Carlos Fernández Liria resuscitated Lafargue: instead of promoting a communal "cult of work," he wrote, Cuba should ensure the "right to laziness" as a model for the low-growth, sustainable development required for saving the planet and feeding its inhabitants. How do such crises in economic, political, or cultural authority play out in literary and artistic imaginings of work? What can site-specific cartographies of work reveal about the movement and social networks of local and transnational human communities? What is a work ethic, and what do specific work ethics illuminate or conceal? When is a work ethic unethical? How do declarations of work as an international human right interface with globalized divisions of labor? What role do contending concepts of work and leisure play in cross-cultural transactions? What are the distinctions between the concept of work and its close relatives: labor, job, enterprise, industry, productivity, and creation? How do changes in conceptions of academic or scholarly work—within and outside the academy—register key shifts in received truths about culture, the economy, or political life?

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 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

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Carmen Nocentelli. "Spice Race: *The Island Princess* and the Politics of Transnational Appropriation"

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Omar Ette. "Literature as Knowledge for Living, Literary Scholarship as Science for Living." Introduction and translation by Vera M. Kutzinski

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"Three Literary Manifestos of Early Modern Spain." Introduction and translation by Anne J. Cruz and Elias L. Rivers

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Jean-Jacques Lecercle. "Return to the Political"

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.

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